



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have had a fantastic day in school supporting the charity Children in Need. Staff across school have been raising awareness of the amazing things that this charity does and the children have completed lots of fun activities! The children look super wearing their themed accessories. Thank you to those parents and carers who have donated to Children in Need through ParentPay, this is much appreciated and will support those children and families who need it the most.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue for the beginning of this half-term is Prayer. Prayer provides us with the opportunity to communicate with God. 'Prayer is the raising of one's heart and mind to God or the requesting of good things from God' (**Catholic Catechism 2259**). This shows that prayer is considered a two-way process. We pray to God to develop spiritually, and God has the power to answer prayers. When Jesus was asked by his followers how they should pray, he taught them the words of the Lord's prayer.

Weekly Mission To know that Jesus is a king, unlike other kings.

Poppy Appeal Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal in school last week. Mr Thiara has informed us that £103.52 was raised by our school community. Thank you to everyone for your donations!

Online Safety Please find attached this week's Online Safeguarding information, focusing on Online Bullying. With a recent study showing that 50% of teenagers have experienced Cyberbullying, but only 1 in 10 report this to a trusted adult, it is imperative that all children, from a young age, know what to do if they experience Cyberbullying and to know that they will be helped in this situation, whether at home or school.

Advent Wreaths This year, in addition to making the 6 advent wreaths for school, the children will be making the advent wreaths for both St Joseph the Worker and Scarthingwell churches. We would be grateful for any snippings of shrubs etc that the children could use to make the wreaths. Please would you bring these to school on Thursday 24th November.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **green** team with an average of **11.4** points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with an amazing **356** collected this week! Well done to green team and class 2!

Christmas lunch Turkey and trimmings followed by arctic yule log will replace the advertised school meal on Wednesday 14th December. If your child does not already have a school meal booked for that day and would like to join us for Christmas lunch instead of bringing a packed lunch, please email the office to book before next Friday.

Advent and Nativity performances Tickets are coming home in bookbags this evening - one letter per family. Please see the letter attached to the tickets for further information.

Emergency school closure- Snow procedure With the forecast changing to a spell of cold weather, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you all of the procedures in place should the need ever arise for school to close due to bad weather.

A decision will be made as soon as possible and a text sent to advise you. We will also post the information on our school website and local radio – e.g. stray FM.

Wherever possible, we will endeavour to be open. Please bear in mind though that even if you can get your child into school, many of our staff have long journeys and if they are not able to reach school, we may not be able to open on health and safety grounds. If the weather deteriorates during a school day and we need to close early we will send a text (this is the quickest method of contact)/phone if necessary. Staff will stay on the premises until all children have been safely collected. Thank you.

Open Classroom event We are delighted to invite all parents and carers of children in years 1-6 to attend our Open Classroom event on Tuesday 6th December from 3.30pm, finishing at 4.15pm. Your child will have the opportunity to share their work with you and to show you around their classroom. We hope that you can make it!

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

Dates coming up next week:

Friday 25th November- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (Class 4 parents and carers invited)

Sunday 27th November- 12.30pm- Helping Hands Christmas Fayre

Save the Dates- Advent!

Wednesday 30th November- Chaplins Pantomime Performance in school

Thursday 1st December- Music Service Festive Performance in school

Friday 2nd December- 9.30am- Advent Mass in school (parishioners and parents welcome to attend)

Monday 5th December- 7pm- Helping Hands Wreath making evening

Tuesday 6th December- 3.30pm- Open Classroom event

Tuesday 13th December- 9.30am- KS1 Nativity performance

Tuesday 13th December- 2.30pm and 6.30pm- KS2 Advent Carol Concert

Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th December- 2.30pm- KS1 Nativity performance

Flu immunisation The School Age Immunisation Service will be in school on 01/12/2022 to deliver the nasal spray flu vaccine. If you wish your child to receive this vaccine, you must give your consent online at <https://www.hdftsais.co.uk> using our school code **HD121635** before 24th November 2022. Please see the letters page on our website for further information.

Helping Hands Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fayre which is now just over a week away on Sunday 27th November. Another huge shout out to everyone who is helping to bring it all together, donating prizes, volunteering to help out on the day etc. We are excited to have all our favourite stalls at the Fayre, including the children's and adult's tombola, snowman snap, candy cane lane - you'll be able to knock the elf off the shelf, win prizes from a surprise advent calendar and challenge yourself to be as good as Santa at throwing presents down a chimney ... once you've done all of that and had a ride on the steam train you'll be able to relax at our hot food, drinks and sweet treats stalls, and pop inside to warm up, do some Christmas crafts and enter the colouring competition - it really is shaping up to be busier than the North Pole!!!

This week you will have received raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle draw - please return any ticket money and your ticket stubs, or any unused tickets in the envelope provided, sealed and addressed to Helping Hands by Tuesday 22nd November. If you would like any additional tickets please e-mail helpinghandspfa@gmail.com - you will also be able to purchase tickets on the day.

Thank you to everyone who's booked in to chat with Father Christmas at Santa's Grotto - the elves are busy making sure we can accommodate your requested time slots, and visit times will be confirmed early next week. A polite reminder that payment for Santa's Grotto (£3 per child) can be made either online or by cash in advance - the PayPal link is <https://www.paypal.me/SevenSummitsHH>.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre - there's still time to get involved so if you have any free time to help on the day please let your year rep know ...

Thank you for all your support! Looking forward to seeing you at the Fayre!

Many thanks from the Helping Hands team.

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



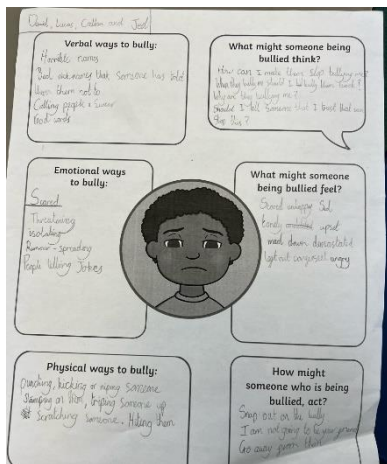
Let's Celebrate!



In **Class 1**, we made candles to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



Class 2 have been writing about the charity Children in Need including what they do and who they help.



This week has been anti-bullying week. In **Class 3** we learnt about bullying and how we can all help each other by recognising when someone might be being bullied and how we can help by 'reaching out'.



In PE in **Class 4**, we have continued to develop our dance skills, working in teams to perform routines involving symmetry and sporting motifs.



In **Class 5** this week, we have continued to develop our jumps, rolls and balance in gymnastics, concentrating on ensuring a smooth start and end position.

🌀 Thank you to Eva B and Danny for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Dorothy

Class 5 Superstar: Hollie

Class 2 Superstar: Jacob H

Headteacher award: Porter C1

Class 3 Superstar: Daniel

Lunchtime award: Jed C3

Class 4 Superstar: Megan

Huge congratulations to our new Times Table Champions...

Joshua C4
Kitty C5