

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 16th November
Parent Workshop - Reception
Curriculum



Monday 16th November
Applications for Reception 2021
school places opens

Wednesday 2nd December
Walton Academy Virtual Choral
Speaking Festival



Tuesday 15th December
Christmas Potted Sports

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party Day



Wednesday 16th December
Virtual Pantomime- Cinderella



Thursday 17th December
Last day of Term

Governor Meetings

CS Meeting
Thursday 26th November
at 1.15 pm



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

Next meeting:

Friday 13th November at 1.45 pm

Please click [HERE](#) for Easy Fundraising
Link



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 13th November 2020

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22:39

Dear Parents/Carer

Well, what another very busy week we have all enjoyed at school. This week has seen our very first virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations. Thank you to all those of you that joined the teachers for the opportunity to catch up. This week, we have been very busy. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter.

Mr Len Batey

Headteacher-Barrowby CE Primary School

Events In School

Reception Parent Curriculum Information Presentation

Next week, we had scheduled our annual Reception Curriculum Information meeting for our Reception parents. This workshop was scheduled for Monday 16th November 2020. Unfortunately, due to the current guidance and social restrictions we will not be able to host a 'face to face' Reception Curriculum Information Meeting as we would normally do.



However, to support our parents a video presentation, narrated by Mrs Banfield and Mrs Selby has been uploaded to the school's website for parents to view at home. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation

During the video presentation, the reception curriculum will be discussed as well as the importance of the development of your children through 'play'. The teachers will talk to you about early phonics, reading, writing, and mathematical skills and how you can help your child in the development of these skills.

We hope that you find the video presentation provides a helpful, informative and reassuring journey around your child/ren's first year at our school, in Reception.



Football Challenge

The next 'Virtual' School Games competition has begun this week with children in Key Stage 2 completing different football based challenges. They've got another chance to beat their 'personal best' next week before the points get sent in to our 'School Games Organiser' Terry Plumb. Good luck Key Stage 2! We can't wait to hear the results.

National Arts Week

As you know, Barrowby CE Primary School is a proud holder of the Arts Mark award and as such our commitment to providing children with wonderful opportunities across dance, art, music and drama is very important to us.

This is particularly important to us in the current climate in ensuring the children's mental well-being is nurtured alongside their academic needs and achievements. This week has been National Arts Week and on Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed an 'enrichment day' focussed on developing Mosaics, linking to their topic.

In the morning, the children experimented with different designs and ideas for a mosaic tile and throughout the day were given the opportunity to use small square tile pieces to make their own Roman inspired Mosaic.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed the opportunity to evaluate their own and others work. Well done everyone, the Mosaic designs were great!



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Autumnal Baking

Our Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed learning new skills, last week, when they prepared their own Apple Crumble. They began their morning by visiting one of our school's apple trees and picking the apples.



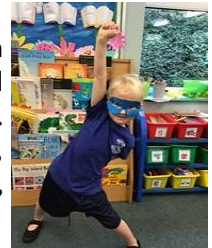
Then, back in the classroom, they prepped the apples for their individual apple crumbles using their newly practised claw grip. They also helped to weigh out the ingredients and combine them correctly to make the crumble topping. Yum, Yum! They couldn't wait to take them home and get them baked! Watch out Great British Bake Off, we've got your new contestants ready for next year. Yum, yum!

Inspire + Ambassador Assembly

Last week, we welcomed Olympic swimmer Lizzie Simmonds to Barrowby as the first of this year's Inspire+ Ambassador assemblies. The assembly was held virtually for the whole school. Lizzie shared with us her trials and triumphs and how her confidence has changed over the years. We were able to discuss what confidence looks like. Lizzie encouraged the children to be confident to help one another enabling their light to shine.



Lizzie also wanted the children to build their confidence further and challenged them to create their own 'Barrel of Confidence.' The children need to fill their barrel with 5 things they're proud of. We should keep our barrel somewhere where we can see it and we can think about these things if we're feeling low. We ended the assembly knowing that confidence gives us a feeling of positivity, helps us to stand tall, with our shoulders back and heads up – in fact we look like and feel like superheroes! Go on, stand up, hands on your hips and look to the sky; you'll feel fantastic!



Barrowby Parish Council Sing-A-Long Sheet Design Competition

Barrowby Parish Council would like to invite the children of Barrowby CE Primary School to take part in a 'Barrowby Christmas Sing-A-Long Song Sheet Design Competition.'



Building on the theme of "clapping for the NHS", and bearing in mind the social distancing and group gathering restrictions we are all currently facing, Barrowby Parish Council are putting together this event for the village to celebrate the festive season in the safest way possible.

The sing-a-long will take place on **Thursday 17th December at 6.00pm**, where everyone joins together in song at the same time to sing "We wish you a Merry Christmas" to wish all our friends, families, neighbours and of course our wonderful essential workers a "Very Merry Christmas".

The design entries will be placed into two age categories-

0-6 Years

6-11 Years

The overall winning design will be printed on the front cover of the song sheets distributed with the December edition of Barrowby News.

The winning entry from each age group will also receive a framed copy of their winning design.

All entries should be submitted to the dedicated post box at the school reception foyer by **Monday 16th November**, please do not include glue, glitter or craft items, the design requires to be completely flat.

Please add your child's name, age and a contact number to the back of your entry.

Good Luck!



Virtual Parents Meeting for Prospective Parents

Unfortunately, due to the social restrictions in place we will not be able to host individual 'face to face' meetings and tours for parents of children looking to start school in September 2021, as we would usually do. This year, we will be using Microsoft TEAMS to host 'Virtual Meetings' for prospective parents with a 30 minute meeting with our Headteacher, Mr Batey.



Each meeting will be on a 'one to one' basis. During the meeting they will explore:

- School Successes;
- Background Information about School Organisation e.g. class sizes, adult deployment;
- Admissions Policy for Barrowby CE Primary School;
- Application Timescales;
- Appeals Process;
- Question Time – provide an opportunity for you to discuss/ask pertinent questions regarding your child starting at Barrowby, in September 2021.

In addition, we have also prepared a 'Virtual Tour' of our school, which we hope parents will find useful. Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to view the School Tour.

The virtual parent meetings take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings up until 15th December. If you know of anyone who wishes to join our school family please encourage them to book a 'time slot' for a Virtual Open Day appointment by contacting the school office on 01476 566121.

Primary School Admissions for September 2021

From 16th November 2020, you can apply for a Reception 2021 school place for your child. The vast majority of parents or carers are using the online application system, which can be found via Lincolnshire County Council website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



The closing date for applications is 15 January 2021. If you require support with your online application or want to make a telephone application please call the Education Team on 01522 782030. You can also contact Mrs Midgley at the school office who will be happy to assist or answer any questions regarding this.

Christmas Hamper Request

It is almost that time of year again, when Christmas is approaching. This year our dedicated FOBs committee are busy preparing luxury hampers as prizes in this year's Christmas Raffle.



The FOBs committee would be very grateful if you were able to support this fundraiser by donating an item to make up one of the hampers.

Suggested items include: seasonal food items, chocolates, biscuits, confectionary, bottles, gifts etc. These items are only a guide and we are extremely grateful for any item you can donate. If you would like to make a donation please could we ask you to bring this to the school reception foyer, at your earliest convenience.

This year, the raffle will be organised remotely and tickets will be available very soon via ParentmailPMX. We are delighted to announce that this year, the first prize is a Hotel Chocolat Velvetiser worth £100. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it. Watch this space.

Staff Update

On Thursday 12th November, Mrs Selby visited the school again and the class of Reception/Year 1 children that she will be returning to work with, on Monday 16th November after her maternity leave.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Eggleston for all her work with us, over the last year, as she covered Mrs Selby's maternity leave. Mrs Eggleston will continue to work with us, over the coming weeks up until Christmas-spending time with Mrs Selby and the class of Reception/Year 1 children as well as supporting other year groups across the school.

**STAFF
UPDATE**

Year 3 PE Lessons

This term, our Year 3 children are enjoying Dance in their PE lessons but this week they went back in time! In commemoration of Remembrance day, our Year 3 children 'journeyed' back to the 1940's and learnt a short routine inspired by the dance moves and crazes of the time. By the end of the lesson the children had mastered three short patterns and were really beginning to add their own personality to the steps! What a great way to step back in time and remember!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance

On Wednesday 11th November, our whole school family stopped and came together 'virtually' for the 2 minutes silence where we remembered all those that have served and protected us, as well as paying particular tribute to those who continue to serve and protect us within the armed forces. A special Barrowby thank you to all those NHS staff who continue to serve and protect us against an 'invisible enemy' at this time.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November we held our first Parent/Teacher consultations for this academic year. Due to current restrictions these were conducted virtually using a new platform called School Cloud. Most parents have now had a meeting with their child's class teacher either via video or telephone.



If you have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher then please call the school office on 01476 566121 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Fundraising-Grantham Foodbank Delivery



On Friday 13th November, our new Fundraising Committee took centre stage as they helped to pack and load the Grantham Foodbank donations into the car for delivery to the Foodbank. Thank you to all those who kindly donated food to this very worthwhile local charity.

At this very difficult time it is so important for us all to help where we can. Thank you. Next week, we'll update you all with our non-uniform day for Children In Need. Watch this space.

Barrowby Church

An advent inspired community project-read more to find out how you can get involved....

All Saints' Church Barrowby

**Let the Light Shine
this Advent**

**Throughout December we want to
light up our village and beyond.**

Please join us by **lighting up a window** each night –
starting on any night in December.


Your window can be as simple or elaborate as you like as long as it sends a positive message and is family friendly. If you don't live in Barrowby village you can still join in and spread the light still further. Check our Facebook page for more details.

**In these dark times, let's send a message
of hope and love to our community.**




'The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'

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	Sophia Wright	Mrs Webster	Ellie-Rose Finn
Mrs Eggleston	Harrison Wand	Mr Caton	Alexa Gibson
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Jake Thomas	Miss Kirk	Harriet Bailey
Miss Sugden	Edward Clark	Miss Swatton	Leo Carter-Smith
		Miss Lees	Isla Gray



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	Imola Harris Harvey Adams	Mrs Webster	Barnaby Buckley
Mrs Eggleston	Isaac Warden	Mr Caton	Imogen Tyler-Joyce
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Isabel Simons	Miss Kirk	Martyn Blackwell
Miss Sugden	Edward Freestone	Miss Swatton	Lola Lord
		Miss Lees	Ava Milham Bradley Lupton



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 Freya Sharpe 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 276	CHICHESTER 263	SCOTT 279