

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 18th October
High 5 Netball Tournament

HI-5
NETBALL

Friday 19th October
End of term



Tuesday 30th October
Back to School

Thursday 1st November
Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 7th November
Individual Photographs



Tuesday 6th November
Parent/Teacher Consultations



Wednesday 7th November
Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 8th November
Year 5 & 7 6 Girls' Football
Tournament

Governor Meetings

Finance, Resources and Personnel
Committee—Tuesday 16th October at
1.15 pm



To see the latest Fobs minutes
please click [here](#).
Next meeting:
9th November at 2.00pm

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Link



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 12th October 2018

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven.*

[Matt 5:16:](#)

Dear Parents/Carers

Well what a wonderful couple of weeks we've enjoyed here at school, including our annual residential visit for our Year 4 pupils where the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a real credit to our school, as well as our Harvest Festival. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and finding out a little bit more about life at school.

Len Batey-Headteacher

Events in School

Gravity Fields

On Saturday 29th September, a wide range of members from our school community joined the Barrowby procession-through the middle of Grantham, as they paraded the wonderful LED flowers which our Year 6 children created, last year. It was a wonderful turn out of staff, parents and pupils alike.



The 'team' met at the Conduit Café, at 6.15pm before following our float up to the Guildhall where our art work took pride of place as part of the LED art installation. It was a truly magical experience. Thank you to each and everyone who came and joined in with the festivities and supported our school in this unique way.



Going for Gold

We can sometimes take things for granted and can get used to the way things aren't all schools like this?

At Barrowby CE Primary School, we hold the Healthy School's accreditation with enhanced status, the Basic Skills Quality Mark, the Music Mark, we're Guinness World Record holders, we have 3 Gold School Games Marks (3 consecutive years), we are an Artsmark school, hold the Platinum Award for Sing Up!, came runners up in last year's 'Active Primary School of the Year' in Lincolnshire, judged outstanding by the Diocese (in 2016) for the last 15 years as well as outstanding by OFSTED (in our latest inspection 2011) and our pupils continue to excel in their academic achievement, being significantly above both the local and national benchmarks.

It is fair to say, at our school, we continually strive for excellence in all that we do and last week we were recognised for doing just that.



**YOUTH
SPORT
TRUST**

On Wednesday 3rd October, our school was visited by Emma McKenzie, an assessor for the national organization-Youth Sport Trust, when we hosted our validation visit for their quality mark.

I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you.

John 13:34-35



During the morning, Emma met with our School Games Organiser Mr Terry Plumb, the CEO of Inspire+ Vincent Britain, Mrs Banfield our PE Subject Lead, other various staff members and our newly formed Sports Committee to discuss the school's commitment to supporting our pupils to lead full and healthy lifestyles as part of the PE curriculum and its impact within their school work.

It is fair to say, that Emma was thoroughly impressed by all that we do at our school from our curricular PE to the many opportunities we provide for our pupils such as the array of extra-curricular activities, the amount of inter and intra competitions the school participates in, the leadership opportunities for the children, within sport, as well as the overall standards our school achieves.

We are delighted to announce that our school has attained the Gold Quality Mark from Youth Sport Trust which validates our commitment to PE and encouraging even more children to become physically active both within and outside of the curriculum and its impact on school standards and the overall achievement of the children. This is the highest accreditation that our school can receive from this national organisation. Currently, we are the only primary school in Lincolnshire who hold this award. To read the report please [CLICK HERE](#).

Emma was so impressed by our school that she has asked Mrs Banfield to become a PE Advocate and has asked Mr Batey to become a Headteacher Ambassador for Youth Sport Trust so we can continue to 'showcase' our school, sharing our school's successes in supporting other schools on their PE and physical activity journey, whether that be locally or nationally.

It is wonderful to gain validation in an area which the school has striven for excellence in and to be recognised by a national organisation for all that we do is rewarding. Thank you to Mr Plumb and Mr Brittain for their continued support of our school, to Mrs Banfield for her continued commitment to PE and Physical Activity at our school, to our past and present Sport Committees for their work in developing our physical activity culture with our children and to the staff and pupils at our school.

Together we are making a difference.

Cross Country Running

On Wednesday 3rd October, our 20 strong squad of cross country runners took to the field for their last event of the season.

The representatives from Year 5 and 6 have been training very hard and this was easy to see as they took to their events. Working as part of smaller teams they navigated themselves around the course, supporting each other with their 'can do' attitudes, pushing themselves right up to their limits. The children were fabulous and conducted themselves with enthusiasm and commitment.

We are delighted to announce that our school came 3rd this year, competing against 19 schools in total, well done everyone! Our team were a credit to themselves, the school and their parents. Thank you to Mrs Banfield and Mr Batey for accompanying the team, to our parents who ensured the children arrived safely at the venue and stayed to support 'Team Barrowby' and to the children themselves. You rocked!

Bulb Planting

On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th October, our Reception children helped Mr Batey to plant a host of daffodil bulbs in our newly created 'Wildflower Meadow.' The children helped to pick the bulb, plant it in the holes and cover the bulbs with the soil-getting their hands dirty. The children also discussed how the bulbs would grow, over time and were excited to help.



Imagine, in a couple of months our newly developed 'Springtime Meadow' should be in full bloom. We look forward to seeing the bulbs, grow, bud and bloom-just like our Reception children.

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

Matthew 5: 16

Fundraising

Thank you to all member of our school community who joined us for our annual Coffee Event for McMillan Cancer Research. This year we are delighted to announce that we raised a wonderful £237.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

A thank you to Mrs Hart and the members of staff who supported her, this year, to the parents who attended and to the continued generosity of our school community.

Reception and Year 1

This week, our class discussion highlighted that we all love to be outside. We love our world and can name lots of beautiful things from flowers to birds, clouds to rainbows. We decided to go and have a look at the spectacular outdoors that we are so lucky to have at our school.



We smelt the fresh air, looked at the cloud shapes in the sky and listened to the birds swooping around the many trees. We felt the grass but wanted a different experience, one we had never had at school before...we took our shoes and socks off and felt the cool, lush grass under our toes! Squeals of enjoyment filled the air as we excitedly described the sensation!

We then took a closer look at our trees and gave them a hug, wow, our arms couldn't reach all the way round but they could when we found a friend! We really are lucky to have such a fabulous outdoor environment!

Autumn Club

Autumn club have been busy creating their very own Autumn crowns. The Year One children enjoyed discovering all the different signs of Autumn. By the end of the session, Autumn Kings and Queens proudly paraded around the school grounds in their regal crowns. They look very beautiful, don't you agree?



Lunettes Opticians

Be spectacular this October ! Help Lunettes Opticians raise much needed donations to help restore sight to some of Africa's poorest communities. All you need to do is drop any unwanted glasses into the school reception.



Alternatively you can drop your glasses at your nearest Lunettes Opticians.

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

Kingswood Visit



Last week, on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th October, our Year 4 children took on the challenge of working together and trying out new things on our residential visit to Kingswood, Dearne Valley.

Throughout the two days the children learnt to abseil, developed trust in the Nightline and had to work together to complete the obstacle and problem solving courses. On Thursday evening they experienced a wonderful camp fire and once again were treated to the sight of the international space station circling overhead.

For our Year 4 children this was a challenging and rewarding experience that really made them focus upon their listening and cooperation skills. We are looking forward to seeing how these skills continue to develop in their school life.

A huge thanks to Mrs Webster, Mr Caton, Miss Swatton, Mrs Midgley, Mrs Morris, Mrs Bird and Mr Batey for supporting the children and making these two days possible.

*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

Harvest Festival

On Thursday 11th October, we welcomed parents and family members to Barrowby All Saints Church where we enjoyed our Annual Harvest Festival, this year aptly entitled, 'Harvest 'weather' or not?'



This year, our school has continued to support a local cause, the Grantham Foodbank.



During the service, the classes of children presented their Harvest Baskets, including a basket filled with fresh produce which had all been grown on the school grounds, in our Cabbage Patch Garden, or within our newly erected 'Eco-Greenhouse' and on our school's fruit trees. Later this term, our children will be using this produce to make a variety of dishes, including: Apple Crumble and various jams and pickles. Mmmm.....

Throughout the service, the children reflected on Harvest and sang beautifully as the congregation were treated to a range of performances from each class, culminating with our Reception children's performance-dressed as farmers: singing Big Red Combine Harvester.

Afterwards, members of our school community came to the school hall for light refreshments and the opportunity to purchase 'pre-loved uniform' ably supported by Mrs Rafferty, Mrs Kay and our Fundraising Committee. Towards the end of the afternoon, Brian Hanbury from the Grantham Foodbank arrived at school to collect the donations. Thank you to all members of our school community for their continued support and generosity.



Friends Of Barrowby School

On Thursday 11th October, we invited members of our school community to attend the next FOBs meeting to discuss the terms and roles of the various members of the new committee. It was lovely to receive so many nominations for the various posts from many enthusiastic parents.



We are now able to form a new FOBs Committee, so please come along to the next meeting where we can formally create our new fundraising committee for this year. All are welcome to come along, have a chat and enjoy a 'cuppa.' The next meeting will be on Friday 9th November at 2.00pm.

Year 1 Parent Collective Worship

On Friday 12th October, we welcomed many of our Year 1 Parents as they joined us for our Collective Worship. During the morning, the school community reflected on our school's values and celebrated many of the school's achievements, including: the recent donations at our Harvest Festival, the fundraising totals from the McMillan Coffee Morning as well as the wonderful news of our recent Gold Award, from the Youth Sport Trust.

It was lovely to see many of our parents there. After half-term, we will be inviting our Year 2 parents to come along and join us for Collective Worship.

Young Ambassadors

Congratulations to the two Year 5 children who won their class vote to become the new Young Ambassadors. They joined Mrs Banfield and the two Year 6 Young Ambassadors at an after school training session led by the Inspire + team, on Monday 8th October. They learnt how important their role is going to be to promote healthy lifestyles and encouraging others to be active and take part in clubs and events that will take place throughout the school year. They also had a short amount of time to begin to think about the fun, sporting events they might like to organise for the whole school. Their ideas will be shared with the Sports Committee. So watch this space for exciting, fun activities for all!