



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope that you and your families all had a wonderful Easter break. It has been lovely speaking to the children about their adventures over the school holidays!

Yesterday, sixty of our KS2 children went to Young Voices to perform as part of the Barkston Ash choir. We are so proud of them; they behaved brilliantly and had a fantastic time performing! I would like to thank those of you who travelled to Sheffield to watch the performance; I'm sure that you all had a wonderful time. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Poulter for organising the experience and to all staff who accompanied the children throughout the visit.

Have a wonderful weekend (and Bank Holiday Monday!)

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our virtue for this half-term is '**Kindness**'. Kindness is so important in our World today. Simply saying a kind word or showing a kind gesture to another person can really make such a difference. Kindness is to be felt, rather than defined. It comes from the heart and it is better to experience it than to try and explain it. As Christians, God calls us to be the light in the world- to love and be kind to all.

Ephesians 4:32 - *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

Weekly Mission To know that Jesus the Son of God is alive and recognise times in our daily lives when Jesus is at work.

Blessed Virgin Mary- Monthly devotion in May Next week, we welcome the beginning of May when, as a Catholic community, we celebrate our Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the month. We will be setting the children a devotion activity to complete at home each week; please encourage them to take part!

This week's activity: create an image of Mary, our Lady. You can use any materials that you wish. Please hand these to Mrs Vaughan with your name on the reverse by next Friday 6th May.

May Day Bank Holiday A reminder that school is closed this coming Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday. Back open for business as usual on Tuesday!

Summer 1 Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates that have been previously communicated.

Dates for this half-term:

Tuesday 3rd May- Class 3 Tins on Tuesday

Friday 6th May- Celebration Assembly (Class 2 parents and carers invited)

Monday 9th May- Thursday 12th May- Year 6 SATs week. SATs breakfast will be available for all year 6 children at 8.15am each morning

Friday 13th May- am- Good Shepherd Mass at Leeds Cathedral: Faith in Action group

Friday 13th May- Celebration Assembly (Class 3 parents and carers invited)

Friday 20th May- Helping Hands Sponsored Bounce event

Friday 20th May- Celebration Assembly (Class 4 parents and carers invited)

Friday 27th May- School Photos

Friday 27th May- Jubilee Celebration Day

Friday 27th May- Celebration Assembly (Class 5 parents and carers invited)

Sports Events We are also pleased to have a few inter-school sporting events planned this half-term. If your child is chosen to attend an event to represent their age group, they will bring home a letter outlining the details for the event.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **red** team with an average of **11** points! Class 2 achieved the highest team point total with a whopping 535 collected this week! Well done!

Before-school clubs Please do not use the school staff car park when dropping children off for clubs. Children must not be unaccompanied in the car park.

Helping Hands Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer BBQ planning meeting this week, it was great to get together and start making plans. Due to a clash of events we are needing to move the date of the BBQ and this will now take place on the 15th July. We are putting a list of tasks together which will be distributed between each year group to ensure that the workload is spread across the whole school and to further enhance our school community.

Our next fundraising event will be our sponsored bounce, which will take place on the 20th May and is always great fun for all the children! Please see the attached poster and sponsorship form. A hard copy of these will also be coming home with the children.

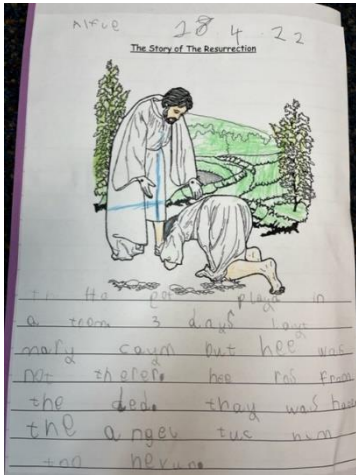
It was fantastic to be able to have supported the school by purchasing the t-shirt packs for the Young Voices concert that took place last night, where the children had an amazing time singing in Sheffield arena and looked great in their t-shirts with their VIP passes and torches. Well done to them all!

Our AGM will now take place on the 18th May with details regarding the trustee nomination process being distributed shortly.

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.

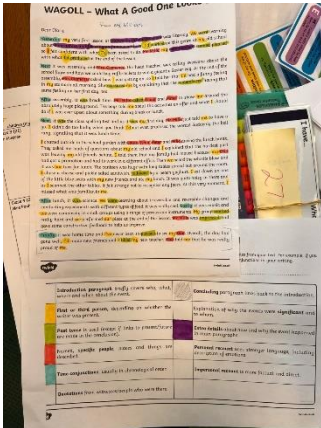


Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1** in RE, we learned about the story of Jesus' resurrection. The year 1 children then retold the story in their own words and produced some fantastic writing!



In **class 2** this week in science, we have been learning about things that are alive, dead and have never been alive. We sorted the images into three groups and then discussed how we knew that they belonged in that group.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been learning about the features of recounts, particularly diary entries. We read through an example and discussed what features we could find - emotional language, first person and a chronological order. We were then given the remaining features and went through the text to highlight these using a key.

In **class 4**, we have been looking at the different parts of the digestive system and their functions - lots of cutting, matching, sticking and sorting!



In **class 5** this week in science, we developed our knowledge of light. We know it travels in straight lines, reflects off objects and travels incredibly fast - it can go around the Earth seven and a half times in one second! We also learned that it takes over four years for light from the nearest star (after the sun) to reach us, and that the primary colours of light are blue, red and green.

🌀Thank you to Oli B and Ethan for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Evie

Class 5 Superstar: Molly

Class 2 Superstar: Isabella

Headteacher award: Zosha C2

Class 3 Superstar: Jemima

Lunchtime award: Poppy C2

Class 4 Superstar: Summer

Keep working on your times tables and practicing on TTRS every day!