



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such a lovely week in school to mark our first week of Advent, starting with our Christmas Fayre on Sunday and finishing with a lovely Advent Mass today celebrated by Father Tim. Thank you to the parents, carers and parishioners who joined us today. Also a huge thank you to the Helping Hands Committee, members and all volunteers who helped out in any way at the Christmas Fayre- it was such a fantastic event. Thank you to all parents, carers, staff and members of our community who attended the event and supported in any way.

Have a wonderful weekend

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 God sends messages through angels, saints, prophets, and the people in our lives.

Advent Mass Canon Swinglehurst led Advent Mass for us today with bidding prayers and readings by the children. It is lovely to see parents and parishioners joining us for Mass. Thank you.

Admissions Please remind everyone you know who has a child starting school in September 2023 that they must complete an application form for a school place online with NYCC. Whilst it is also important that you also send a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to us, the SIF is not an application for a school place. To apply for a school place you must complete the NYCC form online by 15th January 2023.

School meals - The Spring Term menu is now available on our website. If your child has school meals on the same day each week, we will carry forward their meal booking to the same days each week next term. If your child varies the days of the week they have a meal, please email admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk before next Friday to let us know the days they would like to have school meals next term.

Illness absences – Please help us with safeguarding by contacting school before 9am each day if your child will be absent due to illness. Thank you

Flu Immunisation The School Age Immunisation Team visited school as planned on 1st December to deliver the flu vaccine. If you had given consent for your child to be immunised but they were not in school on that day, you will receive an email from the immunisation team inviting you to book a slot at one of their mop up sessions. If you did not give consent, but have since decided you would like your child to be immunised, the immunisation team can be contacted on 03000 032554.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with an average of **10** points! Well done to everyone in blue team! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a super **279** collected this week! Well done!

Performances – The children hugely enjoyed the Cinderella pantomime this week. Thank you to Helping Hands for funding this opportunity for our children. In the second of our 2 live performances this week, the NYCC Music Service demonstrated a range of instruments and entertained the children with carols. We are sure they will have inspired many budding musicians.



Autumn Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates
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 Fifa 2023. Please refer to the poster for information on staying safe when using this.

Toy Appeal – We have been asked to let you know that Ideal Care Homes are partnering with the Salvation Army for a Christmas toy appeal for local children. One of our parents will happily pass on your unwrapped, new toys if they are brought to school before 11th December. Please see poster for more information.

Helping Hands Last Sunday was the Helping Hands Christmas Fayre and it was lovely to see so many of you there. What a fabulous Christmassy afternoon we had, with the hustle and bustle of our Young Apprentice stalls, the ever popular steam train, lots of games to play, refreshments and of course we had a visit from Santa! He met so many of our families in his Grotto and commented on what lovely children we have here at our school. Looks like everyone is on the nice list! We are delighted to confirm that the event raised over £2,000 - what an amazing amount. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this event. Congratulations to all of our raffle prize winners - the winners have been contacted and will be confirmed on the school website.

We are pleased to congratulate the winners of our colouring competition (see winning entries below):

- Pre-school – Juliette, KS1 – Poppy, KS2 – Charlotte.

The winning address of the Gingerbread House was 80 Rudolph Road - congratulations to Lucas from Class 3 who guessed the right address - we hope you enjoy building the Gingerbread House and then eating it!!!

Thank you to Mrs Vaughan for judging the colouring competition and choosing the winning address :-)

Hosting an event like the Christmas Fayre is a huge team effort and we would like to thank everyone who got involved in any way at all, from colouring and donating a tombola prize, to cooking a massive amount of pork, from setting up and clearing away on the day, to lending us the equipment we needed to make it work and everything in between! A special thank you to Nicola Taylor for sourcing all of our raffle prizes, this is a big administrative job and we really appreciate the time taken to do this. Many thanks also go to the local businesses that have donated the raffle prizes, as well as meat, meatless meatballs, bread, mince pies, prizes & much more. A big thank you to Mrs Vaughan and the school team who got involved with running stalls on the day, as well as Mrs Ward in the school office who was a great help in the lead up to the event.

Finally, last but by no means least, a huge thank you to Philippa Varley, for taking the lead on arranging the Fayre, Kate Murray and Lindsay Watson for all of the organising and sourcing of items and food, Tim Los-Herringshaw for liaising with the supermarkets collecting donations and all of the last minute shopping and of course to Sarah Chester, Nicola Taylor and Tim for all of the cooking. Their time, energy and hard work are greatly appreciated and none of this would have gone ahead without them!!!

We're signing off with a reminder that on Monday 5th December we are hosting our Christmas Wreath Making evening with Victoria Ivy Floral - there are places still available - please use this link to book your place

- <https://forms.gle/orkdvASRxxh49F37U6>

November 100 club was drawn in assembly today and the lucky winner was **number 37, Donna Byram!**

Helping Hands would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎄🎄🎄

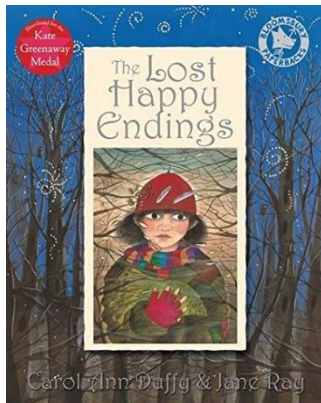


Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1** this week we have been learning about healthy food. Reception children made a food salad.

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



This week, in **class 3** we have begun to look at describing a familiar setting. We read 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. We closely looked at the description and descriptive features and discussed vocabulary we liked and worked out what these were examples of. We will have a go at writing our own description of the forest setting using our senses.



In **class 4** we enjoyed working together to plan our own classroom Worship.



This week, in **class 5** in maths, we have been developing our understanding of area and perimeter using chair-space measures. By putting the chairs on the tables, we could see the area available for the chairs, and by counting around the outside where chairs could be placed, we could calculate the perimeter of the table. By arranging tables in different ways, we saw that a table with an area of 6 chair-spaces could have the same perimeter as a table with an area of 4 chair-spaces.



🌀Thank you to Georgie and Izzy for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

Primary Maths Challenge Well done to all children who completed this tricky activity! A special congratulations to Eden and Noah R who achieved the Gold award and Evan and Joseph who achieved the silver award. Great work!

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

Class 1 Superstar: Olivia T

Class 5 Superstar: Noah R & Max O'D

Class 2 Superstar: Sam F

Headteacher award: Ted L C4

Class 3 Superstar: Theo E

Lunchtime award: Will C C5

Class 4 Superstar: Izzy F

A huge congratulations to this week's Times Table Champions!

Daniel C3

Benus C4

Edward W C4

Max A C5