



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful end to our spring term this week with our Easter performances! The EYFS and KS1 Easter Celebration assembly was a real treat, with the children showcasing their arts and crafts work and singing Easter songs. The KS2 production of The Tale of the Three Trees featuring drama club was also excellent. It has been lovely to see the actors developing in confidence over the last term. Thank you for your support at these performances- we really appreciate it!

I hope that you and your families all have a joyful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Vaughan



**Virtue** Our virtue for this half-term is '**Courage**'. The Bible outlines the importance of what ought to be the basis of our courage. It is the promise of God's presence, power, and perseverance with those who have put their faith in Him which is the basis for our courage. Biblically speaking, we can only be courageous by having faith and confidence in the fact that God is with us and for us. Not only does such confidence inspire courage but it dispels the opposite, our fears.

**Easter Mission** Each day during Holy Week, take time to pray and reflect upon Jesus' eternal love for us.

**Tins on Tuesday** Class 4 have managed to continue the trend of filling the Selby Foodbank box so that it is overflowing! They have received a token for 10 minutes extra playtime to use after the Easter holidays. As always, thank you for your generous donations- the Selby Foodbank are very appreciative of your support.



**School Meals** The Summer term menu is now available on our website <https://www.barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus> We are carrying forward existing booking patterns where children have a regular pattern e.g. school meal every day or on the same day(s) each week. If you wish to change your child's booking for next term, based on the new menu, please contact the office on [admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk) as soon as possible and by Wednesday 13th April at the latest. Please remember school meals must be paid for in advance for children in KS2 – years 3-6.

**Ukraine Fundraising** Thank you for supporting the Faith in Action Prayer Card appeal; a total of £75 was raised. Izzie and Poppy also raised £51 from their sale of bracelets and bookmarks. Well done!

**Spring Dates** Please see our school website calendar for all dates that have been previously communicated.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April- Return to school

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April- 3.15-4.15pm- Y4 Reconciliation session 4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April- Young Voices

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (class 1 parents invited to attend)

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **red** team with an average of **8** points! Well done to the red team- you have received the most trophies throughout spring term too!

**Spelling Bee!** Well done, everyone, for making great progress with your spelling bee words this half term. The winning class, with an average of 18.6 is... Class 5! Well done, Class 5.



**Selby Music Centre** would like to invite children who have started to learn a musical instrument to our Saturday morning sessions at Selby High School. We are offering you a FREE term of music sessions after Easter and we plan to hold a performance in Selby Abbey in July. Our junior groups meet between 9.30 and 10.45 and they are a great way to build musical confidence and to make new friends. We offer a strings group for violin, viola and cello, a guitar group and junior band for woodwind, brass and keyboards. Places are subject to availability. Please contact Helen Moulds to express an interest. [helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:helen.moulds@northyorks.gov.uk)  
We look forward to hearing from you!

**Road use around school** A gentle reminder to please park considerately on the roads around school and to drive with care, especially when driving past parked cars where children may be crossing the road. We are grateful to the Ash Tree Inn for the use of their car park at drop off and collection times.

**Helping Hands** Thank you to everyone who came along to our Bingo night last Friday, it was a really fun night that we hope everyone enjoyed. The evening raised £357.01 for Helping Hands and the school, what a fabulous amount!

The set of Chromebooks that we were fundraising for are now on order and we look forward to seeing them in school and being put to use by the children very soon!

We are also now thinking about preparations for one of our larger events, our Summer BBQ, which will take place on the evening of the 24th June. We really need a team of helpers to get involved with leading this event. To help with this, we will be having a 'Drinks and Discussions' night at The Ash Tree pub on Wednesday 27th April, an informal meeting to start making the arrangements to organise this. So if you are able to help in any way at all (an idea for a stall, a contact at a business who can provide donations for prizes, time to do a little admin, pulling the bits together to set a stall activity up) then please do come along on the night or get in touch. Our email is [helpinghandspfa@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandspfa@gmail.com) or use our Facebook group or message us individually.

We wish you all a fantastic Easter holidays with lots of fun and chocolate!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Lindsay, Kate and Nicola

*Newsletters, class curriculum letters, other useful forms and letters and the Wednesday Word are available on the school website.*

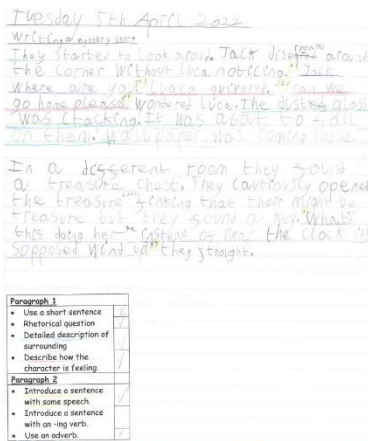


## Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1** we have been watering our bean plants and watching them grow!

In **class 2** this week, we went on a windy walk around the village to identify the key human features and add them onto our maps.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been writing our own versions of a mystery story. We read a mystery story and then planned our own changes to the story. We then wrote our alternative middle and ends and then self-assessed our work against criteria we discussed and agreed as a class.

In **class 4**, we have been looking at Victorian Inventions in history, so we have been researching and finding out about different inventions. We have written about two different inventions and our work has been displayed in the classroom.



In **class 5** In English, we have continued reading Shakespeare's play, Henry V, and have been writing about the battle of Agincourt. Then, in PE, we considered what it would have been like to be an archer at Agincourt, and fired volleys of arrows using our archery equipment.

[Warning: photo is not actual game-play!]

This half term, many of our Mini Vinnies entered a competition in support of the Good Shepherd appeal. Thank you to everyone who entered. The Year 6 Mini Vinnies chose the winners based on their designs. Congratulations to:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tai C4**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dom C3**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Francesca C3**

**A huge well done to this week's Times Table Champion...**

**Edward W C3**