

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 22nd October
Last Day Of Term



Friday 6th November
Flu Vaccinations



Wednesday 11th November
School Photographs



Wednesday 11th November
Parent Consultations - Virtual



Thursday 12th November
Parent Consultations - Virtual



Monday 16th November
Parent Workshop - Reception Curriculum



Governor Meetings

Monday 9th November
FRP Meeting
Tuesday 10th November
FGB



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

Next meeting:

AGM - Friday 9th October at 1.45 pm
Please click [HERE](#) for Easy Fundraising Link



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 9th October 2020

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Colossians 3:23

Dear Parents/Carer

Well, here we are again, approaching the end of another very busy week. It's been a strange week, with one thing and another. Despite COVID and our first bubble closure the school continues to do well with children working hard, at school and at home. I've also enjoyed meeting with prospective parents via TEAMS and holding our first 'Virtual Meetings.' 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

This week we have received another positive message from one of our parents:

I just wanted to say thank you to all of you working at school during this awful time. Your all doing such a great job and its clear your putting the needs of all the children first.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and understanding at this very difficult time.

Bulb Planting

On Monday 5th 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 'Springtime Meadow' should be in full bloom. We look forward to seeing the bulbs, grow, bud and bloom-just like our Reception children.



Harvest Festival



On Friday 9th October, we celebrated Harvest by sharing our very first 'Virtual Harvest Festival' together via Teams during our Collective Worship. Each year group contributed to the thanksgiving. R/Y1 shared a Harvest parade video and Year 1 and 2 sang a beautiful song- Picture of Autumn.

Our Year 3 children entertained us with another song giving thanks for the harvest, while our Year 5 children read the opening and closing prayers of thanks to the farmers and God. Our Year 4 children composed some thoughtful Harvest poems, while Miss Swatton and Miss Lees offered some thoughtful reflections on behalf of our Year 6 children. Thank you for the generous donations of food for the Grantham Food Bank too. At this time of adversity it is wonderful to see us all 'pull together' to support others. You can still bring food donations in for the Foodbank until Friday 16th October. Thank you.

WASH



HANDS

COVER



FACE

MAKE



SPACE

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 Rory Clayton	Mrs Webster Joshua Kim
Mrs Eggleston Harrison Slater	Mr Caton Jack Banos
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge Grace Banos	Miss Kirk Alex Wright
Miss Sugden Elsa Gibson	Miss Swatton
	Miss Lees



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 Billy Spinks	Mrs Webster Eloise Harwood
Mrs Eggleston Lola-Mae	Mr Caton Ella Sale
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge Ronnie Stimpson	Miss Kirk Florence Lakeland
Miss Sugden Clio Braybrook	Miss Swatton
	Miss Lees



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:



Biggest Increase In Numbers	Key Stage 2
Reception and Key Stage 1: ST/JL Jonah Elston LS Mia Shuttleworth	Y3 Fiona-Rose Moore-Holloway Y4 Fraya Shrpe Y5 Gracie Taylor Y6 Mia Howe Y6 Serenity-Louise Vaughan



Home School Learning

We would like to acknowledge children's effort and attitude at school by individual pupils by awarding our 'Home School Learning' This week the certificates go to:



Y6 - Thomas Darby
Y6 - Toby Woolerton

All certificates are now emailed home to parents,
the same date as the newsletter goes home:
Friday the end of the week.

Reception

Reception Class Photograph

On Wednesday 7th October, our Reception children enjoyed their first class 2020 photograph being taken. We have contacted the Grantham Journal and understand that these pictures will be used at some point in November. You may wish to 'watch out for it.' Watch this space.

FOBs AGM Information

On Friday 9th October, we held our first 'Virtual FOBs AGM Meeting' for those interested parents. It was lovely to have over 20 parents join us through TEAMS to review last year's fundraising efforts, as well as nominate this year's committee. We would like to thank all members of FOBs for their ongoing dedication and enthusiasm for the school. To learn more about FOBs please [CLICK HERE](#).

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 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. If you would like to book a Virtual Open Day appointment, please contact the school office: enquiries@barrowby.lincs.sch.uk.

SEND Meetings

On Thursday **5th November 2020** we are holding our SEND Review meetings. This is an important opportunity for parents and teachers to review the SEND Support Plans for individual children or to discuss the SEND needs of those children who do not have a plan.



Unfortunately, due to the social restrictions in place we will not be able to host individual 'face to face' SEND Review meetings, as we would usually do and so will be holding these meetings virtually through Microsoft Teams.

On **Wednesday 7th October at 4.00 pm** bookings went live for these appointments on ParentmailPMX for those parents that needed it. Once all slots have been booked further information will go to those parents providing the link needed to access the 'Virtual Meeting.'

Booktrust - Reception Children

On Friday 9th October, our Reception children will be bringing home their Booktrust pack containing a free copy of 'The Runaway Pea'. Booktrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity, dedicated to getting children reading. Reading together for just ten minutes a day improves children's imagination, language, emotional well-being and curiosity.

We hope you enjoy your new copy of The Runaway Pea - a hilarious story that follows a pea's escape from the dinner plate! Happy reading!



Staff Update

We very much look forward to welcoming back Mrs Selby, who will be returning to school to teach one of our Reception/Year 1 class on Monday 16th November, after finishing her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Eggleston for all the hard work and dedication she has shown for our school this year. Mrs Eggleston will remain in class, alongside Mrs Selby until Christmas, providing continuity for the children and their parents at this time.

Active Primary School Of The Year Award

Exciting news! We are incredibly proud to let you all know that we have been shortlisted for the **Active School Award** at the Lincolnshire Sport and Physical Activity Awards 2020. The panel met virtually and were very impressed with our dedication to the Lincolnshire community during this very difficult time.



As you all know, physical activity and sport have a high priority at our school and we have worked especially hard to ensure our children have had opportunities to take part in fun sport related activities at home, during lockdown, as well as enter into county sport competitions.

Since coming back to school we have continued to teach with active lessons that are safe and fun. Mrs Banfield, the school P.E lead, has not only been inspiring our school community by working with our children's Sports Committee but has also been collaborating with the sports charity Inspire + to devise a new online resource for local schools.

The resource, #HealthyHappyActive, will be used to inspire schools to ensure PE and sport is embedded both inside and outside the curriculum. If successful, this resource could then be rolled out to school's nationally. We hope you wish us luck and think about us during this year's award ceremony which will be held virtually on Thursday 12th November. Good Luck Barrowby!

Positive Role Models

We would like to give a huge congratulations to Mr Caton who 'took on' the Virtual London Marathon, last weekend. What an amazing achievement! Through Mr Caton's charity place in the marathon he will have the chance to experience the London Marathon in either 2021 or 2022 to gain the full atmosphere of the event! If you would like to donate towards Mr Caton's chosen charity, you can via the link; <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SamCaton>



Weekly House Point Totals

ARMSTRONG
217

CHICHESTER
193

SCOTT
244

Absence from School

If your child can not attend school due to illness please remember to notify the school office by contacting them either by telephone: 01476 566121 or email: enquiries@barrowby.lincs.sch.uk. Children do not need to be kept at home if they have a runny nose, or a slight cold. Naturally, children will continue to have other illnesses not connected with the Coronavirus at all and if they are able to, they should attend school.

Please remember if you need to request an absence for your child/ren please complete an Absence Request Form which [can be found here](#).

What To Do If your Child Is Ill Or Has Symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus -

- A new persistent dry cough-must be over 24 hours, typically 8-10 times an hour;
- A high temperature of 37.8C or above
- Loss of taste or smell



You should keep them off school and get them tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you inform the school of the absence and the outcome of the test. The school staff are on hand to advise and support parents if this happens.

What should you do?

- Keep your child off school/
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.
- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms.

It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe. Thank you for your continued support.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: **0800 046 8687** Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm-Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm