

## DIARY DATES

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



**Monday 7th January**  
**Back to School**

**Wednesday 16th January 2019**  
**Year 1 Phonics Workshop**

**Wednesday 16th January 2019**  
**Kingswood Visit Parent Meeting**

**Friday 18th January 2019**  
**Year 3 Parents**  
**Collective Worship**

**Friday 18th January 2019**  
**Reception and Year 6**  
**Height and Weights**

**Friday 18th January 2019**  
**FOBs Meeting—2.00pm**

**Thursday 31st January 2019**  
**Year 5 Swimming**

**Friday 8th February 2019**  
**Year 4 Parent**  
**Collective worship**

**Friday 15th February 2019**  
**Last day of term**

**Monday 25th February 2019**  
**Return to school**



## Governor Meetings

**FGB Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12th March 2019**



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

Next meeting:

Friday 18th January 1.45pm



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# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 20th December 2018

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* Isaiah 9:6

 Dear Parents/Carers,  
Well here we are the last day of term-Christmas is here! This week has been lovely in school, complete with a visit from Father Christmas himself! I know-wow! I hope you all enjoy reading this week's newsletter and learning a little bit more about life at our school. Merry Christmas everyone. 

**Len Batey-Headteacher**



### Events in School

#### A message from our Bishop's Visitor

As another term comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone at our school once again for their hard work, commitment, dedication and inspiration. Our school is very special, not just because of all the opportunities our children are offered, but also because it is a family, working together to be the very best it can.

This term, it was a privilege to include thoughtful and inspiring work from so many children in our 'Barrowby Remembers' exhibition in church in November, and to share that with our community. Many people were very impressed with the standard of the work, and the children's depth of understanding and empathy.

More recently, it has been lovely to come into school to share the Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances, which were wonderful, and a credit to both staff and children, as well as being the perfect way to begin the Christmas season. The innocence, delight and wonder of children as they explore the story Jesus's birth helps us to focus on the love of God and his amazing gift to us at Christmas, even in the middle of all the things we have to get done before the big day!

I know how busy this term has been in school, and I am sure that everyone is more than ready for a well earned break - may you all have a Christmas filled with love, joy - and peace.



**Mrs Kate Waghorn**



### Christmas Potted Sports

On Tuesday 18th December, the whole school enjoyed the annual Christmas Potted Sports House Tournament, in the school hall.

There was lots of cheering from the children for their respective houses and all children displayed confidence and good team skills. The points were totalled and the results were: 1st Place: Chichester, 2nd Place: Armstrong and 3rd Place: Scott-well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Banfield and the Sports Committee for organising the event; much fun was had by everyone!

### Weekly House Point Totals

**ARMSTRONG**

**267**

**CHICHESTER**

**475**

**SCOTT**

**276**

## Christmas Party Day

What a fantastic day we enjoyed on Wednesday 19th December, at our Annual Christmas Party! All children across the school dressed in their festive attire for a day of joy and festivities. Children participated in a range of party games in the hall such as pass the parcel, dance competitions and musical statues and there was a range of prizes to be won!

Our Key Stage 1 children had some very special visitors... Santa and his elves! Father Christmas managed to fit us into his busy schedule and gave all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 a lovely gift, assisted by his elves. The elves had been very busy preparing for his visit and had wrapped all of the gifts themselves with a little help from the chief elf Mrs Midgley!



After all the excitement, the pupils and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner complete with Christmas crackers and Brussel sprouts!

After lunch everyone went into the hall to enjoy the annual pantomime which this year was 'Old King Cole'. Oh yes they did! What a splendid day to round off our wonderful Autumn Term! Merry Christmas everyone!



## Christmas Service

On Thursday 20th December, the whole school journeyed to Barrowby All Saints Church for our annual Christmas Service. Mrs Waghorn led the service which further explored the true meaning of Christmas. The children sung beautifully and were given the opportunity to reflect upon what Christmas means to them.

The service concluded with a wonderful performance from our Year 5 and 6 children as they sang Picture Perfect. Thank you to Mrs Waghorn, to the children and staff and to Reverend Peter Hopkins. This was the final Christmas service Reverend Hopkins will be attending as he retires early next year. From everyone at Barrowby CE Primary School, thank you Reverend Hopkins for all that you have done for us. Merry Christmas!



## Encouraging even more physical activity

As you may know, we strive to encourage all our children to become physically active, not only at play but also during their lessons. This term, we saw the installation of our new 'Trim Trail' and outdoor cooking/camp fire area, which we are all looking forward to using next term. In addition to this, we will be introducing some new opportunities for our children to enjoy, while at play.



The first of these, starting in the new term, will be extending the use of our Adventure Playground, opening up its use between 8.45 and 8.55am for different classes of children. As well as this, we have purchased extra scooters for our Junior children to use-now totalling 12-which the children enjoy using during lunchtimes. Our Sports Committee are also exploring further resources which can be purchased to encourage more children to be physically active.

In addition to this, we will be launching a new initiative with the children-the Daily Mile-which will be used throughout the school day. This initiative has been widely publicised on the news and has been recognised as a unique way to encourage even greater levels of physical activity. More to follow on this, in the new year.

Earlier this term, we were recognised by the Youth Sport Trust as a centre for excellence within this area. As usual, at our school, we are continually striving for excellence and hope these new additions to our provision will prove very popular with the children.



*The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow a light has dawned."*

*Matthew 4: 16*

## Reminders for Parents

- Swimming lessons for Year 5 children will take place on Thursday 31st January, Thursday 7th February and Thursday 14th February. Please ensure your child has their swimming kits with them on these dates.
- Extra-curricular clubs will commence on Monday 21st January, further details will follow.



## Fundraising Updates

This term has been a very good start to our fundraising year. The Christmas Activities have raised:

Reception Christmas Assembly	£132.94
Key Stage 1 Nativities	£322.05
Christmas Jumper Competition	£67.15
Christmas non-uniform for Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance	£189.24



This term we have raised £824.39 for good causes and £901.00 for the school; totalling £1,725.39. The money raised for the school has been used to provide the crackers for our Christmas lunch and also paid for the children to enjoy the pantomime 'Old King Cole'. Thank you to the Friends of Barrowby School for their ongoing support and hard work for our school.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Staffing Updates

Unfortunately, we are not able to confirm when Mrs Beveridge will be returning to school, however, I can confirm that Mr Woolerton will continue to work with Mrs Beveridge's class after Christmas, until her return.



## Parental Surveys

As a school we are continually evaluating our provision to ensure that we are offering a comprehensive and effective service to our families. This term, we have conducted our annual Reception Entry Questionnaire as well as a survey about a potentially new provision-Wrap Around Care, provided by Inspire+. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the results of the surveys.



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