



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, we had our World Book Day celebration in school and it was lovely to see the children dressed up as their favourite book characters! We had a range of reading activities going on across school and the children enjoyed getting involved- especially at lunchtime with the BFG Burger!

Reading is such an important skill for life and we are passionate about supporting all of our children to develop a love of reading, unlocking doors to endless possibilities in our world and beyond! Please continue to encourage and nurture your child's reading at home and celebrate their achievements.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our second virtue this half-term is '**Forgiveness**'. In forgiving others, we give someone another chance after they have done something wrong so they can make a new start. When we forgive we let go of our feelings of resentment, anger and revenge. When we forgive we show our love for the person rather than focusing on the wrong. When we forgive someone we show that our relationship with them is more important than the wrong they have done. We also need to forgive ourselves so that we do not give up when we have done wrong or made a mistake, but have the courage to act differently and have faith that, with God's help, we can change.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

Weekly Mission To understand that the Holy Spirit is God's presence in the world and within us.

Prayer of the Week Short Act of Contrition

Oh my God, because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
and with the help of your grace
I will not sin again.
Amen.

The Big Lent Walk After our successful event last year, we will once again be supporting CAFOD through holding a Big Lent Walk at school, on Friday 15th March. Each class will be tasked with walking a collective distance of 40km. Today the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form in aid of CAFOD- please do support if you are able to. Following the event, any sponsorship money can be paid in on ParentPay by Friday 22nd March please.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with a super average of 46.4 points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with a brilliant 1801 collected this week! Well done to blue team and class 2 😊

Lost Property The majority of this has now been collected, there are still a few items left which will be donated to Helping Hands if unclaimed.

In the hope of eradicating all lost property, please can you ensure that all coats and uniform including PE kit is marked with your child's name. Thank you for your support.

Governor Celebration Today we had a small celebration in school to say a huge 'thank you' to four of our Governors whose terms of office have come to an end this academic year. Some of the children made cards and wrote poems to thank the Governors for their collective 26 years of volunteering in our Barkston Ash family! Thank you to Mr Wilson, Mr Ronicle, Mrs Langan and Mr Radi for the commitment they have shown to our lovely school- we wish them all the best!



Spring Dates Dates for next week are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Wednesday 13th March- 10.30am- Class 1 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Thursday 14th March- Re-scheduled High 5 Netball Tournament (*participant letters have been sent*)

Friday 15th March- The Big Lent Walk sponsored event- raising funds for CAFOD
2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 2 parents and carers invited to attend*)
Helping Hands Movie Night

Safety of Children at morning drop off We are asking parents and carers to support us with a couple of things on a morning in order to keep our children as safe as possible:

1. Please ensure your children aren't riding around the playground on bikes and scooters before school as the playground is busy at this time.
2. Please ensure your children don't go on the loose parts play equipment and the grass areas when it has been raining as the surfaces are slippery.
3. Please say 'goodbye' to your children on the school playground and encourage them to walk into school independently. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please do this on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support- if you have any questions about this, please come and ask.

Football Competition Yesterday, a group of Year 5/6 children attended an inter-school football competition in Sherburn. They all played remarkably well, with Team A winning the overall competition and Team B finishing in 4th place. Thank you to the school staff and Mr Wilson who coached the children at the event- the match reports were fantastic and they all had a great time!



Parent Governor Vacancy Information regarding this has been emailed out to all parents this week. Please read the documents- all nominations are to be sent to the school office by Wednesday 20th March. Thank you.

Wider Opportunities in the Community With the weather hopefully improving for the Easter holidays, please keep an eye on the letters page of our website for details of clubs and sporting activities available- we have already had a number of flyers sent to us to share with you.

School meals Our usual meal will be replaced with a special happy Easter celebration menu on 20th March. If your child does not already have a meal booked and would like to join us on that day for roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli and sweetcorn followed by a celebration biscuit, please email admin@barkstonash.n-vorks.sch.uk by next Wednesday, 13th March.



Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, Year 1 children have been learning about the lady with the lamp, Florence Nightingale.



In **Class 2**, we enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday and did lots of book related activities!



This week, **Class 3** have been learning about God's forgiveness. We drew what we imagined this would look like.

In **Class 4** this week, we conducted an experiment using chocolate melting it in a variety of different ways and timing the process to see which would be the most efficient method for Mr Wonka to create his chocolate river.



In **Class 5** this week we have been learning about the Transfiguration of Christ. We completed character studies of each other through drama and then considered how the disciples felt when experiencing this.



🌀 Thank you to Joseph and Bradley for presenting our Celebration Liturgy this week! 🌀

A huge well done to this week's award winners...

Class 1 Superstar: Tilly

Class 5 Superstar: Gracie

Class 2 Superstar: Noah

Headteacher award: Tai C5

Class 3 Superstar: Theo

Lunchtime award: Izzy A C3

Class 4 Superstar: William

This week's Times Table Champions are...

Lola Noblett C4
Jemima Tonks C4