

## DIARY DATES

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

**Thursday 6th May**

Fobs Committee Meeting



**Friday 14th May**

Year 6 BBQ



**Wednesday 26th May**

Class Photographs



**Friday 28th May**

Last day of term



## Governor Meetings



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

Next meeting:

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# Barrowby Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 30th April 2021

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever*

Psalm 136:1

Dear Parents/Carer

Wow, what a week it has been. The school continues to go from strength to strength despite the social restrictions in place.

Thank you to all our parents who continue to support the school. Please remember, do not leave your children unsupervised in the morning while they wait for school gates to open. As the sun is shining, we must continue to be vigilant and not become complacent.

This week, we've had quite a lot of things happening in school. Yeah! I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life.

Mr Len Batey Headteacher-Barrowby CE Primary School

### Events In School

#### 5 Ways to Wellbeing

On Friday 23rd April, Mr Batey launched a new initiative: The 5 Ways to Wellbeing.

#### Five Ways to Wellbeing



As a school, we recognise how important it is to look after our physical wellbeing, as well as our mental wellbeing. The 5 ways to wellbeing aims to ensure that every adult and child in school takes the time to focus and value these.

The 5 Ways follows 5 very simple concepts: **Connect** with people, **be physically active**, **keep learning**, **have generosity of spirit** and **take notice**. Every day the children will be given time to reflect on these 5 things. By doing this, each day, we hope to provide everyone with the opportunity to focus on the positives and thus promote a happy and healthy school family. Why not try it at home?

#### Launch of The Reading Den-Year 6 Legacy Gift

This week we launched our outdoor 'Reading Den' for our Year 6 children to enjoy and they have loved it!

They have had the opportunity to sit on comfy bean bags at playtime and enjoy reading a range of comics, annuals and information texts about a range of interesting subjects.



They have particularly enjoyed the encyclopaedia of the world and also numerous football annuals that are available. Over the next few weeks, we look forward to offering other year groups the opportunity to explore the den and enjoy reading for pleasure in our school grounds.

#### Young Ambassador Training

On Monday 26th April, our Four Young Ambassadors took part in the next virtual training event, hosted by Inspire +. They interacted with children from other schools discussing their successes and ideas for keeping us all active.

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They also found out about some exciting events that they will be organising and supporting during this Summer Term, so watch this space! Thank you to Mrs Banfield for supporting the children through this role and we look forward to hearing the fun and innovative events you will be planning with the Sports Committee for all the children to enjoy.

## Parent/Teacher Consultation

On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April, we held our Parent/Teacher consultations. These were again held virtually using the school cloud system. The teachers really enjoyed seeing you all and updating you on your child's progress and achievements. If you haven't spoken to your class teacher about your child please contact the school office.

## Saxon Visit

On Thursday 29th April, our Year 3 and 4 children were visited by Hrothgar-the Anglo-Saxon! The Anglo-Saxon topic is a new and exciting period the children shall be learning about this summer term.

Hrothgar raided the classrooms looking for new members to join his Saxon War Band. The children greeted the entrance with surprise and excitement seeing a 'real' Saxon warrior. They were invited to his own settlement, where he had pitched up the tent on our very own school field!



The children began learning about the Saxon period, its people and their traditions as well as the Saxon warriors. They learnt about the equipment they used in a variety of ways when hunting or when off to battle.

Hrothgar also re-enacted the Beowulf story as the children played characters in the story. As the story was told the children were asked to guess what will happen next and explain why the Saxons behaved differently to modern people.

It is fair to say, fun was had by all-despite the chilly weather What a lovely way to start off a new topic.

## Outdoor Fun



We continue to do all that we can at our school to make it a fun and exciting place. Last Friday, the sun shone and Mr Batey held Collective Worship outdoors for all the children to enjoy. This week, the children have enjoyed playing on our school playground and field using the equipment available. It is so lovely to hear and see the children playing.



As we move forwards, we are very much looking forward to the sunnier weather when we can get outside and enjoy using our school grounds further. Even this week, children have been enjoying their class stories on the story circle, or by sitting in the wildflower meadow. Wow.



## Important information regarding school transport for children starting primary school or transferring to junior school in September 2021



If your child is starting primary school or transferring to the first year of junior school in September 2021 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).



## Staff Updates

As some of you may know Mrs Webster has been away from school for some time now. Unfortunately, Mrs Webster has been diagnosed with Long-Covid and is unable to return to school for some time. We would like to wish Mrs Webster a speedy recovery at this difficult time.



Thank you to Mrs Goodband and Mrs Tinkley for working with our Year 3 children during their teacher's absence. We hope to see Mrs Webster return to school when she is able to do so.

## Race For Life - Miss Kirk - a positive role model

Last weekend, Miss Kirk challenged herself to complete a 5K run:



At the start of April, I challenged myself to join the Race for Life at Home event – a charity race which raises money for Cancer Research UK. Although I was excited about this new challenge, I was very nervous too – I hadn't done any kind of long-distance running since I was at school!

Over the Easter holidays, I began to train for my 5-kilometre race. I started out doing some short runs around where I live and tried to build up my fitness and the length of time I was running for. At times it was difficult – especially with the extreme April weather we've had this year! Sometimes, I found it really hard to keep going and to motivate myself to keep training. However, I knew that if I kept trying, I could improve on my performance a little bit each week, and so I persevered. Personal best+!

The official Race for Life event date was Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, and I managed to run all of my 5k – something I hadn't even done in my training sessions yet! I am so proud of the progress I have made over just under 4 weeks, from not running at all to be able to do a full 5k. Cancer Research is an incredible charity and I'm so glad I've been able to raise funds for them to carry on their amazing work and I'm so appreciative of all the support I have received from my Barrowby family.



So remember, no matter how old you are, you can still learn something new. Well done to Miss Kirk for striving for excellence as she completed her own challenge in true Barrowby spirit-creating a new personal best!



## Vacancies in School

We are currently looking to recruit 3 lunchtime supervisors, a 1: 1 Teaching Assistant and a cleaner to join our staff from September 2021.

If you would like any information regarding these positions then please visit our website by clicking [HERE](#) or contact Mrs Midgley at the school office. The closing date for applications for all positions is 7th May 2021.

## Citizen Advice

We have been asked to share the following information with our school community.

Citizen's Advice have seen a massive increase in requests for advice from people who are facing issues they have never had to cope with.

We would like to remind families that they are not alone in dealing with unfamiliar issues that may seem unsurmountable. A message from Citizens Advice in South Lincolnshire:



*We want to remind everyone that we are here to support our local communities in these challenging times, through our free telephone Adviceline on 0808 278 7996 (Monday to Friday 10.00-16.00) or on email which can be found via our website: [www.citizensadviceouthlincs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadviceouthlincs.org.uk).*

*During the pandemic, many people have encountered problems for the first time, and discover that our free impartial advice, which is available for a wide range of issues, helps them to find a way forward, when previously things looked really bleak. The range of advice we give includes advice on housing and relationship issues, helping to make sure people receive the benefits they are entitled to, through to specialist money advice or help with applications to the European Union Settlement Scheme. We can also help people access a food voucher if needed.*

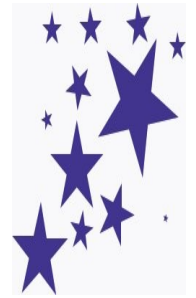
*We know how families are struggling still, so anyone who feels they can't see a way forward is urged to pick up the phone, or email us without delay. We are here to help everyone find a way forward."*

### Events At School-Weekly Commendations

We would like to acknowledge the work completed at school by individual pupils by awarding our 'Headteacher Commendations.' This week the commendations go to:



<u>Reception and Key Stage 1</u>		<u>Key Stage 2</u>	
Mrs Banfield	Brian Klucis	Mrs Tinkley/ Mrs Goodband	Alice Dempsey
Mrs Selby	Ayan Praveen- Menon	Mr Caton	Olivia Clayton
Mr Liversidge	Bethany Meakin	Miss Kirk	Ellena Howitt
Miss Sugden	Abigail Sacker	Miss Swatton	Harrison Bentley
		Miss Lees	Noah Mason



We would like to acknowledge children's effort and attitude at school by individual pupils by awarding our 'Shining Star Certificates.' This week the certificates go to:



<u>Reception and Key Stage 1</u>		<u>Key Stage 2</u>	
Mrs Banfield	Orla O'Callaghan Gracie Bennett	Mrs Tinkley/ Mrs Goodband	George Leonard
Mrs Selby	Amelia Simons	Mr Caton	Jessica White
Mr Liversidge	Isabel Simons	Miss Kirk	William Devenport
Miss Sugden	Mia Shuttleworth	Miss Swatton	Saachi Jawa
		Miss Lees	Olivia Exley



### Lunchtime Commendation

This week we would like to recognise:

<u>Reception and Key Stage 1</u>	<u>Key Stage 2</u>
Rory Clayton Eva Petrou Edith Dempsey	Logan Gray Thomas Caunt Harriet Bailey

### Times Tables Rockstars

This week, we would like to recognise the **Rock Legends** who have continued to learn and revise the times tables and associate division facts, using Times Tables Rockstars. This week, certificates are awarded for those children with the **highest number of correct answers** in their class. The **Rock Legends** are: Key stage 1: Emilija Bilazaraite and Key Stage 2: Fraya Sharpe

All certificates were awarded today, at Mr Batey's outdoor Collective Worship.

<u>Weekly House Point Totals</u>		
<b><u>ARMSTRONG</u></b> <b>308</b>	<b><u>CHICHESTER</u></b> <b>247</b>	<b><u>SCOTT</u></b> <b>216</b>