



SCHOOL

BARBY CE SCHOOL APP

We are really excited to be able to let you know about our new mobile telephone app that is available for you to download. The app will allow you to view all events through the calendar, receive newsletters and instant messages. Below is a guide explaining how you install the app onto your mobile:

- In the app store on your mobile type in 'Barby CE Primary'
- An app designed by 'Webanywhere' should appear
- Click on 'Get' and install the app on your mobile
- Click 'Open'
- Push notifications will come up on your screen– click 'notify me' and then click 'allow'
- In the top left hand of the screen are 3 horizontal lines– click on these
- If you click the setting tab it will ask you if you would like the app to access your calendar with your mobile phone calendar so any diary dates will appear in your mobile calendar.
- In the settings tab there are 3 sub headings, News, Newsletters & Notices.
- In the 'notices' sub heading (within settings) when you open it a list of categories appear. As a parent you may choose which of these categories you would like to keep open. As an example: If your child is in Year 2 Squirrels you would keep the white circle to the right so the green circle is visible behind it for 'Squirrels, and Whole School. This will allow you to receive notifications relevant to your child. For all the other categories that are listed you will need the white circle to the left. This means that those notifications will not come through on your phone as they do not relate to your child's class, however you are more than welcome to keep as many categories open as you would like.
- You will receive a notification when a newsletter is added (each Friday). This newsletter will open in the mobile app.
- You will receive notifications such as when letters have been added to the school website, changes to the school day and instant notices similar to the text service that the school used previously.

If you have any difficulties in accessing/downloading the new school mobile app, please call into the school office and we will assist you.

DIARY DATES

- Mon 11th Dec Flu Vaccination Year R, 1,2,3 & 4
- Tues 12th Dec Yr 3/4/5 Thanksgiving WOW Party at 3.15-4pm
- Wed 13th Dec KS1 afternoon performance
- Thurs 14th Dec Children's Christmas lunch
- Thurs 14th Dec 6pm KS1 Evening Performance
- Fri 15th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 15th Dec School Christmas Fayre 3.15-5pm
- Tues 19th Dec No Swimming
- Weds 20th Dec Candlelit Carols at the Church 2pm, school closes

School shoes

Please remember that our uniform is plain black shoes. Plain black trainers (no patterns or bright laces) are also acceptable for school.

Now that the weather is colder children will need scarves and gloves. Please make sure these are named as our lost property is growing again.



THE WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK IS PITSFORD

Well done to our Stars of the Week: Katelin in Acorns, Sophie in Woodpeckers, Rose in Squirrels, Peter in Foxes, Emily in Owls & Aimee in Oaks.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: Acorns 88%, Woodpeckers 98.7%, Squirrels 94.4%, Foxes 90.8% Owls 96.4% and Oaks 100%





ORIENTERRING

Do you and your family enjoy running, jogging or walking? Octavian Droobers Orienterring Club are hosting two outdoor fun adventure navigation sport courses to suit beginners, families and experienced orienteers. The first being at Daventry Country Park from 10am—12noon on Saturday 13th January and the second being at Everdon Stubbs at 10am-12noon on Saturday 10th February. There is no need to book, just turn up. Instructions will be given on how to navigate from point to point around the park and woodlands, using a map—a bit like a treasure hunt!. Maps & electronic timing units will be provided, please bring a compass if you have one. The cost is: adults £5, Juniors £1, Timer hire £1. See www.octavian-droobers.org for more information

THANK YOU PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to the Parents' Association for paying for the "in house" pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast. What a treat! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is due to parental support and contributions to fund raising events that we are able to provide these extras for the children so please keep up the good work.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4 are having the Flu immunisation on Monday 11th December. If you haven't returned the consent form your child will not receive the immunisation. Please drop them into the school office.

We are looking for parent helpers at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December. If you can help please pop into the School Office and put your name down.

BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday we were very lucky to have a Brass Band performance provided by NMPAT. They involved the children in playing songs such as 'Let it go' and 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas' and introduced them to instruments including the French Horn & the Trumpet.

COMMUNITY

Make sure you look out of your windows on Tuesday evening, 12th December as Santa will be coming round the village on his sleigh between 6pm and 8 p.m. He will be collecting money for good causes so have your pennies ready.



KS1 PERFORMANCE

We are looking forward to welcoming you next week for our KS1 performance and the children have been working hard to perfect their singing and acting, we're sure you will enjoy the show! In order to make sure the event runs as smoothly as possible we ask for your co-operation in two areas: Please ensure you are seated in time for the performance to start, as late arrivals can cause disruption, and if younger children become unsettled or upset we would be grateful if you could take them into the entrance hall until they are calmer before bringing them back in.

