



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome Helping Hands into school today to host a brilliant fundraising event- 'The Sponsored Bounce!' Every child had the opportunity to bounce on the bouncy castle for one minute and have their number of bounces recorded. It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by all and, with your support, will raise a significant amount of money to benefit our children.

I am pleased to report that our new class set of Chromebooks have arrived in school this week! Thank you to Helping Hands for funding this much-needed learning resource for our children and to all parents and carers who contribute to the fundraising events. We are very grateful for your continued support.

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.

Friday 27th May- Jubilee Celebrations! We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee here in school next Friday! You may spot a few extra decorations around school as we prepare for this special occasion.

EYFS/KS1 Afternoon Tea

Children will be crafting in the morning and then enjoying afternoon tea (hopefully in the sunshine!) during the afternoon. (Please see the letter sent by EYFS/KS1 staff for further details)

KS2 Games on the Lawn

Children will take part in outdoor traditional games in the morning including archery, quoits, croquet, boules and even Maypole dancing! In the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to taste Coronation Chicken, made by class 5, and decorate a Jubilee bun.

Please send your child in school uniform as usual on this day as we are also having Class Photographs taken.

High 5 Netball Y5/6 Eight of our Y5/6 children attended a High 5 Netball competition on Thursday at Monk Fryston school, along with 8 other schools. Our children really enjoyed the event and developed strong team work skills as the tournament progressed. They finished in a super 7th place out of 9 teams. Well done team, we are all very proud of you!



Summer Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Dates coming up next week:

Tuesday 24th May- 3.15-4.15pm- Year 4- First Holy Communion preparation

Thursday 26th May- pm- Tag Rugby tournament Y5/6 at Kellington (individual letters sent)

Friday 27th May- Jubilee Celebration Day

Friday 27th May- Class Photographs

Friday 27th May- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (Class 5 parents and carers invited)

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the red team with an average of **17.5** points! **This is a new Barkston Ash School Record!** Wowee- well done to everyone in red team!

Class 1 achieved the highest team point total with a whopping **539** collected this week! Well done!

Helping Hands We held the Helping Hands AGM this week. All three trustees resigned. There were no nominations for the roles. The consequence of having no Trustees is that we are no longer able to continue as a charity, and that means we are limited to fundraising to a maximum of £5,000 per year. To put this in context, last year Helping Hands raised over £10,000, and the year before covid over £12,000. The funds raised in those years have been used to buy:

- Chromebooks
- Books
- Overhead projector
- Young Voices tshirts
- Travelling Panto
- Leavers Hoodies,

for the children at school. In previous years it has paid towards classroom upgrades, smart screens, ipads and the school extension.

All at the meeting agreed that this was a very disappointing position to be in. There was some discussion about possible ways to both continue as a charity and to relieve some of the burden from the Trustees who felt that the role brings with it an expectation of undertaking a large share of the workload.

The decision was made that the current Trustees will continue in their roles on an interim basis, in order that Helping Hands can continue to operate as a charity. This enables us to fulfil the requirement but does not create an obligation for those people to perform the lion's share of the work. From now on, fundraising events will only happen where there are sufficient volunteers to spread the effort.

Please let us know if you can help, if everyone does a little bit, we can continue to help run the amazing events and activities that have been done before.

Thank you

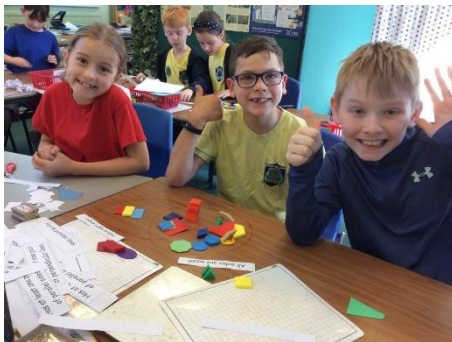
Newsletters, class curriculum letters, other useful forms and letters and the Wednesday Word are available on the school website.



Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1** this week, we celebrated and learnt about Jesus' return to heaven.

In **class 2** this week, we have been learning the story of the Ascension. We made our own moving picture of Jesus going up to heaven and the angels appearing.



In **Class 3** this week, we have continued to use key vocabulary to describe 2-D shapes. We used Venn diagrams to sort shapes according to separate categories.



In **class 4**, we have been looking at instructions, so we started by trying to agree on the correct order for making a cup of tea. Lots of discussion and collaborative working to get them in the right order!



Class 5 have just had Biscuit Week - A Barkston Bakeoff! We began by learning a little about the history of biscuits, investigating and taste-testing some, and then designing and making our own biscuits, after discussions about health & hygiene. Class 3 were very helpful, giving us feedback on the initial designs and the finished products. 'Orders' were placed by Class 3, and the 'Biccies', created by Oli, Henry and Jacob were eventually declared the winners!



🌀 Thank you to Liam and Henry for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Noah

Class 5 Superstar: Jake

Class 2 Superstar: William

Headteacher award: Chloe C4

Class 3 Superstar: Freddie S

Lunchtime award: Izzy C3

Class 4 Superstar: Bradley

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