



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was so lovely to see the KS1 Performing Arts club acting, singing and dancing in assembly today. Following weeks of rehearsal, their confidence has developed so much and we all enjoyed the performance!

We are also looking forward to the Nativity and Carol Concert performances next week. The children have been working hard in preparation for these events and we hope that you are able to join us.

Calling all KS2 performers! If you wish to take part in our Easter musical production, please sign up to the KS2 Performing Arts club, starting in January. See Parent Pay for further details.

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 Travelling Crib The children have begun to bring our travelling crib bags home again this week. Thank you to all families who have participated in this activity. We would love to see pictures of your family sharing this special time together. Please send any photos to the admin email address.

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.

Clubs Information about clubs for next term was sent home by email yesterday. A copy of the letter is on our website.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **red** team with an average of **11.3** points! Well done to everyone in red team! **Class 4** achieved the highest team point total with a super **362** collected this week! Well done!

Autumn Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates

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 – children may wear a Christmas accessory/jumper

Wednesday 14th December- 2.30pm- KS1 Nativity performance

Friday 16th December- 2.45pm – Celebration Assembly – No class presentation. Parents and carers of children receiving certificates invited.

Online Safety Please find attached this week a Digital Safeguarding Poster we have been asked to distribute by our local PCSO.

We have also been made aware of a video that is circulating on YouTube about 'The Man in the Window'. These are part of a video-game playthrough that is not appropriate for children in a primary school setting. Mr Hudson has spoken to KS2 and reminded them about being safe and responsible on the internet. Part of this is not searching or clicking inappropriate videos including game playthroughs or suggesting/telling other children to search for this video. Please help spread this message at home by being aware of what children may be searching for on YouTube and using more appropriate versions of YouTube such as YouTube Kids.

Toy Appeal Thank you for your donations of toys for the Ideal Care Home appeal. These have been passed on.

Foodbank Thank you for your donations throughout the year. We know that the foodbank struggle at this time of year, so if you can spare any items from your cupboard before Christmas we will make sure they are passed on.

Christmas Postbox We have a fantastic new double-decker Christmas postbox in school. The children can post their cards in there for delivery to people in school. Next week the prefects will distribute the cards. Thank you to the Burns family for taking the time to make this for us all to use.



Open Classroom Event We were pleased so many of you were able to take the opportunity for the children to show you their classroom and their work this week at our Open Classroom Event. We look forward to repeating this again in the future.

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



Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1**, Year 1 children have been learning about the features of non-fiction texts.

In **class 2** this week we have been using 2D shapes to make patterns.



This week, in **class 3** we have been learning about describing a setting. We focussed on the forest setting in our book 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We used our senses to help us describe nouns within the forest and then used this planning to write our own descriptions.

In **class 4** we have been looking at advent and its meaning as we approach Christmas.



Since the hall was busy on Wednesday afternoon, we did PE outside. In our teams, we used lots of different PE resources to create our own assault courses for the other teams to complete. It was different, and we really enjoyed it.

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

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

Class 1 Superstar: Josey

Class 5 Superstar: Kitty

Class 2 Superstar: Isaac

Headteacher award: Charlie O

Class 3 Superstar: Sam

Lunchtime award: Chloe C4

Class 4 Superstar: Chloe

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

Jemima G

Hollie