

DIARY DATES

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

Friday 2 December

WGHS Choir Festival 5.00pm—
6.20pm. Our Year 5 & 6
Choir will be taking part.



Monday 5 December

Key Stage 2 Choir singing at
The George Centre at 1.30pm.



Thursday 8 and
Friday 9 December
Key Stage 1 Nativity

Thursday 8 December

Year 3 & 4 Choir singing at Priory
Ruskin Academy Primary Schools
Christmas Concert.

Monday 12 December

Key Stage 2 Choir-Community Carol
Service, at The 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 and Mrs Tinkley's Class
Open Library 3.30—4.00pm



FoBS would welcome donations of
chocolates, biscuits or bottles
for their Christmas events.
Many thanks for your support.



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

2 December 2016

Prepare the way for the Lord - make straight paths for him.' Matthew 3:3

Dear Parents/Carers

It's another fun-filled and exciting week, at Barrowby CE Primary School. This is the 1st week of Advent and the whole school have been busily-'getting ready' for our school Christmas. I do look forward to seeing many of you at the various school events, over the coming weeks. Enjoy reading this week's newsletter. Happy reading!

Mr L Batey Head teacher

School Events

Getting ready for Christmas

At the moment, we are celebrating the first of the three 'Christmastime' seasons, which is Advent. In the four weeks before Christmas, we think about how people prepare for the arrival of Jesus—the Old Testament Prophets, John the Baptist, Mary, and ourselves. Each week, in our Friday Act of Collective Worship, we light an extra red candle on our Advent Ring, then, in our end of term Christmas Service in Barrowby Church, we light all the red candles, and the central white candle, which represents Jesus. Advent is a special time for thinking about the wonderful gift given to us on that first Christmas, and for looking forward (which is what the word 'Advent' means).

Advent

begins four Sundays before Christmas, and lasts until Christmas Eve.

Christmas

lasts for 12 days, until 6 January.

Epiphany

starts on 6 January. Epiphany is the time when we remember the arrival of the wise men.

However, Christmas starts a little early in school; the first of our events, the Key Stage 2 Disco, was on Wednesday 30th November. Thank you to the Friends Of Barrowby School for their continuous support and help during these events and Mr Poole for providing the disco. Lots of fun was had by all children and staff-cool dancing! A wonderful £226.50 was raised, at this event-for school fundraising. Thank you to all who helped to make it such a great event!



Also, on Wednesday 30th November, to help get our school ready for Christmas, children from Years 1-6 helped Mr Batey to decorate our Christmas Tree. The tree stands proudly in the hall. Well done everyone!

Bosworth for her kind donation of the stable. This is a fantastic addition to our nativity, making this year's Nativity scene even more realistic!

Also, on Thursday 1st December, our Christmas Post-box was revealed. The Year 6 Designer and team have worked tirelessly to create the design vision-which I think you will agree is impressive. Thanks also to Mrs Kay who has supported the team and assisted in the creation of the Post-Box, for all to enjoy.



Reception Christmas Assembly



On Friday 2nd December, our Reception children performed their 1st Christmas Assembly, at our school to an audience of excited parents.

What a fabulous job they did! Amazing costumes, beautiful singing-with 1 song being accompanied by sign language. Such a treat to get us all into the festive spirit. Well done everyone!

A big thank you to FOBs members for supporting this event, providing refreshments and being on-hand throughout the performance.

Getting Ready for Christmas

Christmas tends to be a very busy time, here at Barrowby CE Primary School. However, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of two very exciting community events which are taking place over the next couple of weeks. First, on Monday 5th December at 1.30pm, at the George Shopping Centre, our Key Stage 2 Choir will be performing a range of traditional Christmas carols-there are even opportunities to 'join in with the festivities!' Secondly, on Monday 12th December, again at 1.30pm, our Years 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. Both these events are free, so why not come along and join us? It would be lovely to see you there.

Korky Paul Visit and Library Opening

We were thrilled to invite the illustrator Korky Paul, into school on Wednesday 30th November. In 1986, Korky was commissioned to illustrate Winnie the Witch. It won the Children's Book Award in 1987 and has been published in over 10 languages. Korky has since illustrated further successful books for Oxford, Random House, Penguin and many other publishers.

While he was here at Barrowby CE Primary School, he presented an assembly to the whole school and wowed the children with his illustration of Winnie the Witch.

He then embarked upon a workshop for our Year 1 and 2 children. He let the children suggest body parts from different animals to create a new mythical beast called 'Snorcy the Snorlle'. His original pieces of art work will be framed and displayed in our library!



Korky delivering a workshop to the Year 1 and 2 children



Book signing

Afterwards, the children were then given the opportunity to have Korky sign a copy of a book which he had illustrated. Some children brought books from home while others, received their pre-ordered book. Korky then discussed with the children which books they liked to read.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to meet a 'real-life' illustrator and watch him work.

Korky then moved into our newly refurbished library, accompanied by pupils, staff, FOBs, Governors and members of the Lincolnshire Book Group; where he officially opened our newly refurbished library by cutting a ceremonial ribbon and unveiling a new plaque, commemorating this special event.

Thank you to Korky Paul for his inspirational visit to Barrowby CE Primary School. The children were so excited that we are sure they will 'remember the time he visited them at school,' for many years to come.



Korky with Mrs Morris and the school librarians at the reopening of the newly refurbished library

Diocesan Inspection



Every five years, Church Schools are inspected under SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The inspector 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 is Religious Education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

We welcome these opportunities to share all the things which make our church school special, including an act of Collective Worship, R.E. lessons, and the Christian ethos of our school. The Inspector meets with staff, foundation governors, church ministers, children and parents, and spends a full day with us, experiencing the life, Christian ethos, and collective worship of our school community, as well as looking at a range of documentary evidence, including our [SIAMS self-evaluation document](#).

At our last Inspection, in November 2011, our school was graded as an Outstanding Church School. Our most recent inspection took place last Friday, 25 November, and we will share the outcome with you as soon as we receive the report. We hope (but can't guarantee) that this will be before the end of term.

British Values

A new '[British Values](#)' section has been added to our website. This explains how we encourage children to learn about key 'British' values, which are:

[Democracy](#),

[The rule of law](#),

[Individual liberty](#),

[Respect and tolerance for those with different faiths or beliefs](#)

You can also find out about how they relate to our school's [core values](#). Please take a few minutes to have a look at these new webpages, and let us know what you think.



Christmas Craft Club



This term, there have been two Christmas Craft Clubs. The children have enjoyed doing a variety of different craft activities with Mrs Goodband and Mrs Kay and also Mrs Midgley and Mrs Clark. Their latest creations were hand sewn and decorated Christmas tree decorations which they took home with them last week. I'm sure these will be hanging on the family Christmas tree for many years to come! Well done!

Christmas Dinner

Children will be able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner on Christmas 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

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.

