



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind words and good wishes this week during our Ofsted inspection; all staff appreciate your continued support. Also, thank you for taking the time to complete the Parent View questionnaire; we had almost 60 responses which were overwhelmingly positive! It is lovely that Ofsted recognised what a fantastic community we have and how children, staff and parents work closely together in our Barkston Ash family.

Just for information, the finalised Ofsted report should be available mid-January and as soon as we have this, we will ensure that it is circulated to you.

Have a wonderful weekend (and I hope to see you all at our Christmas Fayre on Sunday!)

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue 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 Advent is a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Advent Wreaths The children and staff have been busy with preparations for Advent this week. This year, in addition to preparing the Advent wreaths for school, we have also prepared the wreaths for both St Joseph the Worker and Scarthingwell Church. Thank you to everyone who made this possible by bringing in suitable garden cuttings.



Children In Need Thank you for raising the grand total of £94.00 through your kind donations to Children in Need.

Parking A polite reminder to please take into consideration access for our neighbours and the safety of all concerned around school. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting school on 1st December to deliver the flu vaccine. They are giving you the opportunity to provide consent for the vaccine right up to the day of the visit. This is because they are seeing more cases of flu in children this year than previously. If you have not yet given consent but wish to, please access the consent form at: www.hdftsais.co.uk The code for our school is: HD121635

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with an average of **8.3** points! Well done to everyone in blue team! **Class 5** achieved the highest team point total with a super **358** collected this week! Well done!

Autumn Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates

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

Online Safety Please find attached this week's poster giving information and advice about Snapchat. Please refer to the poster for information on staying safe when using this.

Helping Hands *Ho ho ho - it's the Christmas Fayre on Sunday and we're really looking forward to seeing you there. The Fayre starts at 12:30 and we'll be enjoying our favourite stalls, hot food, drinks and sweet treats, the ever popular steam train and lots more, until 15:30.*

Thank you to everyone who's booked in to chat with Father Christmas at Santa's Grotto - visit times have been confirmed (please note some Santa visit times start from 12:00). Thank you to everyone who has already sent their payment for Santa's Grotto - if you have not yet had a chance then you can make payment in cash at the welcome desk, where you'll also be able to return your raffle ticket stubs.

We are hoping for a great attendance at the Christmas Fayre so there will be an inevitable increase in vehicles parked in and around the school - please can we request that we all show courtesy and care towards residents when parking for the event. The school car park will be reserved for staff and members of the Helping Hands team who are setting up and clearing up after the event.

Thank you to everyone who's helped to bring the Christmas Fayre together - we are looking forward to a fabulous Christmassy afternoon and we can't wait to see you there.

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

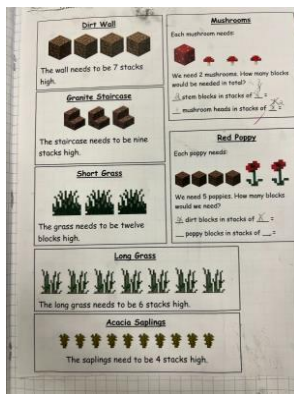


Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1**, we have been learning about homes in the past. The reception children built a Victorian home with a sofa and a fire.



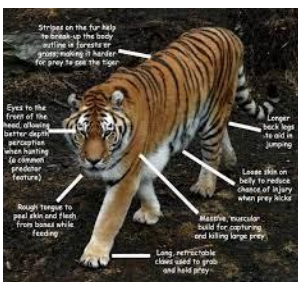
In **class 2** this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



This week, **class 3** have begun to look at arrays as the start to our multiplication topic. We began by completing some arrays using Minecraft blocks and as the week has gone on, we have looked at matching calculations to groups of arrays



In **class 4** we have been exploring how to make complete circuits. We realised if there is a break or gap in the circuit that it will not work.



This week, in **class 5** in advance of our class trip to Tropical World, we studied the way in which animals have adapted to suit their environments. Linking to our English topic work, we learned about the special adaptations wolves have to help them survive, then explored the adaptations of an animal of our own choice.

🌀Thank you to Lacey and Alexis for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Finn

Class 5 Superstar: coming soon...

Class 2 Superstar: Jack

Headteacher award: Evie C2

Class 3 Superstar: Eddie

Lunchtime award: Noah S C4

Class 4 Superstar: Tai

Continue to practise your times table skills at home on Times Table Rockstars!