

## DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar.

Monday 16 January

Miss Sugden's Class Open Library  
3.30—4.00pm

Tuesday 17 January

Reception/KS1 NSPCC Assembly  
Key Stage 2 NSPCC Assembly

Tuesday 24 January

Y5 & 6 NSPCC Workshops  
Parents' Curriculum Workshop  
3.30-5.15pm

Thursday 26 January

Large Schools' Swimming Gala

Monday 30 January

Year 3 Open Library 3.30 - 4.00pm



Tuesday 31 January

House Tournament—Paralympic Challenge

Wednesday 8 February

Polymer Artist working with Year 3

Friday 10 February

Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly

Friday 10 February

School closes for half term



Monday 20 February

School re-opens

Friday 24th February

Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts – Grantham Meres



**FoBS Meeting**

Friday 3rd March 2017 at 2.00 pm in  
Old School Room  
All Welcome



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

## 13 January 2017

*Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are—second week back after the Christmas holidays. Where does the time go? The children are all settled and continue to work extremely hard, at school. It is very pleasing to see the amount of children, who have signed up for and are making the most of the extra-curricular opportunities, available to them. To view the full range of clubs on offer this term [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#).

Term time can be very busy. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and learning a little bit more about life at Barrowby CE Primary School. Happy reading!

Len Batey Headteacher

### Events in School

#### Light of God

On Friday 6th January, the whole school celebrated the 'Epiphany,' as part of Collective Worship. Mr Batey led the assembly that explored the themes of 'Epiphany:' journeying-following a star- as well as relating those to our school's Core Values.



During the collective worship, each class was given their own candle, to take back to class and use as part of RE lessons or quiet contemplative sessions—providing a focal point for children's thoughts.

The candles were lit, by our Year 6 children, from our Church School's Family candle which was brought back from Lincoln Cathedral, last summer by our Year 6 children—who are now in Year 7 and given to representatives from each class across the school.

Each lit candle represents 'the light of God' and just as the wise men travelled to Bethlehem, the 'light of God' travelled from Lincoln Cathedral, to our school—to be used as a 'shining beacon'—just like the epiphany star; illuminating the way ahead.

At the end of Collective Worship, the following prayer was read by one of our Year 6 pupils:

Dear Lord,

*Bless this school and all the people who help to make it such a special place. This new year, inspire each of us to develop our individual skills and talents so that we may continue to shine like stars.*

*Make our school a safe place for us all, a place of warmth and caring for all who join us.*

*Help brighten up our world with the brilliance of your Epiphany star, so that, as we go into the world, we might clearly see our way to You and discover You in our work and play.*

*Thank you now and forever. Amen*

*Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 16*

## PGL Meeting

Thank you to all of the Year 3 parents who attended last night's PGL meeting. We hope that you found this informative.



If you were unable to attend the meeting you will find all information discussed at the meeting by clicking [HERE](#).



## FoBS Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended today's FoBS meeting, in school. There are some exciting events planned including a Movie Night and a Fashion Show/Entertainment Evening. Minutes of all FoBS meetings can be found on our [website](#).

## Parental Curriculum Workshops

We are holding our annual Parental Curriculum Workshop evening, on Tuesday 24th January-3.30-5.00pm. This event provides the school with the opportunity to demonstrate and/or explain changes in the educational landscape, to parents, so that they can continue to support their child/ren effectively at home.

You will have received a form through ParentmailPMX for you to indicate which workshops you will be attending. The full list of workshops available can be seen below. We have also added a new section to our school website, entitled '[Curriculum Workshops](#)' which will you may also find useful.

Curriculum Workshops for Parents 24th January 2017			
3.30 - 3.50 pm	3.55 – 4.15 pm	4.20 – 4.40 pm	4.45– 5.05 pm
<b>Key Stage 2 Maths:</b> 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mr Farley-Year 3 Classroom	<b>Key Stage 1 Spelling:</b> 'Developing spelling skills' Years 1 & 2 Miss Fulcher Miss Fulcher's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 2 Maths:</b> 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mr Farley-Year 3 Classroom	<b>End of Key Stage 2 Expectations</b> Years 5 & 6 Miss Welton-Year 6 Classroom
<b>End of Year 2 Expectations</b> Years 1 & 2 Miss Sugden-Miss Sugden's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 1 Maths:</b> 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 1 & 2 Mrs Goodband-Mrs Banfield's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 2 Spelling:</b> 'Developing accuracy of spelling' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Webster-Year 4 Classroom	<b>Key Stage 1 Maths:</b> 'Explaining the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division' Years 1 & 2 Mrs Goodband-Mrs Banfield's Classroom
<b>End of Key Stage 2 Expectations</b> Years 5 & 6 Miss Welton-Year 6 Classroom	<b>Key Stage 2 Reading:</b> 'Should my child read at home?' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Wright-Year 5 Classroom	<b>End of Year 2 Expectations</b> Years 1 & 2 Miss Sugden-Miss Sugden's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 1 Spelling:</b> 'Developing spelling skills' Years 1 & 2 Miss Fulcher Miss Fulcher's Classroom
<b>Letters and Sounds</b> Year 1 Mrs Selby-Mrs Selby's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 2 Spelling:</b> 'Developing accuracy of spelling' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Webster-Year 4 Classroom	<b>Letters and Sounds</b> Year 1 Mrs Selby-Mrs Selby's Classroom	<b>Key Stage 2 Reading:</b> 'Should my child read at home?' Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Wright-Year 5 Classroom

## Rehearsal Space

Soon it will be time for our school to perform at the annual Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival. Many of our children are representing Barrowby CE Primary School in this event through singing, dancing or playing a musical instrument.

On our school website, there is a 'rehearsal space' where children can find lyrics, words and backing tracks for group performances should they wish to familiarise themselves, with these at home. This can be found by clicking [here](#).



*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord Ephesians 5:19*

## NSPCC Assembly and Workshops

We are pleased to tell you that we will be again working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. Programme. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting a Reception/Key Stage 1 assembly and a Key Stage 2 assembly on Tuesday 17th January and then separate workshops for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, on Tuesday 24th January.



If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

Earlier this week, Ella Broomhead and Sophie Eyles, shared a lovely poem, they had written, in assembly:

*Respect, respect,  
A wonderful thing,  
Will make the bells of friendship ring.*

*Please and thank you,  
Goodness me,  
Choose your language carefully.*

*So show respect to all mankind,  
We're all so special,  
You will find.*

*Respect, respect,  
A wonderful thing,  
Will make the bells of friendship ring.*



*I am giving you a new command. You must love each other,  
just as I have loved you. John 13:34-35*



### Winter Weather

School will remain open unless conditions are extremely severe. Please make sure that you are registered with ParentMailPMX, and that you update your details whenever necessary, as both e-mail and text messages, during periods of bad weather, will be sent to you via ParentMailPMX.

Please could you also ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the cold weather, and that any hats and gloves are named.

### Outdoor Shoes

Please can you ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor shoes. The school requires pupils to change shoes in order to maintain the school's cleanliness, for children to sit on/use/play on carpets and floor areas. A combination of sensible shoes, trainers and plimsolls are suitable for this purpose.

### Outdoor PE Kit

As part of our curriculum, all children from Y3 to Y6 enjoy a varied PE curriculum which comprises of 2 hours of activity, including indoor and outdoor elements. During the colder months, our children are still participating in outdoor PE. Please make sure that your child/ren have the appropriate outdoor kit in school for this. This should comprise of their royal blue T-shirt/navy blue shorts and additionally a plain navy blue track suit top/sweatshirt and navy blue trousers. Please note—only plain navy blue tracksuits are permitted as part of our school uniform.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

All of the extra-curricular activities have now been allocated. If your child has been allocated a place on an after school activity you will have been emailed through ParentmailPMX.

All clubs will be on next week apart from Cinematheque which starts the following week.

A list of all clubs this term can be found [HERE](#).

# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

*There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. 1 Corinthians 12: 5-6*



### Fitbit Style watches

Some of our children have been wearing 'fitbit style' watches for school. I understand that these are a very good tool for encouraging children to 'get active' and can encourage 'healthier lifestyles.' As a healthy school, with enhanced status, this is one of our school's key priorities.

Earlier this week, we communicated to the children that these types of watches were not suitable for school, on the understanding that the children could send and receive text messages, while wearing them in school. After further research, it seems that this is not the case.

In light of this, I have decided to reconsider the school's stance on these types of watches and will allow the children to wear them in school; on the understanding that the school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to these items.

The watch should be worn under the sleeve of their jumper/cardigan and if a child is distracted, in class, by their watch, then the teacher will confiscate the item. Parents will be informed individually, by the class teacher; where we would ask that the child does not wear it again, for school. All watches must be removed from PE lessons, irrespective of functionality, in line with health and safety guidance and school policy.

I hope that this clarifies the school's position on this matter and apologies for any upset this may have caused.

*A message from Mr Batey*

## Church Events

### Families Service 15 January 2017

We start at 9.30am with refreshments.  
There are no books or service sheets -everything is projected onto a screen.  
Everyone is welcome!

This is a very informal and relaxed service, suitable for all ages including the very young – our puppet team help to lead the worship.



*"We're off to find a King"*

**We hope you will join us. From everyone at Barrowby Church**