

## DIARY DATES

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

### Monday 18th December

Christmas Party Day  
Pantomime—Dick Whittington



### Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Service  
End of Autumn Term



### Wednesday 3rd January

Start of Spring term



### Thursday 18th January

Year 3 Residential Visit Meeting

### Thursday 23rd January

Parental Curriculum Workshops



### Thursday 25th January

Large School Swimming Gala



To see the latest Fobs minutes please click [here](#).

FoBS meeting:

Friday 19th January 2018 1.45 pm

All Welcome

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## Barrowby Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter

15th December 2017

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Parent/Carers

Well, I can't quite believe that we are almost at the end of yet another very busy term. It was great to see so many people at our Christmas Fair, on Thursday—hopefully it helped to 'get you in the festive mood.' This week has been very busy, preparing for the fair as well as dealing with the snow, enjoying our annual Christmas Lunch as well as the other Christmas related fun, including organising our forthcoming Christmas Party Day and a visit from father Christmas! I hope you enjoy reading a little bit more about life at our school. Happy reading!

Len Batey-Headteacher

#### Fundraising

Over the last couple of weeks, the Friends of Barrowby School have been extremely busy supporting the many Christmas events, we have all enjoyed in school. We are delighted to announce that the funds raised at the Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco; Reception Christmas Party and the Key Stage 1 nativity, 'The Little Fir Tree' total £744.00.



All funds raised at these events will contribute towards the development of our school grounds. After Christmas, Mr Batey will be working with representatives from our school community: members of FOBs, Governors, children and staff as they begin to evaluate and explore design proposals to enhance our school grounds.

Possible ideas will include: the re-development of the pond area; to make provision for an outdoor cooking area/fire pit; looking at the feasibility of building an outdoor 'Round House' as well as adding further play equipment to promote further the importance of physical activity, such as installing a climbing wall, or elements of a gym trail.

Of course, we will continue to keep you up to date with any developments and would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school community for their generosity. By working together we can make a real difference for the benefit of all our pupils! Thank you one and all.

*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

#### WGHS Primary Choir Festival

On Friday 8th December, our Year 5 and 6 Choir attended the annual Primary School Choir Festival, at Walton Girl's High School. The evening was jam packed with festive cheer and song. During the evening, we heard songs from Long Bennington Primary Academy, Gonerby Hill Foot CE Primary School and of course, our school. All performers were a real credit to their schools.



Our Choir performed a 2 part version of 'The Little Drummer Boy' as well as extracts from 'Twas the Night before Christmas.' They were great; proudly standing in front of a packed audience—performing with enthusiasm and skill.

Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to Mrs Selby, Mrs Midgley and Mr Batey, for accompanying the children and to all the parents and family members who stayed and supported our school; enjoying this very special event.

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

Matthew 5: 16

### Christmas Post Box



Tuesday 12th December was a busy day, at our school. Firstly, our Christmas Post-box was unveiled. This annual competition is undertaken by our Year 6 children who are all asked to design a festive post-box. The designs are then considered and one is selected. This year, our winning designer has done a tremendous job, bringing her design to life. Well done to her and her design team for creating such a wonderful Christmas Post-box. Thanks also to Mrs Kay for giving her time to support the children with this very important task.

### Christmas Mince Pies

Also on Tuesday 12th December, our Year 6 children had the immense pleasure of working with Mr Gadd-a professional baker.

The children enjoyed working with Mr Gadd making large batches of mince pies, as well as short bread, blueberry and white chocolate cookies and pistachio biscuits. The children had a wonderful time making these 'goodies', from balls of dough to the finished products.



Mr Gadd kindly donated all of the ingredients for both mince pies and the assortment of biscuits which were sold by the Year 6 children, on Thursday 14th December, at our Christmas Fair. Thank you.



### Rotary Card Christmas Competition

During Collective Worship, on Tuesday 12th December, Glenys Robertson and the President of the Grantham Rotary Club awarded the prizes to our Christmas Card Competition winners: Roxy Moses, Isla Taylor and Sofia Daniele. All girls were awarded 'special festive prizes' from the Rotary Club, with 2 of the three designs produced as Christmas Cards which the Rotary Club are selling to raise monies for charities. Packs of cards are available at the school office, priced £4.00 for 5 cards.

### Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December, the whole school came together to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch. The staff and children enjoyed pulling their crackers, reading the jokes, wearing the paper hats and of course eating their lunch!

All of the staff helped with the lunch, helping to serve or clear away, as well as ensuring that all of the children had a cracker and of course encouraging the children to eat their sprouts! Mmm..delicious!



### Christmas Ginger Bread

Another festive treat! On Thursday 14th December, Mr Hawken, of Grantham Gingerbread came into school to work with our Year 1 and 2 children preparing Gingerbread for sale at this week's Christmas Fair. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr Hawken.



The children developed further their rolling skills and learnt how to use 'cutters' to create their very own gingerbread shapes. Afterwards, Mr Hawken kindly transported their 'biscuit delights' to his bakery where the biscuits were cooked and then brought back to school for the children to decorate. In the afternoon, our Year 1 and 2 classes had great fun developing their 'icing skills' as they decorated a range of 'Gingerbread people.'

Mr Hawken kindly donated all of the ingredients for the 'Grantham Gingerbread' biscuits which were sold by the Year 1 and 2 classes, on Thursday 14th December, at our Christmas Fair. Thank you.

Mr Hawken sent a lovely note into school following his visit saying:

*'I had a fantastic time and enjoyed every minute of working with the children to bake and ice the most beautiful gingerbread men and ladies that I have ever seen'.*

*'May I finally wish you all at Barrowby CE Primary School, especially all of the children a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year'.*



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*Matthew 5: 16*

## Christmas Fair

On Thursday 14th December, we all enjoyed our bi-annual Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many of you there. The festive treats were 'a plenty' including: home-made mince pies and Gingerbread; various craft and gift ideas as well as warming refreshments, supported by the Friends of Barrowby School.

The evening was jam packed with merriment as the crowds of visitors jostled through the hall, Mrs Banfield's and Mrs Selby's classrooms looking at the various stalls, stopping for refreshments as well as enjoying the range of entertainment provided by pupils. A special thank you, to one of our former pupils, Zach Batey for kindly playing the piano, as well as accompanying our children; to our various instrumentalists who performed and to members of our Year 5 and 6 Choir who sang Christmas carols with the crowds.

The evening ended with the prize draw raffle and the cake auction. What a night. Thank you to everyone who attended, helping to make the evening such a success, to members of staff who supported the children, to the many children who enjoyed selling their products or performing, to FOBs for their continued support and of course to our parents.

The totals raised by this very successful event are:

Entrance Fees:	£352.52
Stall Fees:	£120.00
Raffle:	£118.00
Reception/ Year 1 Stall ( Baubles):	£101.00
Year 1/Year 2 Gingerbread:	£175.39
Year 3 Reindeer Food:	£82.00
Year 3 Snowmen:	£62.00
Year 4 Reindeer Frames:	£59.00
Year 5 Sewing:	£74.00
Year 6 Refreshments:	£161.70
Donation from Mrs Woolerton:	£50.00
<b>TOTAL RAISED:</b>	<b>£1355.61</b>



All monies raised at this event will contribute towards this years Year 6 Legacy Gift, which will be unveiled at the end of the academic year. Again, thank you to everyone!

## Royal Opera House Dance Competition

Last week, Mrs Banfield announced that our Year 5 and 6 Dance Group were: Regional Winners of this years Royal Opera House Creative Dance Challenge. Wow. Congratulations to Mrs Banfield and our Year 5 and 6 Dance group on this amazing achievement. The Royal Opera House wrote:

*"Thank you so much for all of your submissions for the Creative Challenge. Our judging panel commented on the high quality of the submissions this year - they really did struggle to pick amongst you..."*

*Well done to the Year 5/6 Dance Club and Mrs Banfield of Barrowby Church of England Primary School. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching your Spectacular Space performance, it looked like lots of fun and we hope you enjoyed creating and performing it too!"*

Congratulations were also received from Inspire+, the sporting charity we work with:

*"I am very happy to announce that not one..... but two of our member schools are **regional winners** of the National Nutcracker Creative Challenge 2017!!!!*

*A huge congratulations to Barrowby CE Primary School and Long Sutton Primary School who have won a workshop with a Royal Opera House practitioner because of their amazing performance pieces and hard work. Fantastic news!!!*

*Well done from everyone at Inspire+"*



On Friday 15th December, Mr Batey, Mrs Rowlands and our Year 5 and 6 Dance Group enjoyed the 'Nutcracker' Performance, performed by members of the Royal Opera House, at the Reel Cinema, Grantham. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance and left feeling inspired. After Christmas, the dance group will have the opportunity to work with an Royal Opera House Practitioner, who will come to school and provide a 'workshop' for the children to develop further their dance and performance skills. Well done to everyone-what stars you all are!

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*Matthew 5: 16*

# **Norovirus/Winter Vomiting**

*There has been an increase in diarrhoea and vomiting in our communities, childcare facilities, schools, care homes and hospitals in Lincolnshire.*

Norovirus is a common stomach bug, causing **nausea** (feeling sick), **projectile vomiting and watery diarrhoea**.

If you have these symptoms, stay at home until you feel better. Norovirus is short lived and most people make a full recovery in one to two days.

Norovirus spreads very easily:

- Wash your hands thoroughly using soap and water and dry thoroughly after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Do not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus
- Stay off work or school and away from public places (including GP practices, hospitals and care homes) until at least 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared

To ease symptoms:

- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- Use rehydration drinks
- Take paracetamol for fever, aches and pains
- Get plenty of rest
- If you feel like eating, try plain foods (e.g. plain biscuits or toast)
- Adults can take anti-diarrhoeal or anti-vomiting medication – call NHS111 or contact your pharmacy for advice

**For more information** (including on caring for babies and young children) visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>

**Call NHS111 if you're  
concerned or need advice**