

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th March
Book Fair



Tuesday 5th March
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 6th March
Parent Consultations



Thursday 7th March
High 5 Netball



Friday 8th March
Non-Uniform World Book Day



Friday 8th March
FoBs Meeting



Friday 8th March
Year 5 Collective worship



Governor Meetings

FGB Meeting
Tuesday 12th March 2019



To see the latest Fobs minutes please click [here](#).
Next meeting:
Friday 8th March 2019 at 2.00 pm
Please click [HERE](#) for Easy Fundraising Link



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 1st March 2019

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Psalm 66:1

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this, the children are in full 'rehearsal mode,' getting ready for Friday's performances at the Colsterworth Performing Arts Festival, at the Meres Leisure Centre. This year, we are taking an amazing 124 pupils competing in 7 separate categories, including: vocal, dance, drama and instrumental sections.

Our children and school community impress me each and every day. Of course the children who are performing have been working really hard as well as the staff who are supporting them. However, we could not do these activities without the support of everyone; the rest of the school, who accommodate the demands of this exciting opportunity and the parents who support their children to learn lines, rehearse words, actions and make costumes. Wow.

At Barrowby CE Primary School we value the range of opportunities we provide our children within the Arts, Sport; supporting all children to 'strive for excellence.'

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter.

Len Batey-Headteacher

Events in School

Jungle Book

On Monday 25th February 2019, the whole school enjoyed the Jungle Book, performed by M&M Theatre Company. The children were amazed by the confidence of the actors and the performance they enjoyed. The show truly inspired those children who are performing this week, at the Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts and was enjoyed by all who attended.



COLSTERWORTH
FESTIVAL OF
PERFORMING ARTS

Colsterworth Performing Arts

On Friday 1st March, 124 children and an army of school staff, volunteers and parents ventured to the Meres Leisure Centre, for the annual Performing Arts Festival.

This year the children entered 7 categories, across a range of disciplines. They were amazing, a real credit to our school. The children performed with enthusiasm and a real sense of fun. The results are:

1st Place-Key Stage 1 Choir
2nd Place-Orchestra
1st Place-Y5 & 6 Choral Speaking
1st Place-Educational Dance

2nd Place-Key Stage 2 Choir
1st Place-Advanced Recorders
1st Place-Y5 & 6 Drama

Well done everyone: the pupils who excelled, the staff who guided them, the volunteers who attended and to the parents who supported them on the day. Wow!

Weekly House Point Totals

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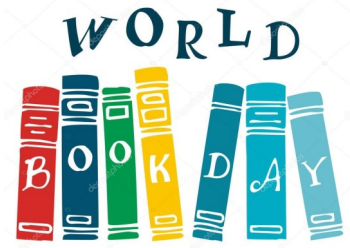
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World Book Day & Book Fair

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March 2019** and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

We are inviting the children to come to school in **non-uniform on Friday 8th March 2019** for a voluntary donation of £1.00. The theme this year, 'inspirational character.' Funds raised from this event will be used for projects within school to enhance the school environment. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.



To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token, that entitles your child to ONE FREE £1 World book Day book OR £1 off a book or audiobook priced at £2.99 or more in all participating bookshops.

Your child will bring their token home on Friday 1st March and tokens can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day, by visiting your local bookshop, alternatively the book tokens can also be redeemed at our Book Fair, this will take place in school on **Tuesday 5th March**, and **Wednesday 6th March at 3.15pm - 5.00pm**, **Thursday 7th March at 3.15 - 4.00pm** until **Friday 8th March at 3.15pm - 4.00pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Red Noses - Get Set to Go Red !

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 15th March, we will be joining in the fun and now have Red Noses in school available to purchase at £1.25 each. These will be on sale during lunchtimes by our pupil fundraising committee.

We will also be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 15th March**, with a suggested voluntary contribution of £1 to raise funds for this fantastic charity.

Parent Reminder

Please can we remind parents that children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55am and children leave school at 3.15pm. All children should be supervised by a parent/carer. The school does not accept responsibility for children travelling to and from school, unaccompanied by a parent/carer.



We would remind parents to be mindful of road traffic at these times and prevent obstructing highways. To decrease congestion, we strongly advise all our parents to avoid parking in Church Street and 'Park and Stride' to school - by parking further away and walking to school; avoid coming to school too early, both in the morning and evening e.g. waiting for the school to open or for the children to leave the school as well as avoiding obstructing the public highways at these times.

School Uniform



At Barrowby CE Primary School, we pride ourselves on the presentation of our pupils. We would just like to remind all parents of our uniform expectations:

Girls should be wearing knee length mid-grey skirts. Unfortunately, an increasing number of girls are coming to school with skirts that are getting too short.

Girls should wear knee length white socks, not different coloured socks or ankle socks.

Girls are permitted to wear trousers. However, these should be mid-grey tailored trousers. No other types of trousers are permitted.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

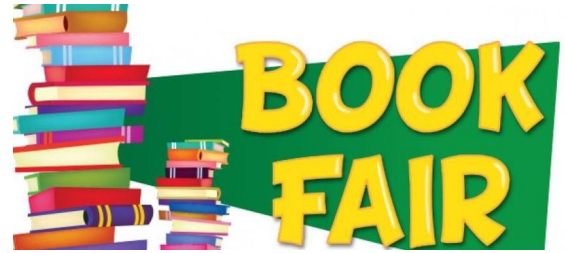
Parent/Teacher Consultation

Next week, we have our Parent/Teacher Consultations on Tuesday 5th March 2019 and Wednesday 6th March 2019. If you have not already booked your appointment slot then please do so through ParentmailPMX. If you have any difficulties then please contact the school office on 01476 566121 who will be able to assist.

Book Fair

The scholastic book fair is coming very soon! This will take place in school next week on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th March - 3.15pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 6th March - 3.15pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 7th March - 3.15pm - 4.00pm
Friday 8th March - 3.15 - 4.00pm



Your child will be bringing home with them today a World Book Day book token in their book bags, these can also be redeemed at our book fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keeping our children safe on-line

E –Safety: MoMo

It has been brought to our attention this week that some of the children in school have seen or are viewing an internet based 'game' called MoMo. This is deliberately directed at children and can, if ignored, lead to them become very frightened and vulnerable. MoMo was initially only available through What's App but has become viral and is now even appearing mid-way through films on YouTube kids as well as across all forms of social-media.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that **ALL** social-media platforms (including WhatsApp) have a minimum usage age of 13 and therefore none of our children should be accessing these sites. We would ask you to monitor what your children are viewing and discussing online and be mindful of this whilst also accessing sites which should be safe for children. We also recommend that children only access the internet when an adult is in the room.



Children's YouTube are aware of this new threat and are working hard to remove and eliminate any videos containing MoMo as quickly as possible, if you, or your children do come across one please report to YouTube or CEOPs as soon as possible. More information about how to do this can be found on our school website: <http://www.barrowby.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety-guidance/>

The Momo Challenge a factsheet for parents

What it is Coined the “suicide challenge”, Momo is a new viral game that encourages players to perform a series of challenges in order to meet ‘Mother Bird’ - a disfigured character (inspired by Japanese art) with bulging eyes and untidy black hair on a chicken-like body.

Light-hearted and fun at the outset, this game experience quickly darkens, absorbing players who are encouraged to perform acts of violence and self-harm through a series of progressively risky challenges. Originating in Mexico, it is easily accessed through social media shares (predominantly Facebook and YouTube) and is rapidly spreading across the world.

Why it's on our radar The challenges issued in this game present a serious risk to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people in our schools here in the UK, as does the distressing content when a player refuses to carry on.

With worrying similarities to the ‘Blue Whale challenge’, it has also been linked to at least five cases of childhood suicide.

The low down

- Players are encouraged to contact Momo and provide their mobile number.
- They will then receive instructions to perform a series of challenges, via SMS or Whatsapp.
- Player refusal can trigger severely abusive messaging and their mobile device being hacked.
- The final challenge is to commit suicide in order to meet ‘Mother Bird’.

Why children like it

Sharing and commentary on Social Media platforms has created a level of intrigue and curiosity about this game, which is initially light hearted and fun.

Fundamentally, however, this is a game that targets vulnerable children and young people online, as those with mental health issues are more likely to be drawn to the psychological nature of the challenges.

What to do

A person doesn’t have to be searching for Momo themselves to be exposed to it and, unlike other games that children enjoy, there is no positive side to this.

Teachers and parents need to educate/reinforce online safety, and in this way encourage children and young people to make the right choice and avoid this game:

- The importance of confidently saying “no” to invitations to play games from strangers
- Knowing why they should not click on unidentified links.
- Knowing how to ‘block’ unknown numbers and friend requests.