

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 13th January

Roots to Food Workshop - Y2 & Y3



Active Education in Health & Wellbeing

Friday 14th January

FOBs Meeting



Tuesday 18th January

KS2 New Year Disco



Wednesday 19th January

Coffee & Catch Up Session



Tuesday 1st February

House Tournament - Paralympic Challenge



Governor Meetings

CS Committee Meeting
31st January 2022



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Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 7th January 2022

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:10

Dear Parents/Carer's

Happy new year, one and all. I hope you were able to spend time with your family and friends over the Christmas period.

As we can see from the news the Government have refrained from introducing further lockdown measures in England despite the rising cases of COVID. Saying that, we are being told that this particular new variant has milder symptoms if contracted particularly if you are younger or have had your vaccinations.

These are definitely strange times. Before we returned to school our COVID Risk Assessments were updated and posted on our school's website. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

I am pleased to say that we have modified our COVID related measures in school. This means that from next week, our children will be allowed to use the corridors to move around the school more freely. This will have a positive impact on playtimes and lunchtimes and enable children to leave their classrooms, go their cloakrooms and then out onto the playground. Hand sanitisers, where needed, have been moved to accommodate this change.

In addition, when our Key Stage 2 children come to school in a morning, they will now be allowed to enter the school via the corridors rather than using their class fire exits.

There are no changes to drop-off or collection guidance for parents. Please continue to as previous, using separate entrances and exits.

Please can I remind parents not to leave your child/ren unsupervised in the morning. We have a growing number of Key Stage 2 children that are being left unsupervised before the gate opens at 8.45am. Please ensure that you stay with your child, lining up in a sensible fashion down the pedestrian path, until a member of staff comes onto duty. Thank you.

Yesterday, we were informed the confirmatory PCR tests are to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results.

This means that confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Of course, this is a change to the current Government guidance but has been introduced, I suspect to alleviate the burden on test centres as well as shorten the isolation time.

Therefore from Tuesday 11th January, if you test positive on a LFD test you don't need to get a PCR test. Your isolation would start immediately. For those members of your household that are 5 years or older they would need to test themselves using a LFD test for 7 days. As long as those results are negative then you can continue to go about your day as normal. If you tested positive you would isolate. Isolation periods have also been reduced to 7 days, with you now being allowed to take a LFD test on days 6 and 7 of your isolation. If those two results are negative you can stop isolating.

In each example, you would contact the school, where Mrs Holmes or Miss Perkins will be on-hand to advise you. I hope this helps to clarify the position at the moment. We're not out of the woods, but I am hopeful that if we continue to be careful we will be able to enjoy an uninterrupted term. I hope you enjoy reading this week's Newsletter.

Mr L Batey— Headteacher

Fitness Mentoring

On Wednesday 5th January, 6 lucky Year 5 and 6 children began an exciting opportunity to train with Olympian Sophie Devenish (formally Sophie Allen). It is a 6 week programme that will enable the children to improve their fitness levels, gain confidence to work with other's and build their self-esteem. All important, transferable skills, that they be able to continue to work on both in and outside of the classroom. We hope that they will use these skills later in the year when they act as Club Leaders for our younger children.



Year 6 E-Safety Workshop

On Thursday 6th January, our Year 6 children were treated to an 'in person' workshop all about E-Safety! The children learnt about how to stay safe online, and how to enjoy the many benefits of the internet safely. The workshop lead Emma was fabulous at getting the children involved and said that our Year 6 children were a delight to teach. A big thank you to Emma. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read this month's E-Safety Newsletter.

Parent Reminders

Roots to Food

On Thursday 13th January 2022, we are extremely excited to be welcoming Darren Tinkler of Roots to Food back into school. Darren Tinkler is the founder of Roots to Food, he is a fully qualified and experienced Chef who has decades of experience in education, hospitality and nutritional management.



During the day, each class of children will visit the hall and enter our 'pop-up kitchen.' They will have the opportunity to participate in preparing and cooking 'Chicken Bhuna Masala' as well as learn a little bit more about the principles of food safety and hygiene and develop further their understanding of diet and healthy eating, from a qualified and experienced chef. We are delighted to confirm that the school is subsidising this experience.



Parent Workshop - PGL Presentation

There will be a short information meeting about the proposed Residential Visit to PGL Caythorpe, on **Thursday 13th January, from 5.00pm-6.00pm** in school, for the parents of our current Year 3 children. Children are also welcome to attend.

FOBs Meeting

Our next FOBs meeting will take place on Friday 14th January in school. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.



Coffee and Catch up

We are holding a coffee and catch up afternoon on Wednesday 19th January. It is open to our whole school family, just as a chance to meet other parents, make some new friends and chase away those winter blues! Coffee and cake will be available, FREE OF CHARGE alongside Miss Lees and Mrs Kay. Please use the Breakfast and After-School Club entrance. We hope to see you there!

Wrap Around Care Bookings

Just a gentle reminder, bookings for Breakfast and After School Club close on the Wednesday morning at 10.00am for the following weeks' bookings.

Should you need to cancel a booking, please ensure notification is made to the school office by 10.00am on the Wednesday of the week prior to the bookings you are cancelling, these will then be refunded.



Entry to KGGS

The 11+ Registration Form and all relevant information regarding the registration process, including the Parental Information Leaflet, can be accessed via the school's website at www.kggs.org under *Information – Admissions – Into year 7*. Please see the Parental Information Leaflet: [Parental Information Leaflet - 2023 Entry](#) for further information about the 11+ selection process for KGGS. The Year 5 Information Evening will take place on 12th July 6.00pm – 8.00pm.



Staffing Update

I hope you will join us as we welcome Mrs Joanna Campbell to our school family. Mrs Campbell joined the team at the start of the term as our new School Business Administrator. We are all looking forward to working with Mrs Campbell and getting to know her.

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	Joseph Freestone	Mr Caton	Sahana Sutagatti
Mrs Selby	Tristan Lovell	Mrs Ward	Eloise Harwood
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Phoebe Taylor	Miss Kirk	Ella Sale
Miss Sugden	Leah Houghton	Miss Lees	Joseph Clark



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	Henry Leonard Damian Sibinski	Mr Caton	Jacob Wright
Mrs Selby	Anna Pcolova	Mrs Ward	Oliver Edwards
Mrs Tinkley, Mr Liversidge		Miss Kirk	Heidi Keenan
Miss Sugden		Miss Lees	Samuel Clayton



Lunchtime Commendation

This week we would like to recognise:



Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Violet Wilson Zephany Allen	Isabel Simons



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
Key Stage 2: Zach Lucas All certificates were awarded today at the Christmas Service.

Weekly House Point Totals		
ARMSTRONG 131	CHICHESTER 202	SCOTT 146

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Venue:

Gonerby Hill Foot School – NG31 8HQ

Belmont Primary School – NG31 9LR

Monday 14th Feb – Friday 18th Feb

Camp Dates/Details:

Price: From £16

Age: 5-11 years old

Time: From 8:30am till 4:30pm. *Early pick up can be arranged on the day.*

Please make sure that your child has a drink, packed lunch and snacks for the day as well as wearing suitable clothing.

Prices start from £16 per child. For more information please contact us on

Sacha.castell-smith@inspireplus.org.uk

Book before the 3rd February to gain the early-bird booking price of £16 per day. After this the price will increase to £22 per day!



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“I just wanted to thank you for providing such a great holiday club. The set up and staff have again been wonderful. Our son has thoroughly enjoyed his time with you and always wanted to come back!”

Testimonial