

## DIARY DATES

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

### Thursday 18th November

Mega Rugby Festival  
Year 3 & 4 - Selected Children



### Friday 19th November

Children In Need



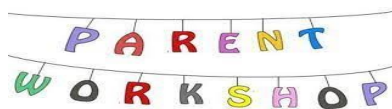
### Monday 22nd November

Year 3 & 4 Indian Experience Day



### Thursday 25th November

Parent Workshop -  
Reception Curriculum Meeting



### Thursday 25th November

St Wulfram's Christmas Tree Festival  
Commences



### Wednesday 1st December

Bi - Annual Christmas Fair



### Governor Meetings

C&S Committee Meeting

Monday 8th November 2021



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

Next meeting:

Friday 5th November 2021

At 2.00 pm



Barrowby Church of England  
Primary School

## Newsletter 12th December 2021

*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

Matthew 22:39

Dear Parents/Carer's

*What a week it has been, I can't quite believe everything we are still enjoying at school. It is lovely to be able to continue to 'shine' at this difficult time. I hope you enjoy reading gthis week's Newsletter and learning a little bit more about school life.*

Mr L Batey - Headteacher

### Events in School

#### Parent Teacher Consultation

On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November we facilitated the first of our three planned Parent/Teacher Consultations-via School Cloud.



It is prudent at this time that we continue to limit numbers of adults on to the school site, so was nice that we could continue with our meetings remotely. Thank you to those that joined the video calls and were able to discuss their child's progress albeit virtually.

### Changes to Phonics



Following an update from the government around the teaching of phonics to improve literacy levels for all children across the country we have decided to purchase and follow a new systematic, synthetic phonics scheme for our Reception and Year 1 pupils.

This scheme is called Essential Letters and Sounds. This new phonics programme will support your child in making quick progress in reading, enabling them to become fluent and confident readers. Reception and year 1 parents will receive a further letter to explain this further.

### Phonics Screener

Next week, our Year 2 children will sit the Phonic Screener. Children normally undertake the Screener in Year 1 but because of the forced school closure and Covid restrictions the assessment has been delayed and the children will now undertake it in Year 2, for this year.



Children in Year 1 usually sit the Phonic Screener in June after working through Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds in school. The Government have now decided that children who are now in Year 2 and were unable to sit the Screener in June will take the test in the second half of this Autumn term. The test will be conducted in accordance with government guidelines; 1:1 with your child's class teacher. The test includes 40 phonically decodable words, 20 of which are 'real' words and 20 are 'pseudo' words. The idea is to assess children's ability to segment and blend Phase 5 phonemes and graphemes.

We have, of course, been supporting children to 'catch up' and fill in any gaps that they might have in phonics but we are also mindful that children need to be introduced to spelling patterns and rules outlined in Phase 6 of Letters and Sounds so that they can fully access the Year 2 curriculum.

Children will be assessed in a quiet space, free from distraction with their class teacher.

Good luck to our Year 2 children

## A Date with Dan: Keeping Children and Young People safe Online

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25th November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know –whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers –we will let you ask us those burning questions. Sign up will be required to access this FREE session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>



## Parent Reminders

### Reception Curriculum Meeting

Our annual Reception Curriculum Meeting will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00 – 3.00pm, in the school hall.



During the Curriculum Meeting, the new Reception curriculum will be discussed to enable you to support our teaching in school, at home. We 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 will also talk in general about the Reception Curriculum, and the development of your children through 'play'.

It will also provide us with an opportunity to share with you how you can get more involved with your own child's learning journey.

This will be a good opportunity for you to share some of the experiences, and to see some of the resources that your child has access to in his/her first years at school.

## Children In Need

Our Fundraising Committee, would like our pupils to come to school in non-uniform, on Friday 19th November to support this worthwhile cause. Children can wear a choice of clothing e.g. any non-school clothing, onesies, pyjamas, spots, messy hair etc with a minimum £1 donation.

The fundraising committee are also running:

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



All activities will be charged at 50p per entry.

The competitions will be on sale daily from Monday 15th until Wednesday 17th November, at playtime.

Children In Need fund over 3,900 local charities and projects which directly support children and young people in communities right across the UK, supporting children and young affected by a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma, also working with a range of partners to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the UK's children and young people today, including: mental health and wellbeing, violence impacting young people, child sexual exploitation, holiday hunger; access to employment, and social injustice.

Thank you for your continued support.

## KS2 Disco



Our KS2 disco will be held on **Tuesday 30th November 2021** after school, from 3.30pm until 5.15pm, in the School hall. The ticket price includes: **Disco, Food and Drink** (provided by FoBS) **Entry into the Prize Raffle**

Children should come to school in school uniform and bring their disco clothes with them. At the end of the school day they will then get changed before enjoying the disco.

We look forward to seeing the children enjoying themselves at this very popular event in our Christmas calendar.



### 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	Mason Gill	Mr Caton	Gracie Desmond
Mrs Selby	Joseph Holloway	Mrs Ward	Jake Poole Alice Dempsey
Mrs Tinkley/ Mr Liversidge	Luna-Rae Chapman	Miss Kirk	Lennon Fovrgue
Miss Sugden	Emilia Buttigieg	Miss Lees	Amelia Poole



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	Zephany Allen Gracie Bennett	Mr Caton	Mia Shuttleworth
Mrs Selby	Elliot Dykes	Mrs Ward	Harrinsh Kumanan
Mrs Tinkley, Mr Liversidge	Orla O'Callaghan	Miss Kirk	Keira Marshall
Miss Sugden	Giles Fillingham Ellis Hawken	Miss Lees	Florence Lakeland



### Lunchtime Commendation

This week we would like to recognise:



Reception and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Parker Foster Louie Pattison Maizy Cross Frederick Quayle Triston Lovell Alicja Zapala	Evie Taylor Isabelle Peasgood Rahul Singh Dhanika Ladva Tom Liu-Child



### 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: Oliver Taylor Key Stage 2: Erin Topliss

All certificates were awarded today, during Collective Worship.

Weekly House Point Totals		
<b>ARMSTRONG</b> <b>302</b>	<b>CHICHESTER</b> <b>335</b>	<b>SCOTT</b> <b>223</b>

*Barrowby CE Primary School  
Christmas Fair*

*Wednesday 1st December 2021  
5.00 - 7.00pm School Hall*

*Would you, or anyone you know,  
like a stall at our very popular  
bi-annual Christmas Fair?*

*The cost is £10 per stall and a do-  
nation of a raffle prize.*

*Call now on 01476 566121 and  
speak to  
Mrs Holmes to secure your place.*