



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

*'With God's guidance we grow and learn'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have noticed that we have been working on improving our outdoor space and the activities that are on offer to the children. It is lovely to see our playground equipment, obstacle course equipment and ActivAll boards providing lots of fun for the children during break times. We are looking forward to our playground markings being revitalised soon, with support from Helping Hands. This week, we had the first Helping Hands meeting of this academic year and it was lovely to see some new parents and carers in attendance- thank you for your support, and welcome!

Helping Hands are a registered charity who complete a significant amount of fundraising for our children each year by hosting a wide variety of child, adult and family events. Please do support these events if you are able to.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

**Virtue** Our virtue for the start of this half-term is '**Love of Learning**'. If we develop a passion for learning, we will never cease to grow. We are inspired by Jesus. Our entire lives are a learning journey, with many start and end points that require us to open the doors to discovery and reflect upon our experience along the way. We want our children to be aspirational for themselves and their futures, through the education we provide, nurturing the thirst to know and learn more.

*Luke 2:40 "The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."*

**Weekly Mission** To follow Mary's example of trusting in, and listening to, God.

**Bank Holiday** All schools and colleges will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral. We look forward to seeing all children back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

*God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.*

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September between 9 and 10am, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning; we hope that many of you will be able to join us in the school hall. We would appreciate donations of buns on the day (please ensure they are nut-free). Buns will then be on sale at break time for the children to buy. All funds raised will be donated to Macmillan.

**Morning drop off** A reminder that our school playground is not supervised on a morning before 8.45am. Due to our shared duty to Safeguard all children, we ask parents and carers to remain on the playground until their child has entered the school building with their class teacher.

**Thank you!** We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Emma Chittock, a Church Fenton resident, for her kind donation of books and stationery.

**Young Voices** If your child is taking part in Young Voices this year, please follow the link below to set up a young voices account. Your child will be able to access lyrics, dance videos and videos with lyrics.

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=TA5zKgX2aBwMmVWk>

**Caretaking Vacancy** The advert for our school caretaker/cleaner vacancy is now live on the NYCC website. The link below should take you directly to the vacancy.

[View Vacancy Details](#)

**A Message from NY Music Service: Instrumental Tuition** Parents can go direct to the North Yorkshire Music Hub website to find out about the lessons we provide, and use the on-line form to apply for lessons –

**[Home - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#)** This website includes details of tuition fees and information about benefits which qualify for Remissions.

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

Dates coming up next week:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September- School closed- Bank Holiday- HM Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September- pm- Multi-skills tournament Y1/2 at Drax (individual letters sent)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September- School Photos

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September- Celebration Assembly (class 2 parents and carers invited)

Future reminder from Mrs Poulter!

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September- 3.15pm- Book Fair

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **green** team with an average of **12.2** points! Class 5 achieved the highest team point total with a fantastic **387** collected this week! Well done to green team and class 5!

**Helping Hands** Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of this academic year on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see so many faces and especially some new ones! We already have lots in store for the children this term. Our first exciting event will be the school DISCO on Friday 14th October, so don't forget to save the date!

The first 100 Club Draw will take place on Friday 30th September but sadly not many people have renewed their numbers so far. To be included in all of this year's draws, please pay £12 to Helping Hands as soon as possible. We accept payment by cash, PayPal, cheque and card. If you have any questions, just speak to Kate Murray in the playground at school drop off /pick up.

The School Council recently proposed a cosy new outdoor play shelter for Class 1 and, thanks to your fundraising efforts last year, this will be ordered shortly - we can't wait to see it in situ!

Finally our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm venue to be confirmed. Fingers crossed to see even more people there!

The Helping Hands Team

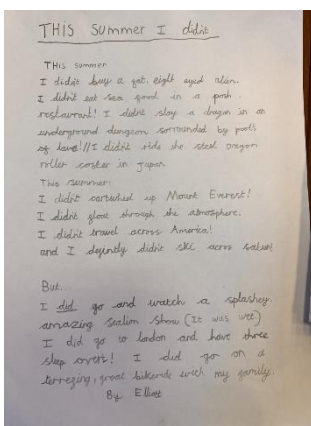


## Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1**, we have been talking about being special. We talked about celebrating our differences.



In **class 2** this week, we have been learning about our bodies. We drew a person and labelled their body parts including tummy, legs, wrists, knees and toes!



In **Class 3** this week, we have been writing poems based on our summer holidays and what we didn't manage to get to do. Climbing up Mt Everest; writing, recording and producing a Hit #1 single and many other crazy escapades!

In **class 4**, we have been discussing our current Virtue to Live By 'Love of Learning'. We identified ways that we can demonstrate this virtue and recognise it in other people.



This week, **Class 5** have been developing their understanding of taxonomy: classifying things according to observable characteristics. They have learned about the five kingdoms of living things, and why fungi are not classed as plants. In answering a question raised in class, they have also learned that coronavirus is not a living thing because viruses do not carry out all of the MRS GREN life processes.

🌀Thank you to Will and Oliver for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Noah

Class 5 Superstar: Will

Class 2 Superstar: Chloe

Headteacher award: Jacob J C2

Class 3 Superstar: Callan

Lunchtime award: Noah R C5

Class 4 Superstar: Joshua

Times Tables  
Champions will be  
announced here,  
starting next  
week...