

## DIARY DATES

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

Monday 12 December

Key Stage 2 Choir-  
Community Carol Service,  
Muddle-Go-Nowhere 1.15-2.00pm



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  
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



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

9 December 2016

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, what another fun-filled and exciting week, at Barrowby CE Primary School. It has been lovely to see so many of you at our recent Christmas events-including the Reception Christmas Assembly; Carol Singing, at the George Shopping Centre; at our Key Stage 1 Nativity and at the Primary School's Christmas Concert, at the Priory Ruskin Academy, earlier this week.

This week, I am delighted to announce that we have been graded as an 'Outstanding Church School' by the Diocesan Board of Education, in our recent SIAMS Inspection, on 25th November 2016.

This is a wonderful achievement and truly reflects the ethos of our Church School. I hope you enjoy finding out more about our recent inspection and aspects of school life, in this week's newsletter. Happy Reading!

Mr L. Batey Headteacher

### School Events

#### Church School Inspection (SIAMS)



Barrowby Church of England Primary school has been judged to be an 'Outstanding Church School' for the third time.

Church Schools are inspected every five years under the National Society's framework for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. Our school has been judged 'outstanding' for the third consecutive inspection— 'outstanding' in 2007, 2011 and again recently in 2016.

The Inspection looks at three key areas of a church school:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

Our most recent Inspection took place on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and we were judged as outstanding in all areas, once again.

The Inspector wrote that:

*'This is a deeply spiritual school where all members of the school community are valued as children of God and consequently enabled to 'shine like lights'.'*

We welcome these opportunities to share all the things which make our church school special, including the Christian ethos of our school, acts of Collective Worship and R.E. lessons.

Our continued thanks go to the pupils, staff, governors and parents who continue to work together, 'striving for excellence' so that all our pupils irrespective of gender, race, creed, ability or disability are encouraged to be creative, respectful and independent so that 'all children have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.'

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

Matthew 5: 16



### FOBS Meeting

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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the report in full.

### Year 5 & 6 Choir Performance

On Friday 2nd December, our Year 5 and 6 Choir performed, in the annual Primary School Choir Festival, at Walton Girl's High School. Before the children performed they were entertained, by the Performing Arts students, with an outdoor dance performance which was magical. Our choir performed two pieces, an acapella version of 'Silent Night' and a choral piece of poetry, 'Santa's New Idea!' The children were fantastic and were a real credit to Barrowby CE Primary School. A fabulous evening was had by all! Well done everyone!



### Key Stage 2 Choir

What a busy week it has been for the children, in our Key Stage 2 Choir. Firstly, a huge thank you to all the parents and family members who took time out of their day to come and watch the children perform, at the George Shopping Centre, on Monday 5th December. Our Year 3 and 4 Choir joined together with the Year 5 and 6 Choir to sing traditional carols and Christmas songs for the large audience and much fun was had by all. The children sang beautifully and the audience joined in with enthusiasm and humour. Well done everyone!

Last night, Thursday 8th December, was the 'premier' performance of our Year 3 and 4 Choir, at the Priory Ruskin Academy Choir Festival, and what a treat it was for all who attended. It was an evening that really allowed the 'light of Barrowby CE pupils,' both past and present to 'shine.' The evening kicked off with a solo performance by an ex-Barrowby pupil who is now in Year 12, was lit by a Priory Ruskin student who is also an ex-pupil and featured seven girls from the Grantham School of Dance; three of whom are ex-pupils and one who is currently one of our Year 6 pupils. After seeing all of this and two other local primary schools perform, it was finally the time for our Year 3 and 4 Choir to take to the stage and wow! Their singing and performing was truly 'outstanding' and left the audience tingling – proof once again, of our recognition as a Platinum Sing Up school. A huge well done to all children, we are immensely proud of you and our thanks to all staff and parents who continue to supported our school.



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After the performance, Mrs Rossington, Assistant Headteacher at Priory Ruskin Academy said, ***"I just wanted to say a very special thank you to Mr Batey and Mrs Webster for bringing your Year 3 & 4 Choir to the Academy tonight. They were outstanding! Complete quality. I absolutely loved the choice of repertoire and the children performed both pieces beautifully – so musical and expressive. Please can you say congratulations from me to all the children and wish them all a very Happy Christmas."***

### Key Stage 1 Nativity-There's Something Amazing Going On



On Friday 8 & 9th December, our Year 1 and 2 children performed their Christmas Nativity, 'There's Something Amazing Going On', for their parents.

The children performed beautifully to a full-house, on each day. Our continued thanks go to the parents of these children who supported their child/ren: learning lines and ensuring they were 'dressed for the occasion.'



They were truly amazing and have rounded off a fabulous week of celebrations at our school.

## An outstanding school

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we continue to 'strive for excellence' in all that we do. This is evident over the last couple of weeks with the truly magical performances, from our youngest children (being only 4) to our oldest children, in Year 6-entertaining our school community, as well as our wider community.

The children are 'amazing.' The staff who support them work incredibly hard, supporting them in school with their 'school work,' guiding them to be Creative, Respectful and Independent in all their endeavours: accompanying the children on visits and to performances-and are equally amazing.

Outstanding by OFSTED, in 2011; outstanding by the Diocesan Board of Education in 2007, 2011 and 2016; Platinum Sing Up School; Gold school, as recognised by School Games Mark and recently identified as a 'Flag Ship' Arts school by Lincolnshire Music Service, to name but a few.

As we remember the true meaning of Christmas and share these wonderful opportunities, at our truly 'outstanding' school, let us celebrate all that we have to offer. Together in partnership, for the benefit of all. At this season of giving, let us remember to be thankful for all that we have and all that we are.

*Festive thoughts from Mr Batey*

## Choir Carol Singing

On Monday 12th December, at 1.30pm, our Year 5 and 6 Choir will be performing a selection of Christmas favourites, at the Harvester-formerly known as 'The Muddle go Nowhere' for local members of the community. If you are free, please come along and join us. It would be lovely to see you there.



## Christmas Dinner

Children will be able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on our Party Day—Monday 19 December. If you would like your child to have the Christmas Meal, please remember to **order online** from Ideal by **Monday 12 December**, at the latest.

## Christmas Dinner

## Anthem for a Hero

In May 2016, one of our Year 4 pupils, visited Abbey Road Studios in London to record the song 'Anthem for a Hero' with The Leicestershire Help for Heroes Choir. The song is composed by Leicestershire Musical Director Kathleen Shanks, who approached Alexandra's Performing Arts Academy to form the 150 piece choir, which comprises of both children and adults.

The song is due to be released, on Monday 12th December 2016, and can be bought on the Amazon website where donations of the purchase will go directly to the Help for Heroes charity. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Comic from Scripture Union

This week, Key Stage 2 children will bring home a comic which tells the story of Christmas. These have been provided by Scripture Union for children all over the country to learn more about Jesus' birth with the help of the 'Guardians of Ancora'. Please read and enjoy the comics together as a family. These have been provided through our Deanery Youth Worker, Liz Boland.

## 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**.

Everyone who needs a school place must apply, even if you already have a child in school.



## Survey Responses

As you will know, we regularly seek the views of our stakeholders to help evaluate provision as part of our future planning and ongoing development. Recently, we asked parents of children in our Reception Year group about their experiences of the induction process, and how their children have settled into school. You can read the results [here](#). We also asked parents in Year 6 about the support given in school, regarding the 11+ process. You can read the results [here](#). We very much value feedback from parents, which helps us to ensure that we can offer you the best possible support. Thank you for your continued support.

## Community Christmas Events

### Families Carols at Barrowby Church

This Sunday, 11 December, is **Barrowby Church's Families Carols and Christingle Service at 4.00pm**. At this service, the church Christmas Tree will be lit, but not yet decorated. This year, families are invited to bring one bauble, if they would like to, which children can hang on the tree after the service, as part of the Advent journey towards celebrating Christmas. This could be something (small) that the children have made or decorated, or just one of their baubles from their home Christmas tree.

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



### Parish Council Event

A Christmas Party, hosted by Barrowby Parish Council will take place on Sunday 11 December from 3 - 5pm, at the Memorial Hall. Food will be provided and a magician will entertain the children. All are welcome.

A poster for the Grantham &amp; District Scouts Christmas Post 2016. The background is red with a white curved path leading to a Christmas tree. The text is in white and red. It says 'GRANTHAM &amp; DISTRICT SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST 2016' at the top. Below that, 'HAVE YOUR CARDS DELIVERED BY GRANTHAM SCOUTS' in bold. Then, 'Still only 20p each (40p for Large Cards &amp; Calendars). ONLY DELIVERED to all NG31 areas of Grantham and Great Gonerby, plus Barrowby, Harlaxton, Ancaster, Colsterworth and Bottesford'. Below that, 'STAMPS ON SALE FROM 21ST NOVEMBER'. A red box contains the text: 'Stamps may be purchased and cards posted at the following shops:'. Below this is a list of shops: 'Coverure Insurance, Conduit Lane (opp. Cafe)', 'Grantham Library, Isaac Newton Centre', 'The Melton Building Society, 43 High Street', 'G Skinner &amp; Sons, Butchers, Barrowby', 'McColl's, 173-175 New Beacon Road', 'Day-Today News, Rushcliffe Road', 'Barrowby Gate Pharmacy, 176 Winchester Road', 'Gonerby Club, High Street, Great Gonerby', 'Cards for Good Causes, George Centre', 'John Beaty Motors, Castlegate', 'Pizzini, 5 High Street, Bottesford'. At the bottom, it says 'First Collection: Wednesday 30 November' and 'Last Collection: Wednesday 14 December'. The Scouts logo is at the bottom right.

A poster for Christmas Crafts at Grantham Museum. The background is white with a green and red border. At the top, there are three images: a blue and white paper lantern, a red paper lantern, and a green paper wreath. Below these is the title 'Christmas Crafts' in large, bold, green letters, and 'Craft fun at Grantham Museum!' in smaller, bold, green letters. Below the title are three images: a green paper wreath, a snowman made of paper, and a snowman made of paper. At the bottom, it says '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.' The Grantham Museum logo is at the bottom right.

A poster for FLAME UK. The background is red with a white and gold Christmas tree in the center. The tree is made of white paper and has a gold star on top. The text is in white and gold. It says 'FLAME UK wish you a Merry Christmas' at the top. Below that, it says 'Recycle your Christmas Cards: Bring in your old Christmas cards and help the environment, ask friends and family to help also.' To the right of the tree, it says '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.' Below the tree, it says 'We will also provide your school with information on how much you helped the environment'. The Inspire+ logo is at the bottom right.

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