



BARROW 1618

A Church of England Free School



Dear Parents,

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We are rapidly approaching the end of term and I can't quite believe how quickly the year has gone by. It has been a pleasure to see all our pupils make such strides in their academic and personal development and I really couldn't be prouder of our school and all we achieve here. This week we have been awarded with the platinum School Games Mark in recognition of the sporting opportunities we provide to all our pupils and I wanted to say a big well done to all who have contributed to our sporting events this year. There is still much to look forward to in the weeks ahead, from Sports Day to the school play, inter-faith week and graduation. Thank you to all of our Barrow family for your continued efforts in support of the school.

The produce show was a huge success last week and we were amazed at the children's creativity and efforts in all the categories. Many congratulations, both to our winners, but also to all those who took part. Thank you especially to Mrs. Swankie and all those who supported the event.

Our Key Stage 1 and Reception Tennis Coaching finished last week with parents invited to participate in the last session. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and learned new skills, had fun and improved a great deal. A big thank you to Mr. Gillespie who has run these sessions and who was very impressed with all of you!

Our School Sports Day is fast approaching and preparations are well underway. We shall be beginning our Sports Day with a family picnic at 12:00pm on Wednesday 10th July 2019. Gates will be open from 11:45 and if it is possible for you to car share we would appreciate this. School will provide a packed lunch for those who need it and these can be requested on the day in the usual way.

Please sign up fast to book a place on the Barrow holiday club which will run from 29th July to the 2nd of August. This club is open to all pupils, not just those at Barrow so it would be great if everyone could spread the word. The link you'll need is:

www.ekolearning.org.uk/summer---holiday---club---2/

Also at the moment we have not received sufficient interest to be able to run a club during our two week October half-term. If you would like to register your interest in a place then please do so by following this link

[Barrow Holiday Club Response](#)

Next week sees the start of inter-faith week here at Barrow and we feel that this is a really important week that helps children to understand the beliefs and values of others who may not share the same faith as them. We shall be planning our lessons to teach the children about the importance of different faiths and welcoming visitors to the school to talk to the children about their own faith and spirituality.

Crucial Crew was attended by our Year Six pupils to teach them the (crucial) life skills they will need to know as they become young adults. I hope that the messages delivered were food for thought.

There were some weird and wonderful creatures on display at Hoo Farm last Wednesday as Yew Tree class paid a visit. A magical time was had by all as the children got to feed lambs, stroke parakeets and see snakes and reptiles up close.

I'm sure you'll be aware by now that Baby Holmes has finally arrived with us! Mr. Holmes and his wife Sally have named their new arrival Arthur George and he is safe, well and healthy.

Congratulations from all of us here at Barrow!

And finally, we are recruiting for a new extended schools supervisor. If you know of anyone who may like to apply, please could you direct them to our advert here:

<https://www.barrow1618school.co.uk/school-life/current-vacancies>

Quote of the week: *"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race."* Kofi Annan