

## DIARY DATES

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

### Wednesday 18th October

Individual Photographs



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Bisi Badminton Festival

### Thursday 19th October

High 5 Netball Match

### Friday 20th October

Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15 am.

### Friday 20th October

School finishes for Autumn half term



### Tuesday 31st October

First day of term



### Wednesday 8th November

Parent Consultations

### Thursday 9th November

Y5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament

### Tuesday 14th November

Parent Consultations

### Wednesday 29th November

KS2 Disco



### Friday 1st December

Reception Christmas Assembly



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

FoBS AGM Friday 13th October 2017

2.00 pm

All Welcome



# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

13th October 2017

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, a working for the Lord.*

Colossians 3:23

Dear Parent/Carers

Well here we are, the penultimate week of the term-wow, where has it all gone. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Harvest Festival yesterday and thank you for your generous donations of food for the Grantham Foodbank. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and finding out a little bit more about School Life! Happy reading.

Len Batey-Headteacher

### Events in School

#### Year 4 PGL Residential Visit

Last week, on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October, our Year 4 children made the greatly anticipated visit to PGL, in Caythorpe. They all enjoyed a range of exciting activities including quad biking, various team building activities, camp fire songs and of course the 'giant swing'. The children even managed to get the teachers involved on that one!



All the adults that accompanied the children commented on the marked difference in the children's independence and confidence from the start of the visit compared to the end of the visit.

As always, our children behaved impeccably and were a pleasure to accompany. We are confident that the children have made life-long memories, and will continue to challenge themselves in their day to day lives. Well done everyone!

### Bishop's Visitor

Our Bishop's visitor: Mrs Kate Waghorn has joined us in school, twice this week. Firstly, on Tuesday 10th October, to lead our whole school collective worship:

*"When I came in to lead Collective Worship on Tuesday, the children were, as always, responsive and attentive - the new Reception children sat and listened beautifully!"*

and again on Thursday 12th October, where she joined us at our annual Harvest Festival, in the church.



*"What a lovely service for Harvest this afternoon. I particularly enjoyed the children's thoughtful reflections, expressing the importance of giving thanks to God, and of course the singing was lovely as usual."*

Thank you to Mrs Waghorn for taking the time to join us in school and for her kind words.

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

Matthew 5: 16

### Active Primary School

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Banfield and Mr Batey were interviewed for the Active Primary School of the Year award, as our school has been shortlisted for this award. Mrs Banfield highlighted how important sport is at Barrowby and all the wonderful activities, events, clubs and sporting opportunities we, as a school, offer our young people and staff. She also spoke very highly of our young leaders who lead clubs and organise the year's sporting events as part of the Sports Committee.



Extracts from the filmed interview will be edited into a short introduction for our nominated school and played, during the awards ceremony on the 2nd November. What an exciting adventure. We are so proud to be shortlisted. We'll let you know the results after half term.

### Y5 & 6 Netball League

On Thursday 12th October, the High 5 Netball team made their first appearance at this year's High 5 Netball Tournament. They have played the first two of the four schools and the results will determine which league the team will be entered into. The scores for the matches played were : 4:0 to National and 7:0 to Cliffedale.

Well done to you all for making the team and showing courage, determination and team spirit throughout Thursday's matches. What superb role models you are and a great asset to the school. Keep up the hard work in your training and we look forward to hearing how you get on in next week's matches. Go team Barrowby!

### Harvest Festival

Every Autumn the British harvest bursts into life! The weather is cooler, leaves are changing colour and crops have matured and are ready to harvest. The harvest is a time to reap what you sow.



Yesterday, Thursday 12th October, we celebrated our 'Harvest Festival' in Barrowby All Saints Church. We welcomed Brian Hanbury from 'The Food Bank' and presented our offerings to him. Throughout the service, the Year 6 children provided wonderful facts about 'Harvest from around the world' and led us in powerful reflections. We listened to a harvest poem presented by some of the children in Year 5 and joined in with prayers, led by our Year 4 children.

The church was filled with beautiful singing voices as our Year 3 and Year 1/2 classes performed harvest songs. It was a joy to share this special time in the Christian calendar with our Bishops Visitor, Chair of Governors, FOBs and our wonderful parents and family members.

At this harvest time let us rejoice in the Lord and all that he has provided us.

Let us wonder at the beauty and richness of the earth.

Let us remember to be thankful for all that have.

At this glorious, colourful time of year there is much to be thankful for.

At this harvest time let us considered the following verse taken from 2 Corinthians 9:6 "*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*"

### Scarecrows

With their "flippy, floppy hats," a trail of straw and smiling faces, the Reception children performed an outstanding rendition of 'Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow' to the delight of the the whole congregation at this year's Harvest Festival.

Thank you to their parents for their beautiful costumes, the joy on the children's faces was clear to see and they did themselves proud, what a wonderful start they have made to our school. Well done children!



*We always strive for excellence*

## Kind Words

It was lovely to receive these kinds words from a member of our school community, this morning:

*“Good morning, I feel that I have to let you know how much I enjoyed the Harvest Festival at the church yesterday, there must have been an awful lot of hard work beforehand from all of the teachers involved as it was very well organised, I’m sure the rest of your audience appreciated that and Mr Batey is an amazing head teacher. Both of my grandchildren...are pupils at your school and are doing extremely well. Thankyou all for a lovely afternoon yesterday.”*

It is lovely to hear such positive praise from a member of our school community. Thank you.

## Living World

On Friday 13th October, the school were fortunate to be joined by Nick Williams for his annual ‘Living World’ presentations. The children (and adults!) watched in awe as Nick shared some breath taking images he has taken throughout his travels. He tested our knowledge of the wonderful world in which we live and shared his stories and interesting animal facts. Did you know the Australian pelican has the largest beak in the world?

Nick took us on a journey across the continents with insights into the lives of both animals and humans all round the world. From the orang-utans of Borneo and the fishermen of Nepal to the baby sea turtles on the island of Zakynthos and the barn owls that reside here in Barrowby.

We thank Nick for joining us and reminding us how important it is to care about God’s beautiful World.



### Reminder of Individual Photographs

On Wednesday 18th October, please remind your child to bring a comb/hairbrush, and make sure they are wearing their smartest uniform, including a sweatshirt or cardigan, so that they look their very best for their photographs.

## Eco Greenhouse Update

As you know we are collecting two litre plastic bottles in school to construct an eco greenhouse. So far we have collected 740 bottles toward this project, so we are nearly half way to our target of 1500 bottles. Keep going.

## Sensory Garden

Last week, Mrs Walton kindly donated her time and some plants to the sensory garden. She worked with some of the children in Year 1 and 2 and the area is now looking much more tidy.

We will continue the good work over the next few weeks and, in time, all of the children will have helped to get the Sensory Garden ‘ship shape’ before the Winter sets in. Thank you Mrs Walton.



## Reception Class Photograph

A photograph of the reception classes will feature in the Grantham Journal on Friday 20th October, 2017, in a special 16 - page supplement.

If you wish, you can buy a copy of the photograph instructions on how to do so will be printed in the supplement.



### New Addition

We have been very pleased to hear that Mrs Watson gave birth last week to a healthy little boy called Max James weighing in at 8lbs. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Watson on the arrival of their baby son.

*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

## Website Updates

At our school, Barrowby CE Primary School we are committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils and we expect all members of our school community to share in this commitment.

This week we have added some extra information to our school website, to support parents- not only with Keeping Children Safe, but with other important school information which parents may find useful.



If you would like to read more about Child Protection and Safeguarding children, please [CLICK HERE](#). Please use the following links to learn more about:

- [Behaviour](#) Understanding the school's expectations
- [CEOP](#) Advice for the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre
- [E-Safety](#) Keeping your child safe while working 'on-line' at home
- [NSPCC](#) Understanding how to keep children safe

As a school we strive to ensure that our parents are well informed about the school's development priorities. This week we have finished uploading relevant documents which our parents might find useful. Please use the following links to learn more about:

- [Arts Summary](#) Outline the Arts Activities and the impact/benefit for pupils
- [National Assessments](#) Statutory Assessment Tests-SATs Results
- [Pupil Premium Report](#) Description of how the school has allocated funding and its impact
- [School Development Plan](#) Outline of School Development Priorities for 2017-2020
- [Sports Premium Report](#) Description of how the school has allocated funding and its impact
- [Self Evaluation Summary](#) Description of school performance with identified next steps
- [SEND Report](#) Advice for parents who are concerned about their child/ren

As a school we work hard:

*"...to strive for excellence, to ensure that we create a happy and secure environment; one in which every child, irrespective of gender or ability achieves their potential; a place where each individual is nurtured so they can experience success and joy in learning."*

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## Parent Teacher Consultations

We have our parent/teacher consultations coming up after half term. These are on Wednesday 8th and Tuesday 14th November.



These are booked through ParentmailPMX and will be live for booking at 4.00 pm today. Each appointment is for 10 minutes. If you are booking appointments for multiple children, then please leave a gap of at least 10-20 minutes between appointments to allow yourself time to get to the next appointment and look at your child's books before going in to see the teacher. This will also help to ensure that the appointments run on time. We look forward to seeing you then.