

DATES FOR DIARIES

Mon 10 th April – Fri 21 st April Easter Break Return to school on Mon 24 th April	Tue 13 th June Science Fair
Tue 25 th April Year 1 'Farm to Fork Trail' Tesco Visit	Tue 27 th June KS1 Sports Day (back up date) , UVHS, afternoon
Mon 8 th May KS1 Sports Day , UVHS, morning	Thur 29 th June KS2 Sports Day UVHS, afternoon
Mon 8 th -Fri 12 th May Year 6 SATS week	Fri 30 th June – Sun 2 nd July Yr 6 London Trip
Weds 10 th May – Fri 12 th May Yr 5 Robinwood	Mon 3 rd and Tue 4 th July Yr 6 UVHS Transition Days
Mon 15 th May- Fri 19 th May National walk to school week	Thur 6 th July KS2 Sports Day (back up date) , UVHS, afternoon
w/c Mon 15 th May KS1 assessment week	Mon 10 th July EYFS/KS1 Celebration assembly 9.00am
Tue 23 rd May KS2 Celebration assembly 9.10am	Tue 11 th July KS2 Celebration assembly 9.00am
Thur 25 th May KS1 Celebration assembly 9.10am	Thurs 20 th July Last Day of Term
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June Half Term Holiday	SWIMMING (SUMMER TERM) Years 5 & 6 will commence on Thursdays (pm) – from 27 th April Years 1 & 2 will commence on Mondays (pm) – from 8 th May
Tue 6 th June Oliver Twist M&M productions	
Thur 8 th June Yr 4 Trip to Buddhist Temple	

PE Kit – Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day. As per our school uniform policy, PE t-shirts should be **plain** in their given House colour.

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

April 2017

I am very proud of all the effort shown by the children in their day to day school work and many varying activities across the term. We have had a very productive term - please take a look at the blog via the school website: www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk to keep up to date with school activities. The children have particularly excelled in their contribution to SJB sporting events this term and I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Dearden, Mrs Hartley and Mrs Parker for all their work in school.

I am sure you have heard the recent news bulletins about the squeeze on school budgets. SJB is not exempt from the challenges set to face schools over the next few years. I hope you received the recent letter via email giving further details. We will, of course seek to provide the best possible education for our children, with the resources available to us.

Red Nose Day
We raised £323.75 on Red Nose Day. Thank you for your contributions

All the staff and children at SJB would like to wish you a very Happy Easter.

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This newsletter is also available on our website - www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk



The government have launched a new web site called www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for children under 12 years old (under 17 years old for disabled children).

As well as current schemes, Childcare Choices introduces Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours. You can sign up to receive alerts of when to apply for the 30 hours, so we would encourage you to register as soon as possible.

We will let you know when more information is available; however by signing up to the web page alerts you will receive information directly.

Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time.

There is also a Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator where you can see what offers are available to support you and your family.

The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

SJB Family Bingo - PTA

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a fantastic family bingo night.

Also a big thank you to everyone who joined in and helped raise £231.25.



The 'Get Cracking' Healthy Easter Challenge

The year has gone fast and we are approaching the Easter holidays already. You may be wondering how to keep your children entertained and busy over the two weeks, so Mrs Hartley, Mrs Dearden, Mrs Parker and the Sports Leaders have come up with the 'Get Cracking Healthy Easter Challenge' initiative.

This is optional, so don't feel it is something your child has to do. However, it is:

- Fun
- Promotes activity and exercise
- A house competition
- Also an individual challenge where prizes can be won

Your child will have with them a set of 'Challenge Cards'. There are 4 altogether and a fifth one is blank.

Each 'Challenge Card' contains 10 Easter Eggs with challenges written inside them e.g. dance to your favourite music for half an hour / do 50 star jumps everyday / design a target game and challenge friends or family etc.

Every time your child completes a challenge, he/she colours in the Easter Egg. Your child should try to complete as many as possible over the 4 challenge cards.



The fifth card contains 10 eggs which are blank. This is in case your child has thought of their own challenges, so they can be written inside the eggs.

After Easter, we will be collecting in the Challenge Cards so make sure your child puts her name on and you sign to verify all that has been done. We will calculate the House Competition results based on how many challenges were completed by all students in each house. We will also allocate raffle tickets to each child for every challenge they completed, and they can then possibly win prizes in the raffle after Easter.

Remember, this is not compulsory; Just a bit of fun and a chance to keep healthy. Good Luck!

Mrs Hartley (Sport and PE Coordinator)