

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 15th December Christmas Potted Sports



Wednesday 16th December Christmas Party Day



Wednesday 16th December Virtual Pantomime— Cinderella



Friday 4th December Reception Christmas Assembly



Friday 11th December KSI Nativity Performance



Governor Meetings

FRP Meeting
1st February 2021



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Next meeting:
TBC

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Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 27th November 2020

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

Dear Parents/Carer

Well, here we are fast approaching the Christmas holidays. With Advent beginning next week, we are very much looking forward to the Christmas festivities in school and are hopeful that we will be able to continue uninterrupted with Barrowby School life.

As you know, this week the Government have announced that when the National Lockdown ends on the 2nd December Lincolnshire will go in to Tier 3 of the localised lockdowns. Of course, this news weighs heavily upon us all, including myself and the school staff.

Our aim is to keep our school open, so that our children do not miss anymore of their education. As the days get shorter, with darker mornings and darker evenings and the continuation of lockdown measures for us all, it is important that our school family 'stick together.' We need your help.

You may have noticed that I have now returned to my 'usual standing place' in the morning, beside the school gates on the school's pedestrian path, in the morning so I can welcome children to school. The school staff will be on duty from 8.45am to supervise the children entering the school at the Pedestrian Gate (KS2) and the Hall Gate (KS1) and from 3.15pm when children leave the school.

Please can I remind all parents not to wait or congregate outside the school, but to keep moving. If you are dropping off an infant child you can wait on the Church Path at the beginning and end of the day and if your dropping off a junior child, you can wait on the school path at the start and end of the day. When queuing please do not stand in groups, but stand 1 metre apart from each other, with a face covering.

If you are walking to and from school, with a dog, please can you keep your dog on a shorter lead so we maintain the social distancing between the dog and bubbles/families and/or adults/children when walking up Church Street and moving around the school grounds.

Can I also remind you to follow the one-way system in place, through Church Street and the car-park please. Please do not stand to 'one side' in the car park, front of the school, Church Street, pedestrian path to sort bags etc as this defeats the purpose of the staggered arrival and departure times if parents/families walk past each other they could spread the virus and compromise the children and the school.

It doesn't seem that this will be ending any time soon, so we now have to assume that this way of working is 'the new normal' and will be in place at school for some time to come.

I myself feel the weight of this; keeping the school open for those who are well enough to attend: for the 260 children on roll; the 33 members of staff and the school families-parents, grandparents etc we work with.

It has been a difficult time since March 23rd when the school closed, through to it re-opening in September, our bubble closures in October and now with the news that we'll go into Tier 3 on the 2nd December. I would like to thank you for your support but this isn't over.

We need to continue. I ask you all to remember that the school staff are doing as much as they can do at this time to support your child/ren. I am mindful that we are all doing what we can: children, parents and staff alike. We need to remain vigilant and support each other. Thank you.

Mr Len Batey
Headteacher-Barrowby CE Primary School

Events In School

Virtual Inspire+ Legacy Training



The teachers have had training this week introducing our school to a new resource from Inspire +. This new resource is called #HealthyHappyActive and will enable our school to evidence our cross curricular opportunities we provide our children. This will include individual challenges, class challenges and whole school challenges. The challenges will be from six possible themes; Interests & Talents, Mental Well-Being, Physically Active, Achieving your Goals, Character Building and Thoughtfulness. We'll let you know what this means for you shortly.

Lego Donations

We need your help! If you have any Lego/ Duplo that your children have grown out of/ no longer use we would really appreciate a donation! We particularly need the Lego 'build sets' with the instructions of how to build specific models, but any Lego donations would be greatly appreciated. If you do have any donations, please can you give them to the school office. As always, we appreciate your support.



Reception Class Photographs

The First Class reception class supplement was due to run in the Grantham Journal in Nov/Dec. Unfortunately, this has now been postponed for a few weeks to January due to Covid-19. The publication date is now scheduled as January 22, 2021.

Christmas Cards

We would like to confirm that the children are allowed to bring Christmas Cards into school this year from Monday 30th November until Thursday 10th December. Christmas Cards should be taken to your child/ren's classroom so they can 'pop' them into their very own 'Bubble Post Box' in their class.

We ask that this year, cards are exchanged with children in their own class bubble. Please do not bring into school cards for anyone outside of their class bubble as these will not be able to be exchanged in school. The aim is to leave the cards from Thursday 10th December until the last day of term, when they will be handed out to the children to bring home for Christmas-after a period of quarantine.



Therefore no Christmas Cards will be accepted in school from Friday 11th December onwards. We hope you understand this protective measure and would be grateful if you explained this to your children. Thank you.

Reception Christmas Assembly



SShhhhh, I can hear something! Can you? Is it sleigh bells? Is it the movement of Santa's reindeer on the roof of Barrowby Church of England Primary School? No! But could it be, could it possibly be Mrs Selby's and Mrs Banfield's Reception children beginning to practise for their Reception show? Yes, yes it is! We know you will all be feeling slightly upset at the thought of missing out on your child's first Reception show but do not fear! We are here, we are practising and we are raring to go! The show will go on and we cannot wait to share it with you all. Watch this space next week for more details.


Promoting E-Safety: Be Internet Legends

On Thursday 26th November, our Key Stage 2 children took part in a Live Interactive Assembly created by Google and Parent Zone. Parent Zone and Google have teamed up for the 'Be Internet Legends' programme, aiming to make all Key Stage 2 pupils confident online explorers. The children joined the Internauts on an epic adventure into Interland, to protect it from the Internauties. Their journey explored how to dodge phishers, cyberbullies, and hackers along the way! By being 'Sharp, Alert, Secure, Kind and Brave' the children were able to save the Internauts and protect Interland from any threats. Parent Zone have launched 'The Legends Family Adventure' which is a three-part series following a family of Internauts on an epic journey. More details can be found at: <http://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk> The children can also dive back into Interland on their own adventure at: g.co/Interland






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	Billy Spinks	Mrs Webster	Casper Wynne
Mrs Selby	Isaac Warden	Mr Caton	Heidi Keenan
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Niamh Cummings	Miss Kirk	Jessica Holt
Miss Sugden	Oliver Shield-Kime	Miss Swatton	Lauren Jackson
		Miss Lees	Hermione Handley



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	Freddie Bowers Henry Leonard	Mrs Webster	Isla Shield-Kime
Mrs Selby	Harrison Wand	Mr Caton	Joshua Clayson
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Daisy Baxter	Miss Kirk	Liam Crane
Miss Sugden	Ellis Hawken	Miss Swatton	Freddie Coulson
		Miss Lees	Amber Birch



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:



<u>Biggest Increase In Numbers</u>	<u>Key Stage 2</u>
Reception and Key Stage 1: ST/JL Noah Holloway LS Emilija Bilazaraite	Y3 Casper Wynne Y4 Max Fletcher Y5 Gracie Taylor Y6 Noah Mason Y6 Jack Boyle



Well done everyone!
All certificates are emailed home to parents,
the same date as the newsletter goes home:
Friday at the end of the week.

<u>Weekly House Point Totals</u>		
ARMSTRONG 356	CHICHESTER 411	SCOTT 332

Inspire+ Christmas Advent Challenge

With Christmas fast approaching, and no festivals running at the moment, Inspire+ would like to challenge you to complete the 'Christmas Advent Challenge 2020.'

Their Sports Leaders have created videos for each day of December leading up to Christmas, all of which are Christmas related challenges for you to attempt!

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Healthy, Happy, Active Young People

On the next page of the newsletter is the Christmas tree Advent calendar, Once the children complete a challenge, mark the bauble with the relevant date with some colour!

Inspire + would love to see your attempts of the challenges so please send your videos in!

The videos will be uploaded to the inspire+ hub. More information to follow regarding where to send them.

Vacancies in School

Join our team

We are seeking to appoint a skilled, enthusiastic and flexible teaching assistant, who is hardworking and energetic, and who has high expectations of pupils and a good sense of humour and fun. This will be a temporary contract for the rest of this academic year.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in applying for this position then please see our school website for more information by clicking [HERE](#).

Reminders for Parents

- Reception children need to have their Christmas Assembly costumes in school by Tuesday 1st December.
- Year 1 and 2 children need to have their nativity costumes in school by Tuesday 8th December.
- Reception and Key Stage 1 children need their PE kit in school for Monday 14th January for Christmas Potted Sports
- Key Stage 2 children need their PE kit in school for Tuesday 15th January for Christmas Potted Sports
- If you wish your child to have a festive packed lunch on Wednesday 16th December from Ideal, this needs to be ordered by Monday 7th December.



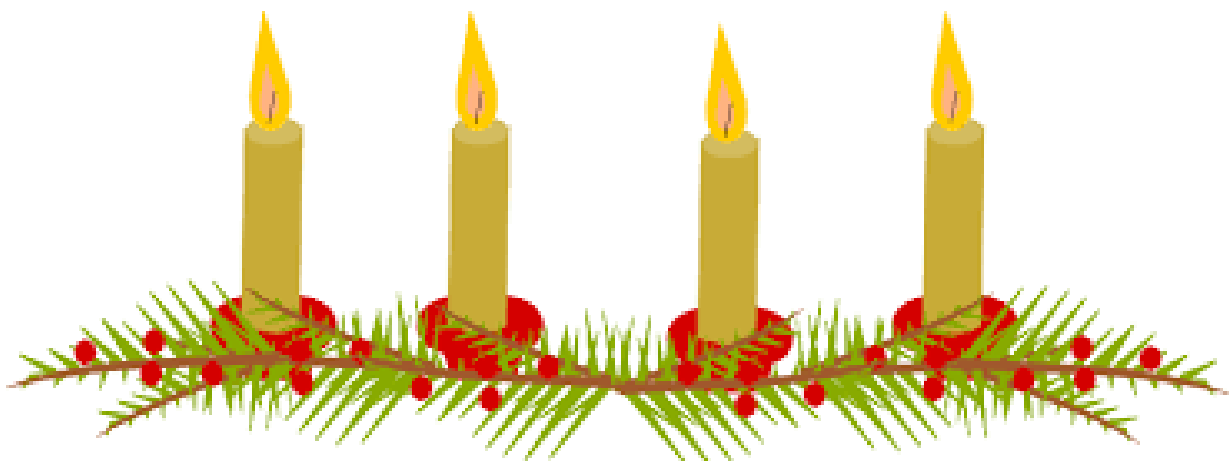
Christmas Raffle

Don't forget that raffle tickets are on sale through the school shop for the Christmas Raffle. We have a range of fabulous prizes – with the top prize of a Hotel Chocolat Velvetiser! To buy your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize:

- log in to ParentmailPMX;
- Click on **payments**
- Click on **Shop** at the bottom
- Then click on Book number required and **ADD TO BASKET**
- Repeat step above if you require further books
- When you have all of the books that you wish to purchase on this visit click **PAY NOW**



The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December and winners will be notified by ParentmaiPMX..



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