



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

What an emotional rollercoaster this week has been! It was wonderful to see our amazing year 6 children perform at St Joseph's last night; I was blown away with their talent. Then, today, seeing the children shine during their Leaver's Liturgy, sharing their experiences and leaving not a dry eye in the house! From our Barkston Ash family, we wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives and cannot wait to see them all flourish in the next stage of their education.

On a personal note, I cannot thank you enough for your kind words, support and faith as I end my first year as Headteacher at our incredible school. I love Barkston Ash and feel privileged to be able to lead our school for many more years to come.

Have a very happy and holy summer with your families

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 With God's guidance, continue to grow and learn.

Leavers Today, we also say a fond farewell to Elyse (C3) and Diego (C1). We wish them, and their families, all the best as they start their new schools in September.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Siddall, Mrs Marvell, Mrs Morgan-Huntley and Mr Bissek. The adults in our school bring so much love and support to the education of our children and we are so thankful for everything that they have contributed to our Barkston Ash community. They will all be greatly missed and we wish them all the best for the future.



Music Recital It was so lovely to see the children performing at this week's music recital, after such a lot of hard work practising their instruments. We broke another Barkston Ash school record, with a whopping 38 children showcasing their musical talents! Well done to all involved!

Teampoint Winners A huge well done to **Green team** who collected the most Team Point trophies this term! Well done- keep up the amazing work in September!

Spelling Bee This term's Spelling Bee Champions are **Class 5** with a super average of 16.9! Well done class 5!



Parent Governor Election Thank you to those of you who voted during our recent election. I am pleased to announce that Mr Andrew Radi was elected and we are looking forward to him joining his first Governor meeting as Parent Governor in September.

FA Parent Course Our school football coach, Mr Neville-Jackson, has forwarded this free Safeguarding course from the FA which you may wish to complete; it should take approximately 30 minutes of your time.

'As safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, we have also recently launched an online, bespoke **Safeguarding Awareness for Parents** and Carers course and are actively asking grassroots coaches to share this free learning module with parents at clubs, so they can develop their knowledge in the behaviours that are expected in children's football environments.'

Learning Mentor Ms Helen West is our brilliant school learning mentor. She works with children across school on an individual basis and will also be introducing a weekly 'drop in' session from September which any child will be able to access if they feel the need to. Following the summer break, if you believe that your child has any social, emotional or mental health needs that you would like school to support with, please speak in confidence to your child's class teacher in the first instance so that a referral form to Ms West can be completed. Thank you.

KS2 team Following a very successful recruitment process, I am pleased to confirm our KS2 teaching team for September: Mr Hudson (Class 3), Mr Tuck (Class 4) and Mr Craig (Class 5).

It has been lovely for Class 4 to meet Mr Tuck today and he is thrilled to be part of our school team from September. I am sure that you will all join me in warmly welcoming Mr Tuck to our amazing school community.

School Uniform As we begin our next academic year, we will be having a clear focus on school uniform, including children wearing the correct PE kits. Please click the link below to our school website if you require a reminder of our uniform expectations.

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

Thank you! On behalf of all staff at Barkston Ash, may I thank you for the overwhelming amount of cards and gifts that have been received this week. They are not expected, but are very much appreciated. Every member of staff working in our school works tirelessly to secure the best possible education for your children and we are always grateful for your appreciative words and support.

Helping Hands Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer BBQ last Friday evening, we hope you all had a great time! The event has raised £2716.10!! This is a tremendous amount and has only been made possible by the generosity of all of our school community.

We would especially like to thank those that played a big part in the organisation of the event, including all the Year representatives (Sarah Jollands, Tim Los-Herringshaw, Karla Tindell-Riley, Rita Reid, Michelle Radi, Sarah Stoney & Louise Bird), Vicki Grier, Sarah Chester, Kate Murray, Nicola and Dan Taylor, Rowen Burns, Philippa Varley, Aliaa McCormick, Mel Donovan, Donna Wilson and Lindsay Watson. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Vaughan and all the teachers who helped out on the night, as well as Ms West and the School Council for running the Hook a Duck stall and Mrs Pybus for running the Gardening Club and Craft stall. All our parent volunteers who helped run stalls or donated prizes towards the adult tombola or napkins and plates for our food stalls, your help is greatly appreciated. It was fantastic to have our whole school community represented on the night.

Further to this we would like to say a big thank you to all of the companies that donated towards the evening, which kept our costs to an absolute minimum. Please support them as they have supported us!

Tesco Garforth & Sherburn for donating soft drinks.

Tesco Tadcaster Road for donating a prize hamper.

Jacksons butchers for donating some burgers.

Cranswick for donating all the sausages.

The Meatless Farm for donating the vegetarian sausages and burgers.

Warburtons for donating the bread.

The Co-Op for donating sweets for prizes.

Spar Sherburn for donating sweets and water balloons for prizes.

Greggs Garforth for donating doughnuts and sausage rolls.

Makins Farm for donating strawberries.

D & R for donating prosecco.

Heineken for donating beer.

All of our raffle prize donators too!

We wish you all a very happy and fun filled Summer!

The Helping Hands Team

Please note: School reopens to children on Tuesday 6th September when we will begin our next academic year. We look forward to seeing you all then and hearing about your summer adventures!

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



Let's Celebrate!



Class 1 are now experts at weaving!



In **class 2** we enjoyed using the I-pads in computing.



This week, in **class 3** we have been learning about position and direction in maths, including co-ordinates. We enjoyed playing Battleships and discovering the locations of the ships!

Class 4 would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Morgan-Huntley for teaching them since February! We hope that she has a lovely summer and wish her all the best for the future.



In our final week, **Class 5** have been working very hard writing their own plays, and they performed them on Wednesday afternoon. There was a wolf terrorising squirrels in the woods, The Day Everyone Disappeared, a tragic flamingo love story, school punishments from days gone by, and school trip to Paris gone wrong. They were definitely entertaining and caused a lot of hilarity with their creative ideas, hysterical story lines and fantastic delivery. Well done, Class 5!