



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely this week to send out our new starter packs to families that we will be welcoming into our school community in September; we are looking forward to beginning our school transition days next half-term and will keep you informed regarding dates.

Our year 6 children will soon begin to prepare for their transition to secondary school too! This week, they have been working hard in their final preparations for SATs next week. We are so proud of them and all that they continue to achieve, overcoming the challenges of the last couple of years. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers next week.

Have a wonderful weekend

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.

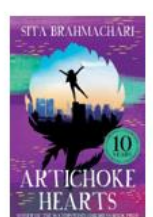
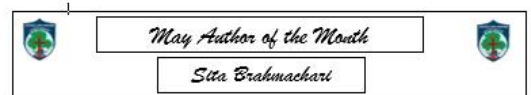
Ephesians 4:32 - *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

**Weekly Mission** To listen carefully to Jesus' voice.

**Blessed Virgin Mary- Monthly devotion in May** This week's devotion activity: write a poem about Mary. This could take any form such as rhyming, free verse or acrostic! Please hand these to Mrs Vaughan with your name on the reverse by next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Covid 19 Vaccines** Just to confirm that we are not offering the vaccines in school. Please follow this link if you wish to book an appointment for your child through the NHS. [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

**Reading Challenge** Please can all completed reading challenges be handed in to Mrs Poulter by Wednesday 11th May.



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

Dates coming up next week:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs week- SATs breakfast available for Y6 children at 8.15am daily.  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May- pm- Beanbag Rounders event for KS1 (individual letters sent to children in the team)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May- am- Good Shepherd Mass at Leeds Cathedral (individual letters sent)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Celebration Assembly (Class 3 parents and carers invited)

**Junk Modelling** If you have any boxes that would be suitable for the children to use for junk modelling, please pass these to Mrs Poulter.

**A message from Church Fenton Parish Council** If your child lives in Church Fenton and you would like them to receive a Jubilee gift, please let the school office know by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **red** team with an average of **10.6** points! Class 1 achieved the highest team point total with a whopping 432 collected this week! Well done!

**Attendance Matters!** Please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. If your child is unwell, it is important that you contact the school office before 9:00am.

For planned absences for any reason, permission must be sought in advance by completing the form on the school website. Where possible, please make medical or dental appointments out of school hours. Please note that term time holidays cannot be authorised.

We monitor attendance of each child on a regular basis. If your child's attendance gives us cause for concern, we will contact you to offer support.



**Helping Hands** Our Annual General Meeting will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in the school hall and also remotely via Google Meet. The agenda is attached to this email. At the meeting we will be appointing the Trustee roles for the forthcoming year. The nomination form is also attached. It is vitally important that volunteers come forward to take these roles to ensure the continuation of Helping Hands and the fundraising that is done to help enhance our school for the benefit of all our children. Please do let us know if you have any questions with regard to this and we will be happy to help.

Don't forget that our fun Sponsored Bounce is coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you are in need of a sponsorship form at all, or have any questions, please just email us at [helpinghandspfa@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandspfa@gmail.com).

Our 100 Club draw was made in Celebration Assembly today and the lucky winner of £51 is number 61, Gavin Duffy. Well done to you!

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!

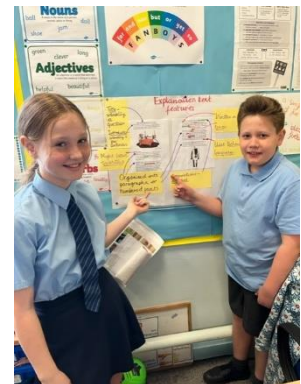
In **class 1** we have been learning about dinosaurs. We hunted for fossils and then made them using salt dough.

In **class 2** this week, we have been working with numbers to 50. We used resources to represent a range of numbers in different ways.



In **Class 3** this week, we have continued our work on the Romans. Edward gave us a mini tutorial on his visit to Hadrian's Wall and explained the sights he had seen and showed us what they may have looked like in the past. We then discussed the reason Hadrian's wall was built. Then we learnt about why people invaded other countries and resources Britannia (Britain) had that the Romans wanted so much!

In **class 4**, we have been looking at the features of Explanation texts and have planned our own text to explain how a machine called 'The Teacher Pleaser' would work!



In **class 5** this week in PE, we played some mini-games. Having divided the playground into 4 parts, we formed small teams and played football, hockey, netball and beanbag & bucket, rotating through the different sports. This helped us to recap on some of the sports we have learned to play.

🌀Thank you to Jack and Ruben for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Niamh

Class 5 Superstar: Poppy

Class 2 Superstar: James

Headteacher award: Sophie C5

Class 3 Superstar: Theo

Lunchtime award: Charlotte C3

Class 4 Superstar: Noah S

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