

DIARY DATES

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Thursday 10th March

SEND Review Meetings



Friday 11th February

Last day of term

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 21st February

Return to school



Wednesday 2nd March

Parent Consultations



Thursday 3rd March

Parent Consultations



Friday 4th March

Large Schools' Swimming Gala



Governor Meetings

Thursday 10th February

FRP Meeting



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Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carer's

Well what a week we have all enjoyed at Barrowby CE primary School.

To be honest, I am just thankful that we have made it through the week. This week has been very challenging with the level of staff that have not been able to come to work because they are isolating at home due to COVID, as well as having a number of children isolating.

The staff that have remained at school continue to do an amazing job, filling in and covering where is needed so that our school can remain open. Thank you. Unfortunately, these pressures look set to continue into next week and beyond. I hope we don't have to close elements of our provision.

Of course, if this was decided we would communicate to our parents the decisions in a timely manner. As I am sure you will appreciate many of the staffing challenges you can't plan for and unfortunately without enough adults in school fulfilling functions such as cleaning, supervision at Breakfast/After-School Club, lunchtime and teaching in lessons it becomes hard.

We're not at this stage yet because staff have adapted and been willing to do more whether that be work from home, teach from home (when they were well enough to do so) or do a different job while they are here. It's the old phrase, 'make do and mend.'

We're all in this together but it's hard. Hard on all of us.

I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life despite the pressures of a global pandemic.

Mr L Batey – Headteacher

Events

Paralympic House Tournament

A huge well done and thank you goes to Mrs Banfield and the Sports Committee this week. They have been busy organising a super fun Intra school event. They decided to theme it on the Paralympic values of Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. The whole school took part, a class at a time, and the children earned points for their houses.



Here is a description of the activities.

1. **Boccia.** Seated bowls - try and roll the ball as close as you can to the jack. The closest team in each class wins!
2. **Gutterball.** There's a ball in a piece of guttering can you get the ball from one side of the playground to the other by only touching the guttering? One more rule, if you're touching the guttering your feet can't move! The quickest team in each class wins!
3. **Blindfold Adventure Route!** How fast can your house leader guide their blindfolded team around the Adventure Playground? The fastest team in each class wins!



Here are the results:

Third Place:
Armstrong with 420 points

Second Place:
Chichester with 480 points

First Place: Scott with 530 points.

Well done everyone! You truly showed all the Paralympic Values in each event.



To finish the Paralympic event day, Mrs Banfield had asked each class to choreograph their own dance to 'Symphony' the song used by Rose and Giovanni on Strictly Come Dancing. The dance celebrated the dance community and we wanted to do the same. The Sports Committee had filmed the chorus choreography for everyone to learn.



Mr Banfield kindly edited the song so it would go very quiet towards the end just like Rose and Giovanni's version. The whole school congregated on the playground and performed their own dances which came together in unison on every chorus. It was absolutely beautiful to watch and be a part of. The dance was recorded and we hope to be able to share this with you soon.

Thank you, again, to our wonderful Sports Committee who have worked hard to create another fun and competitive event with an inspirational ending that will be remembered for years to come.



School Developments

The installation continues, this week the contractors have continued to lay more rope matting around play areas, and have begun to construct the steps down to the outdoor classroom. The new fencing is installed separates off the new Forest area from the wider playing field, with gated access as required.



Next week the steps should be complete, and the area ready to use! Watch this space!



Bisi Badminton

On Wednesday 2nd February, a selection of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the annual Bisi Badminton Festival hosted at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School.

The children started the festival with some energetic warmups led by the inspire+ sports leaders.

7 stations were set up for the children to take part in games focused on communication, teamwork and co-ordination. All children showed fantastic improvements in their badminton skills and finished off their festival with a game of 'Round Robin'. Well done everyone!

During the festival the children played with enthusiasm and a generosity of spirit, inviting other children to join their team.

Yesterday, we have received a positive email into school from a parent of a child attending Bisi Badminton from another school.

To the lovely Barrowby children who attended the Badminton Festival at KGGGS yesterday,

(Child's name) mummy wanted to express how kind and considerate you all were letting (child's name) join in your group. They were very supportive and reassuring, and most of all welcoming.

You did brilliantly, she had so much fun and luckily for her she can go back next year.

Many thanks to all of you, we wish you all the very best for the future.

Parent Reminders

School Transport



If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2022 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.
Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

SEND Review Meetings



Our SEND Review meetings will take place on Thursday 10th March 2022. This year all appointments will be held 'virtually.' To support this, the school has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system, through School Cloud.

This allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's class teachers. Appointment bookings are now open and will close on Wednesday 9th February 2022. If you require assistance with booking your appointment, please contact the school office on 01476 566121.

School Uniform

Please be reminded, jewellery is not permitted in school. Earrings are not permitted, and children will be requested to remove them if they wear them to school. Pupils are responsible for the security of their own possessions e.g. watches.



Outdoor PE for Key Stage 2



We are in the midst of the colder weather now and many children in KS2 are still coming to school without appropriate clothing or suitable PE kit for outdoor PE, this needs to consist of a navy track suit or navy hooded top and plain navy tracksuit bottoms, with a pair of suitable trainers (preferably black).

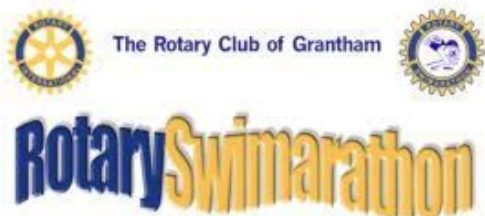
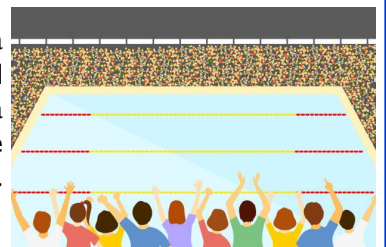
Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all events inside and outside the classroom. Also, PE days cannot always be held on the same consistent days so please ensure that PE kits are in school every day so that lesson times can be adapted across the week. Thank you for your continued support.

Swimarathon

As you know, on Saturday 5th February, Barrowby CE Primary School will be entering teams into this year's Swimarathon. Organiser of the annual event, the Rotary Club of Grantham, is delighted that the 2022 event, to be held from February 4 to 6 at The Meres leisure centre, is back to its normal status after a smaller event was hosted in 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

Our children, past pupils and adults will swim in teams, with each person swimming a length at a time as a continuous relay. It is hoped that in an hour each team should complete as many lengths as they can. We would very much welcome your support as a spectator to support and cheer on our teams, please do join us if you can, we would love to see you there! We hope to raise lots of funds for this very worthwhile charity event.

Thank you for all your support for this fun and exciting event.



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:



Reception and Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Mrs Banfield	Frankie Savona	Mr Caton	Isla-Mae Kirk
Mrs Selby	Austin Leman Beau Leman	Mrs Ward	Casper Wynne
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Arthur Baker	Miss Kirk	Alexa Gibson
Miss Sugden	Phoebe Gray	Miss Lees	Jessica Holt



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:



Reception and Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Mrs Banfield	Christina Morris George Debenham	Mr Caton	Rahul Singh
Mrs Selby	Henry Bowers	Mrs Ward	Amelie Baker
Mrs Tinkley, Mr Liversidge		Miss Kirk	All of Year 5 Children
Miss Sugden	George Allwood	Miss Lees	Jessica Howitt



Lunchtime Commendation

This week we would like to recognise:



Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Imola Harris Louie Pattison Eva Petrou Thomas Knott	Mia-Grace Harper Hannah Exley



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 Biggest Increase in correct numbers in their class.

The **Rock Legends** are: Key Stage 1: Poppy Mason and Key Stage 2: Ted Moore All certificates were awarded today.

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