



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

*'With God's guidance we grow and learn'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such a lovely week in school to end our spring term. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a special Easter lunch. A huge thank you to our amazing kitchen team for going the extra mile for our children, baking and hand-decorating over 100 Easter biscuits! A real treat!

Another highlight this week has been our fantastic Easter performances. The EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet celebration and the KS2 Performing Arts club performance of The Three Little Trees were both wonderful; we are very proud of the children! Thank you for supporting these special events.



**GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent** A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising for Catholic Care (£113), CAFOD (£285), Helping Hands (Movie Night £475) and Selby Food Bank throughout Lent. We are very grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Have a happy and Holy Easter break, and we will see you **back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**.

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 the importance of each day during Holy Week.

### **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 Sacraments** This week, ten of our Year 3 children made their Sacrament of Reconciliation in school with Fr. Henry. Congratulations to you all! If your child is currently in Year 4 and you would like to enrol them for their First Holy Communion this year, please speak to Fr. Henry after Sunday Mass.

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **yellow** team with a super average of 39.2 points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a fab 1740 collected this week! Well done to yellow team and class 1!

The overall Teampoint Winners of Spring term are... the **Blue** team! Congratulations!



**Special Menu 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024** On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, NYC are offering a special menu of Mini Food Fest. Chicken/veggie burger with wedges, ketchup and veg sticks followed by ice-cream and fruit will replace all 3 usual options on our menu. If this menu change alters your child's meal booking, please let the office know by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Thank you.

**Summer Dates** Dates for the first week back are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates. The first week back in school is International Week. Each class will learn about a country in the world and complete connected activities.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April- School reopens to everyone for the start of the summer term

- Whole school assembly led by Perfect Pitch followed by drama workshops for Classes 3 and 4 (flyer attached)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April- 10.30am- Class 2 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 1 parents and carers invited to attend*)

**100% Attendance!** We had a total of 25 children who have received a certificate this week due to having 100% attendance throughout spring term. Well done! Special congratulations go to Zac (C1), Lexi (C3), Erin (C3), George (C3), Evie (C3) and Daniel (C4) for 100% attendance since the start of the school year. Fingers crossed for summer term!



**Parent Governor Election** Please see the email sent today with attachments including a ballot paper and the candidates personal statements. All votes in the parent governor election are to be received by 22nd April. Thank you.

**Helping Hands** The lucky winner of the giant Easter Egg kindly donated by Elmet Lions is Andrew Gibson. The sale of raffle tickets for the egg raised £135.00, thank you. The winner of this month's 100 club draw is Toni Raeck. Congratulations to both.

**Celebration Assembly Dates Summer term 1** Please see dates below for next half-term:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April- Class 1

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Class 2

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April- Class 4

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Class 3

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May- Class 5

**Year 4 Superstar Swimmers!** We are so pleased to announce that **every** child in Year 4 has achieved the standard of being able to swim 25 metres independently! The changes we have made this year, ensuring two consecutive terms of swimming, have proven effective so we will continue this approach next academic year.



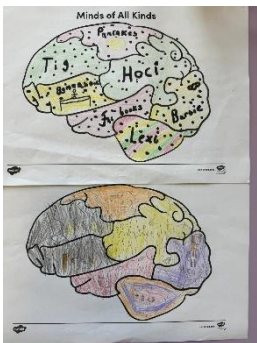


## Let's Celebrate!



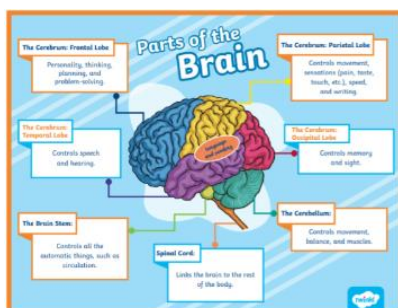
In **Class 1**, reception children have been learning about spring flowers as part of our science topic.

In **Class 2** as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week we created a display of our uniquely decorated handprints to celebrate how we are all different. We then picked out kind words about our strengths, skills and talents and ones that celebrate different minds.



This week was Neurodiversity week. In **Class 3**, we learnt about some common conditions and how these made us even more unique. We then completed an 'about us' brain to remind us all that we are all different and made in God's image.

This week in **Class 4**, we concluded our Victorians topic with a visit to the Castle Museum and the amazing Kirkgate street. We saw hundreds of Victorian artefacts and learnt all sorts from the amazing staff who told us all about them! The children had a taste of the life of a Victorian pupil and an inmate- as the photograph shows, they weren't keen to outstay their welcome!



In **Class 5** we have been learning about the brain this week. We found out that the brain is divided into two halves, called hemispheres, that control different functions. It changes its structure every time you learn something new, and it works faster than the fastest computer in the world. We have also made our amazing brains.

🌀Thank you to Flo, Summer and Tai for presenting our Celebration Liturgy this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Maggie

Class 5 Superstar: Joseph

Class 2 Superstar: Katie

Headteacher award: Taicia C1

Class 3 Superstar: Lexi

Lunchtime award: Evelyn C2

Class 4 Superstar: Ben

Please keep practicing your times tables at home on TTRS.

We already have more Times Table Champions in school than any previous school year!

Keep up the great work 😊