

DIARY DATES

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Friday 17th December

Last day of term



Tuesday 4th January

Return To School



Thursday 13th January

Roots to Food Workshop - Y2 & Y3



Tuesday 18th January

FOBs KS2 Disco TBC



Thursday 20th January

Large School Swimming Gala



Governor Meetings

CS Committee Meeting
31st January 2022



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Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 17th December 2021

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Dear Parents/Carer's

Yeah, we have done it-we've all made it through to the last day of term. In a couple of hours we will all be able to spend our Christmas time with those we hold dearest.

It's been a challenging term managing all aspects of our new 'normal.' That's a funny word isn't it-'normal.' But as we move through the days, weeks and months we find ourselves having to do things in a different way. While this can prove worrying for some it is only with a 'can do' attitude that we can come together and overcome adversity.

Despite COVID Clusters, members of our school family isolating at home, deciding whether to go ahead with planned school events and trying to run the school in the middle of a global pandemic we continue to 'strive for excellence.'

This week we received notification of our School Games award. Terry Plumb the School Games Organiser writes:

Many congratulations to Barrowby C of E Primary School on achieving the criteria to attain the School Games Framework 2020/21 award. I am very pleased to confirm that you have fulfilled the criteria to receive this award in this most difficult of years. It is just reward for all of your outstanding hard work this year in supporting the School Games Organiser initiatives.
Have a great Christmas!

That's our 'normal.' No matter what we may face as a school we pull together and in doing so overcome it.

Today the children, staff and Governors congregated in Barrowby All Saints Church for our Annual Christmas Service. It was lovely that we could be together in the Church this year. The service was led by Kate Waghorn who did a brilliant job as always. Thank you.

In addition we all enjoyed performances by Thomas Liu-Child as he performed a Christmas violin solo as well as from our Year 5 and 6 children. The children surrounded the congregation in a large circle and sung a beautiful song called 'The Lights will lead me home.' The words rang through the church and the sentiment was overwhelming. I must admit it brought a tear to my eye-it was such a magical moment.

After the service Mrs Waghorn commented:

It was wonderful to be able to share in the school Christmas Service this morning. As always, the children were a delight to be with, and generous in sharing their gifts as we looked forward to Christmas Day.



Thank you also for decorating your trees by the Lych Gate so beautifully, including the children's own thoughts and hopes for the future. Whatever the next few months bring us, I know everyone in our school will continue to rise to the challenge and do their very best to support each other. I hope you all have a very joyful, peaceful - and healthy - Christmas
Thank you to each of you for this term.

Merry Christmas and no matter what you do, stay safe this holiday time. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mr L Batey - Headteacher

Children In Need Update

On Friday 19th November, we enjoyed Children in Need day in school. The Fundraising Committee asked the children to come to school in non-uniform to support this worthwhile cause.

The fundraising committee also ran the following competitions:

- KS1 Design a Bandana; and a
- KS2 Colouring Pudsey Competition

Once again we thank parents for their support and give special thanks to the fundraising committee for the time that they have spent arranging the competitions.



Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 1st December, we held our Bi-annual Christmas Fair and the first of our many Christmas events in school. It was lovely to see so many people attend!



We all enjoyed a fantastic array of stalls, the children worked incredibly hard making their gifts to sell. This year the Fair was held outside, it was a magical evening with an array of fairy lights. This event was to help raise funds for this year's Year 6 Legacy Gift. We are delighted to announce we raised an incredible £815.84! A raffle was also provided on the night by the members of FoBS, and a fantastic total of £132 was raised! Taking our grand total to £947.84!! Wow!!

As always, thank you so much for your generosity, kindness and support, it is always greatly appreciated.



We received the following comment from a parent -

'Thank you so much for going to such an effort to make sure that the Christmas Fair went ahead.

It was so much fun to be able to come to school and enjoy an event with you all again. We were thrilled to be able to come and choose the items that they'd made. It made me realise just how much these things have been missed over the last year or more.

Hope you have all warmed up and enjoyed a relaxed evening.'

Santa Dash

Sing to the tune of 'Let it Snow'...

Oh the weather outside was raining but the snow, inside, was falling. All the children had to do was collect the snow, collect the snow, collect the snow! The children gathered in their house teams, the win was in their dreams so as the timer shouted; 'let's go', they grabbed the snow, grabbed the snow, grabbed the snow! When the timer had finally ran out, the Sports Committee had to announce, which was the winning team, will it be the dream, be the dream, be the dream?



In Third place with 96 points: Scott. In Second place with 102 points: Chichester And in First place with 117 points: Armstrong Congratulations! A massive thank you to the Sports Committee for leading their first competitive, sporting event, you created a superb one! Everyone loved it! Well done!



Flu Vaccination Top up

On Monday 13th December, the school nurse team visited school to provide the flu Vaccination mop up session. If your child has not received their Flu Vaccination due to absence or other circumstances, please contact the school nurse team on 01522 572950.

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	Zephany Allen Olivia-Rose Holloway	Mr Caton	Noah Holloway
Mrs Selby	Eva Petrou Joseph Holloway	Mrs Ward	Leo Chapman Fiona-Rose Moore- Holloway
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Ralph Milne Jessica Cardoso	Miss Kirk	Abigail Hayton Joshua Clayson
Miss Sugden		Miss Lees	Isabelle Peasgood



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	Austin Reed-Hardy	Mr Caton	Abigail Sacker
Mrs Selby	Taylor Foster	Mrs Ward	Arman Khan
Mrs Tinkley, Mr Liversidge	Rory Clayton Samuel Lait	Miss Kirk	Daniel Hunt Fraya Sharpe
Miss Sugden	Freddie Quayle Harrison Slater	Miss Lees	Mia-Grace Harper Kaleb Watson



Lunchtime Commendation

This week we would like to recognise:



Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Ayan Menon Joseph Holloway Eliza Gimbert All of Reception/Y1	Louis Wright Jack Seth-Smith Elizabeth Leresche-Hands Harriet Bailey



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 244	CHICHESTER 286	SCOTT 191

52 Lives - School Of Kindness Workshop

On Tuesday 14th December, the whole school took part in a Kindness workshop through the '52 ways to kindness' charity.

The workshop was a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect and be thankful for all that we had. We heard about a brave young girl called Molly who is shortly celebrating her 13th birthday and needed some kindness sending her way.

Each class created something for Molly that we will be sending. Some created some lovely cards, posters and messages of love, kindness and strength. We then came together at the end to look at all the brilliant work. What a wonderful opportunity for us all to enjoy.

There is nothing more powerful than a random act of kindness.
What could you do over the Christmas holidays?

Christmas Party Day

What a fantastic day we enjoyed on Wednesday 16th December, at our Annual Christmas Party!

All children across the school dressed in their festive attire for a day of joy and festivities. Children participated in a range of party games in the hall such as pass the parcel, dance competitions and musical statues and there was a range of prizes to be won!



Our Key Stage 1 children had some very special visitors... Santa's elves! With Santa's busy schedule, he left the children a lovely message and gave all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 a lovely gift, assisted by his elves. If you would like to watch the very special message from Santa Clause as he visited Barrowby School please [CLICK HERE](#).

The elves had been very busy preparing all the gifts themselves, with a little help from the chief elves Mrs Ward and Miss Lees! After all the excitement, the pupils and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner complete with Christmas crackers and Brussel sprouts!

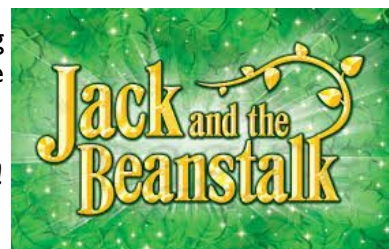
After lunch, the children continued their party with dancing, music and arts and crafts. What a splendid day to round off our wonderful Autumn Term!

Christmas Pantomime

On Thursday 16th December, the whole school were visited by some very exciting characters. We were lucky enough to be treated to a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk by M&M Productions.

The children thoroughly enjoyed helping Jack to steal the magic hen and beat the giant! They enjoyed lots of laughs and jokes along the way and even learned a new song!

The children enjoyed a very memorable afternoon and it was a lovely way to end the term ahead of the Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas everyone!



Booktrust

Today, Friday 17th December, our Reception children will bring home a free copy of 'I Am a Tiger'. "I am a tiger," declares the main character of this story – although anyone looking at the pictures would probably say they are actually a mouse.



With its simple text and bold illustrations, this is a lovely book to read aloud and to share. The animals' expressions are brilliant, the humour cleverly plays on the reader's insider knowledge about the animals from the pictures, and there's an extra twist at the end. It's a funny story about a funny mouse that can be taken at face value, yet also subtly raises the concept of labels and how they are applied. We hope you enjoy sharing this story with your child.

We hope you enjoy the book over the Christmas period.



Reminders For Parents



Ideal School Meals

The deadline for ordering your hot school meals for the return to school on Tuesday 4th January is **Tuesday 28th December**. Please don't forget!



Return to School

Just a little reminder, children return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Please be reminded children should arrive at school for 8.45am in readiness to begin lessons at 8.55am.



COFFEE
MORNING

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. We hope to see you there!

