

DIARY DATES

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



Thursday 15 December
Year 6 Christmas
Musical Extravaganza
5.00-6.00pm

Monday 19 December
Party and Panto day.



Tuesday 20 December
School Christmas Service.
Term Ends



Wednesday 4 January
Terms starts for children.



Thursday 5 January
Year 3 PGL meeting 5.00pm



Monday 16 January
Miss Sugden's Class
Open Library
3.30—4.00pm

Tuesday 24 January
Parents' Curriculum Workshop
3.30-5.15pm



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
School closes for half term



FOBS Meeting

Friday 13th January 2017 at 2.00 pm in
Old School Room
All Welcome



Barrowby Church of England Primary School



Newsletter

16 December

2016

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And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are, approaching the end of the Autumn Term. What a fabulous term this has been for our school, recognised as a Platinum Sing Up! School; a Gold School Games Mark school; a 'Flagship' arts school and graded 'outstanding' by the Diocese. My thanks to every single member of our school community for their continued support, of our school. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and finding out a little bit more about life at Barrowby CE Primary School. Merry Christmas!

Len Batey Headteacher

New Bishop's Visitor

As you may know, the Bishop of Lincoln appoints Bishop's Visitors to Church Schools, Bishop's Visitors are an outward sign of the Bishop's interest and concern for our Church Schools. They provide a link between schools and the worshipping family of the church in the diocese. The relationship each Bishop's Visitor has with their school is unique and is shaped and developed over time through discussion, experience and shared understanding.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Waghorn has been appointed as our new Bishop's Visitor. As you may know, Mrs Waghorn is retiring from her post as Senior Administrator at the end of term, after more than 20 years, but will continue to support the school as a governor, and in her new role.

Jacqueline Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education writes:

"There is no need to give you the school details as you are already a much valued member of staff at Barrowby CE Primary School and have been for many years. It is good that you will continue to be a friend to the school after you retire this Christmas. We are deeply appreciative of your commitment to volunteer in this capacity and wish you every blessing in your school."

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Waghorn into school as our Bishop's Visitor, in the New Year. You can find a Christmas message from Bishop Christopher [here](#).



School Events

Year 5 & 6 Carol Singing at The Harvester

On Monday 5th December, our Year 5 and 6 Choir visited the Harvester Restaurant on Barrowby Road, as part of our community carol singing, this Christmas. One of our parents, who attended the event wrote:

"I just wanted to say how brilliantly the choir sang today at the community choir event at the Harvester. It really created a lovely festive atmosphere. It was nice to hear them sing with the backing tracks on some songs and in a smaller venue; it made it feel very personal. They are a credit to you and the school."

The children performed a whole host of Christmas songs and carols, starting with an acapella version of 'Silent Night,' with a range of opportunities for audience participation throughout and ending with 'Somewhere only we know' and a rousing rendition of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas,' from all. Thank you to all members of our school community for coming and attending the event; to the staff, at the Harvester for making us feel welcome and providing refreshments; to Mrs Selby for her continued excellent work with the children; Mrs Kay and Mrs Morris and of course our Y5 & 6 Choir children, they were brilliant! Well done everyone!

Reception/Year 1 Polar Express Day

How exciting! The Reception and Year One Classes arrived at school, on Wednesday 14th December, pyjamas in bags, looking forward to their fun Polar Express day ahead!

They spent the morning creating a Christmas tree painting, using their finger prints and were amazed at watching and listening to corn 'pop' as it was heated. Yum! Popcorn! Once it had cooled, they made a snack pot with mini marshmallows and the popcorn; to enjoy in the afternoon.



After lunch, they went on a magical adventure, getting into their pyjamas, and walking along the train track that had suddenly appeared in the classroom! They gave their large ticket to the train conductor and entered the train carriage! Wow! Whizzing through the ice, the 'train' had finally made it to the North Pole!

They made North Poles by carefully chopping red grapes and a banana and used the pieces to create a pattern-just like the stripy pole at Santa's Workshop! They got to eat them along with their popcorn pot! Yum, yum! All children thoroughly enjoyed a truly magical day. Well done everyone!

Reception/Year 1 Shakers!

Reception and Year 1, this term have researched different musical instruments and decided to make their own shakers. They had to test the best filling for their shaker-that would make their desired sound and then chose a Christmas theme. Off they went and 'got designing.' Their finished products were amazing! What creativity, well done children!



Festive Thoughts

On Monday 19th December, all our children will enjoy our traditional 'Christmas Party' complete with party games; a visit from Father Christmas, for children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2, and the pantomime, 'Pinocchio,' in the afternoon.

The 'dining hall' will be decorated, and at lunchtime all children will enjoy a 'Christmas dinner' (if ordered through our hot food provider, or their packed lunch) complete with Christmas crackers! Our thanks go to FOBs for their continued fundraising efforts which help fund these events.

All children may come to school, on Monday, in non-uniform; dressed for their 'Christmas Party' so they can celebrate together, at this very special time of the year.

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And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Year 6 Musical Extravaganza

On Thursday 15th December, our Year 6 children performed their 'Christmas Musical Extravaganza' to a packed house. On arrival the audience were treated to either a 'non-alcoholic' mulled wine, or a mug of hot-chocolate as well as a 'Christmas Cookie' which were all made, by the children, prior to the event-before settling down for the performance.

The performance was an adaptation of Dr Seus 'The Grinch who stole Christmas' and featured our very own 'Grinch' who did his upmost to 'put a dampener' on the Christmas festivities, only to be 'won around' by the brilliant performances of the Year 6 children as 'Barrow ville' residents. The Extravaganza featured singing, drama, comedy and instrumental playing-all performed by the children with enthusiasm and skill.

Thanks go to all our Year 6 parents and family members for joining us, as we celebrated Christmas, at our school, for the last time; to Miss Welton for her continued support and dedication to her class and our school; to Mrs Kay and the rest of the Barrowby staff for there continued energy, ensuring the children are supported so that they are able to make the most of the opportunities, like this performance.

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

Our Year 6 children are a real credit to our school, as can be seen from their superb performance!

Mr R Nicholls, a Parent Governor, who attended the performance, wrote:

"A massive personal thank you to Mr Batey and the whole team for helping Year 6 deliver what was a brilliant, confident performance. I really enjoyed it and am very proud to be part of an excellent school. Can you please pass my thanks and appreciation to all involved."

Well done everyone!



*Just wanted you to know
How amazingly fabulous was your show!*



*You made us all laugh,
And you made us all cry,
Last night was stupendous
No need to be shy!*

*Be proud of each other,
As you shone like stars,
The Grinch can't survive
The music, lights and guitars.*



*Hope you enjoyed your night, last night,
Your parents are all proud,
As you gave them all goose bumps,
And remembered to sing loud!*

*Written by:
Mrs J Stanley*



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

School Values in Action

Last night, as part of the 'Year 6 Christmas Musical Extravaganza' a range of home-made Christmas gifts were available to purchase:



'Iris' Handmade Cards



Star Christmas Tree decorations & Stockings filled with chocolate



Edible Christmas Trees

All gifts were carefully made by 3 of our Year 6 girls, who had taken it upon themselves to help 'boost' the fundraising efforts, of last night's performance. Savannah made 'Iris' Christmas Cards, a technique that she was taught by her Nanna. Elizabeth made the rice crispy and white chocolate Christmas Trees and Sophie created the stockings and stars, on her sewing machine that she received as a gift, last Christmas. All monies raised from this event will go towards the Year 6 pupils end of year 'Legacy gift' and we are extremely grateful to these girls for helping us with that.

At our school, we encourage all children to 'CRI with an I not with a Y'- to embody our school's Core Values of Creativity, Respect and Independence.' Thank you to Savannah, Elizabeth and Sophie for their creativity; each one creating a very special Christmas gift, for their respect; thinking of ways to help others and independence; making these wonderful gifts, at home and donating the proceeds. Well done girls, you are a real credit to our school!

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

Badminton Success

One of our year 6 pupils took part in a Badminton England Tournament last Saturday, in Teeside, winning a Bronze medal in his singles tournament, and a Gold medal in his doubles tournament.

Very well done, and thank you for sharing your success!



FLAME UK *wish you a Merry Christmas*

Recycle your Christmas Cards :
Bring in your old Christmas cards
and help the environment, ask
friends and family to help also.

When you return to school in
January please bring all cards in and
place in the sacks provided, Then
FLAME UK's elf's will collect the sacks
and recycle back into Energy to help
the environment.

We will also provide your school with
information on how much you
helped the environment

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Christmas Card Recycling

When we return to school, after the Christmas holiday, we are recycling Christmas cards in conjunction with Inspire+ .

All cards received in school for re-cycling, will be turned back into energy to help the environment.

All cards are welcome-please 'hand them over' at the school office, in the new year. Thank you.

Community Christmas Events



Barrowby Church

This Sunday, there is a traditional Christmas Candlelight Carol Service at Barrowby Church, which starts at 6.00pm.

On Christmas Eve Morning there is a 'Birthday Party for Jesus' - aimed at very young children, but enjoyed by all ages! This is a very relaxed and informal time of worship, songs, balloons and birthday cake (and animal noises!).

On Christmas Morning, there is a service at 10.30am, suitable for all the family.

Christmas at Barrowby Church
Sunday, 18 December 6.00pm
Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 10.30am
A Birthday Party
for Jesus

Balloons birthday cake and more – come and join the fun.

Christmas Day 10.30am
Family Worship

We hope you will join us. From Everyone at Barrowby Church

You can find out about all Christmas events and services at Barrowby Church [here](#).



Admission to School—Reception 2017.

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012, and 31 August 2013, they are due to start in Reception in September 2017. You must apply for a place through Lincolnshire County Council. You can apply online, through their [website](#) (preferred option), or you can collect an admission pack from the school office. You must apply **before 12 noon on 15 January 2017**.

From our records, there still appear to be one or two siblings of children already at our school, whose parents have not yet applied. Everyone who needs a school place must apply, even if you already have a child in school. If you don't apply by the deadline, you may not get a place at this school.

Parking in Church Street

Unfortunately, we have again received a complaint from a local resident about parents' cars obstructing a driveway. Please park at The British Legion, and do not bring your cars into Church Street. This is not only prevents causing a nuisance to residents, but also makes the road much safer for our children. Please ensure that you do not drive, wait, or park in a way that causes a danger or a nuisance to anyone else. If you see anyone parking, or driving dangerously or illegally, please contact our local PCSOs.

Park SAFE
Park SMART

It's the Christmas holidays time for a new challenge!

Don't wait until summer for your next challenge!

If you loved the Summer Reading Challenge, why not do a mini-challenge this Christmas?

Sign up at this website for the details of a new challenge running between

12 December 2016 and 6 January 2017

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

All you have to do is read three books and you'll qualify for a virtual badge - and a secret video reward!

To each and every member of our school community...

Christmas Crafts
Craft fun at Grantham Museum!

Friday 23rd December 10am-12pm . Suitable for ages 5years and up. Booking is essential as places are limited. Book by emailing Emily at emilysargeant@granthammuseum.org.uk or by calling 07741 461455. £3 per child.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Merry Christmas