



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to dedicate this week's introduction to our wonderful year 6 children. We are so proud of how they have worked together this week, demonstrated fantastic attitudes towards learning and have overcome the challenges of SATs week. The highlight for the children was probably SATs breakfasts and I would like to thank Mr Craigen and Mrs Winterburn for organising this special treat for the children!

Today, Mrs C Ward and I visited Leeds Cathedral with a group of Year 6 Faith in Action and Mini Vinnies to celebrate the Good Shepherd Mass. The children presented our fundraising amount to Bishop Marcus and were an absolute credit to the school, showing respect and exemplary behaviour throughout.

Well done year 6- what a 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 show that we are disciples of Jesus and that we follow His simple commandment to 'love one another' through our words and actions.

Blessed Virgin Mary- Monthly devotion in May **This week's devotion activity:** take some time to pray the Rosary. Please write a note in your child's planner if they take part in this devotion activity and ask them to share this with Mrs Vaughan by next Friday 20th May. For guidance when taking part in this devotion, see our Prayer Book on the school website by clicking the following link:

[Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School - Prayers](#)

Beanbag Rounders KS1 Ten of our KS1 children attended a Beanbag Rounders competition on Thursday at Kirk Fenton school, along with 8 other schools. Our children were amazing; they tried so hard and worked brilliantly as a team. They made it through to the final and managed to secure a fantastic 2nd place finish! Well done team, we are all very proud of you!



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

New dates:

Wednesday 15th June- Year 5 Visit to St John Fisher

Dates coming up next week:

Tuesday 17th May- 3.15-4.15pm- Year 4- First Holy Communion session 2

Wednesday 18th May- 6.30pm- Helping Hands AGM in school hall (virtual link available)

Thursday 19th May- pm- High 5 Netball tournament Y5/6 at Monk Fryston (rescheduled)

Friday 20th May- Sponsored Bounce event

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

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **yellow** team with an average of **13.5** points! Class 5 achieved the highest team point total with a whopping 535 collected this week! Well done!

Helping Hands Next week is our AGM at 6.30pm in the school hall and via Google Meet using the link:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ssg-ccjh-irf>

We are still in need of nominations for the trustee roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the forthcoming year, so please do let us know if anyone is able to help with this. **In order to meet quorum for the meeting we do need 8 people in attendance in addition to the trustees**, so please do come along either in person or join via the virtual Google Meet link.

Our sponsored bounce will take place on Friday 20th May and will be a great, fun activity for the children at school. If you are in need of a sponsorship form or have any questions at all, please just ask. Our email is helpinghandspfa@gmail.com or we can often be found in the playground for a chat.

Thank for 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** the children have been creating an algorithm in their heads before programming the Blue-bot.



In **class 2** this week in history, we have been learning about castles. This week we learnt about the structure and some of the features of medieval castles and designed our own.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been looking at seeds and seeing whether we can answer questions about the resulting plant from the seed we saw, such as 'Which plant will grow the tallest?'



In **class 4**, we have been observing our eggs after keeping them in different liquids for the last 48 hours. We were investigating which liquid would cause the most damage to our teeth.



Class 5 have done their SATs (Year 6s) and end-of-year assessments for English and maths (Year 5s). For the Year 6s, this included their SATs breakfasts, which I think they all enjoyed, and for everyone, quizzes and football!



🌀Thank you to Neeva and Molly for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Diego

Class 5 Superstar: Ethan

Class 2 Superstar: Peggy

Headteacher award: Jacob C1

Class 3 Superstar: Izzy

Lunchtime award: Jack C1

Class 4 Superstar: Max A

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