



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a fabulous end to a very busy half-term we have had! Today, we held our Barkston Ash Jubilee Day and everyone had a great time celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee- that's 70 years as our monarch! We have had fun crafting, playing traditional games, singing our National Anthem, enjoying afternoon tea, bun decorating and taste testing Coronation Chicken!

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy plenty of time to celebrate with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 7th June.**

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 the presence of the Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about our Faith.

PE Kit We have noticed recently that some children are not wearing the correct PE kit, such as team colour T-shirts. Please can I ask for support with this; we are also encouraging children to wear unbranded sports clothing where possible. Our PE kit expectations will be updated for September and circulated to you prior to the summer holidays.

New Equipment! Thanks to a generous parental donation, children across school have had a fantastic time this week getting to grips with our new loose-parts play equipment at break and lunch times. They have developed many skills including teamwork, balance and taking measured risks. Thank you to the older children in school who have supported our younger children to set up and use the equipment in a safe way.



Tag Rugby Y5/6 Ten of our Y5/6 children attended a Tag Rugby tournament on Thursday at Kellington, along with 6 other schools. Our children demonstrated great skill, coaching and teamwork from the outset, winning all four of their matches- including the final which went to extra time! Well done team- we are all very proud of you!



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

Save the Date- Friday 8th July- Non uniform day (Helping Hands request prize donations for the summer BBQ)

Dates coming up after the half-term break:

Monday 6th June- School closed for INSET

Tuesday 7th June- EYFS/KS1 School trip to Eureka!

Wednesday 8th June to Friday 10th June- Phonics Screening Checks in Year 1

Thursday 9th June- pm- Football festival (individual letters have been sent)

Friday 10th June- 10am- First Reconciliation in school

Friday 10th June- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (Class 1 and 2 parents and carers invited)

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **green** team with an average of **16.6** points! Well done to everyone in green team!

Class 3 achieved the highest team point total with a whopping **633** collected this week! Well done!

Parking around school A polite reminder to please park and drive carefully and considerately around school at drop off and collection times. We are grateful to the Ash Tree Inn for continuing to allow use of their car park to parents and carers.

Helping Hands It really was a celebration in assembly today with the announcement that due to your immense generosity the sponsored bounce has raised a phenomenal £1757.78 for the school. What a tremendous achievement!

Many thanks to Paul Nevens, Philippa Varley and Aliaa McCormick for helping out on the day, as well as the Taylor family for the loan of their bouncy castle. Special thanks to Nicola Taylor for all her time in co-ordinating all the payments for us!!

Our prize winning highest fundraiser was Aoife Clancy in Class 1, who raised a massive £120!

Our three prize draw winners were:

Oliver Stoney, Isabella Taylor and Eli Aleong. Well done to you all!

We also drew our May 100 Club winner in assembly today with our lucky winner of £51 being number 74- Mrs O'Mahony. Well done to you!

Thank you for your continued support
Helping Hands

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 our love for Mary.



In **class 2** this week, we have been learning about different habitats. We learnt that minibeasts live in micro-habitats. We used magnifying glasses to search the playground for minibeasts then made our own Bug Hotel with signs to remind people not to disturb the insects!



In **Class 3** this week, we have been imitating the work of Alberto Giacometti. We drew stick figures showing a variety of emotions, thinking about the shapes and angles of our limbs. We then create freezeframes by performing an action and pausing partway through. We drew these in our books as stick figures, again, thinking carefully about the angles and where knees and arms were bent. We then created some sculptures using crafting wire and tinfoil.



In **class 4**, we have been learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrating her Platinum Jubilee!



This week in geography, **Class 5** learned about trading including some of the most common and some unexpected imports and exports to and from the UK, like tartan kilts! They then played a trading game using shapes and Barkston bucks to gain an understanding of different resources countries may have, how they trade and how prices can increase and decrease depending on availability.

🌀 Thank you to Poppy and Kitty for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Chloe

Class 5 Superstar: Liam

Class 2 Superstar: Ava-TR

Headteacher award: Theo C3

Class 3 Superstar: Gracie

Lunchtime award: Elyse C3

Class 4 Superstar: Olivia H

This week's Times Table Champions are...

Joshua Pawson C4

Izzie Eccles C5