



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was so lovely to welcome many new families to our school community on Wednesday evening when we held our New Starters meeting. Mrs Poulter is enjoying her visits to the nursery settings this term to meet the 20 EYFS children who will be joining us in September. We are excited to welcome the children into our school during their taster sessions in July and I am sure that you will make our new families feel very welcome.

Thank you to Helping Hands for organising our Break the Rules Day today. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed being in charge for the day! Many of the children were breaking so many rules; I am sure that you will have all raised lots of money! Thank you for your continued support with the Helping Hands fundraising events; we really do appreciate it.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our virtue for this half-term is '**Honesty**'. Honesty is truthfulness. An honest person has the habit of making accurate, trustworthy statements and represents themselves just as they are, telling the truth. Sometimes, honesty can be hurtful to others, so honesty should always be accompanied by gentleness. An honest person is motivated by love, not by an obsession with relaying accurate information (*Proverbs 19:22*). Above all, the honest person is concerned with telling the truth about God and fostering the spiritual growth of other people (*Ephesians 4:29*).

Weekly Mission To celebrate the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Class Photographs The proofs of the class photographs came home earlier this week. Please place your orders online by 22nd June at www.braiswick.co.uk/orders. Orders placed after this date will incur an additional charge by Braiswick of £4.00 per order.

School Meals The Autumn term menu is now available on our website <https://www.barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus>. We are carrying forward existing booking patterns where children have a regular pattern e.g. school meal every day or on the same day(s) each week. If you wish to change your child's booking for next term, based on the new menu, please contact the office on admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk as soon as possible and by Thursday 23rd June at the latest. Please remember school meals must be paid for in advance for children in KS2 – years 3-6.

Wednesday Word Please remember to take a look at the Wednesday Word magazine which is published regularly on our website in the Catholic Life area.

Sporting Events This week, our Y5/6 swimming squad attended a swimming festival at Tadcaster. They swam superbly, securing first place finishes in 8 races, second place in 2 races and third place in 1 race. Out of the four school teams on the day, they came in first place! We await the second day in July, where 5 more schools will compete, to see whether our squad win the overall festival!

Yesterday, our boys' Y5/6 football team played at an after-school fixture at Tadcaster Riverside as part of the Koboca competitive league. A big thank you to our football coach, Mr Neville-Jackson, for arranging all of the fixtures and providing on-going support and training to the team.

Hot Weather It has been lovely to finally have some warmer weather this week! Just a reminder to please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school as we are unable to apply sun cream in school. Also, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and encourage them to wear a sunhat.

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

Save the Date- Wednesday 29th June- Martial Arts Taster Day- all children to wear PE kit please.

Dates coming up next week:

Thursday 23rd June- KS2 Kwik Cricket Festival (individual letters will be sent)

Friday 24th June- Football Festival Y5/6 girls' team and Y5/6 boys' team (individual letters will be sent)

Friday 24th June- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*please note: no class presenting this week- class 4 next week, class 5 the week after*)

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **green** team with an average of **10.5** points! Well done to everyone in green team! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a super **301** collected this week! Well done!

First Holy Communion Our year 4 children have now completed their First Holy Communion preparation sessions; I would like to thank Mrs Cathie Ward for providing the Catechesis. Please keep the children in your prayers over the next two weeks as they look ahead to celebrating this Sacrament on Saturday 2nd July.

Parent Governor Election A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor within school. If you are interested in nominating yourself for this vacancy, please see the letter on the website (this has also been emailed out to you). **All nomination forms must be returned to school by 3.15pm on Friday 24th June.**

Helping Hands BREAKING NEWS - Break the Rules!

Thank you to everyone for getting involved with today's Break the Rules Day! The children all looked fantastic in their outfits and wacky hairstyles! Mrs Vaughan was looking great as Minnie Mouse, albeit a little hot! Your support for this event has raised over £325, with some payments still coming in!! Well done to everyone involved and especially to Louise Bird, Sarah Chester, Aliaa McCormick and Nicola Taylor.

Thank you as well for all the volunteers who have offered to help out with the preparations and running of the stalls for the Summer BBQ. All your help is greatly appreciated and will lead to a fantastic event on the 15th July for all!

Thanks for your continued support!

The Helping Hands Team



Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1** we have been very excited this week to see our fluffy chicks hatch!

In **class 2** this week, we have been studying 3D shapes. After learning all of their names, we blindfolded our partner and they had to try and guess which shape they were holding!



Class 3

In science, we have been investigating the transport of water in plants. We added ink to water and placed some celery and chrysanthemums into the water and watched what happened as the day went on. The petals of the chrysanthemums changed colour and we were surprised to see the leaves of the celery changed colour as well!

In **class 4** we have really enjoyed being detectives and using Junior Jam to create our CSI profiles. This week we used the software to create photofits from memory as eye-witnesses to a crime.



As part of our history work on the Transatlantic Slave Trade, we discussed the Brookes: a slave ship sailing from Liverpool. In **Class 5**, we considered a diagram of the ship and saw the space allowed for the transportation of enslaved people from Africa to the Americas. It would be a little like being crammed under our school tables for 23 hours a day for two months. We had a go at experiencing what it would be like. Although it was a fun experience for us, we know it would have been awful for the slaves.

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

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

Class 1 Superstar: Angus

Class 5 Superstar: Ralph

Class 2 Superstar: Toby

Headteacher award: Callan C2

Class 3 Superstar: Elyse

Lunchtime award: James R C4

Class 4 Superstar: Tai

A huge well done to this week's times table champions...

Flo Duncan C4

Henry Watson C5