



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic time we have had in our final week of the Autumn term! I am sure you will agree that it was wonderful to see every child across school perform in the Nativity or the Carol Concert. It has been a pleasure to hear the children's joyful singing echoing down the corridors at this special time of year. Sometimes, in our busy lives, we can get distracted from the real meaning of Christmas, the gift of the Christ child in the manger. The children truly brought this message of Christmas to all those who attended.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for all they do for the children to ensure that they receive a quality, well-rounded education. Also, thank you to parents and carers for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone in our school community a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

*May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.*

Mrs Vaughan

**Virtue** Our Virtue for the start of the spring term is 'Friendship'. Scripture offers valuable guidance when it comes to choosing friends. God knows our desire to be known and to be loved! He made us for companionship. Bible verses about friendship tell us how our true friends can be the greatest source of love, healing, joy and encouragement. It is also important that we learn how to forgive others when we are hurt and learn how to handle difficult situations within our friendships.

'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.' Thessalonians 5:11

**Weekly Mission** To give the gift of love this Christmas.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Start of Spring term** Please note that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 is an INSET day for staff. **School reopens to all children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**- we look forward to seeing you then!

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **green** team with an average of **19.7** points! Well done to everyone in green team! **Class 5** achieved the highest team point total with a super **555** collected this week! Well done!

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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January- School reopens- first day of spring term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January- Young Voices

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January- 10.45am- Epiphany Mass (all parents, carers and parishioners invited)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January- No celebration assembly this week

**Online Safety** Please find attached this week's poster giving information and advice about setting up APPs. Please refer to the poster for information on staying safe when doing this.

**CPOMS** As a school, we are now using CPOMS to record information about children in the areas of safeguarding, behaviour, pastoral and wellbeing. CPOMS is a secure, centralised system where incidents, issues, concerns and actions can be recorded by all staff, but only the Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Poulter) have full access to each child's record. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Mrs Vaughan on the playground.

**Spelling Bee** The winners of the Spelling Bee this half term is Class 5 with a fantastic average of 18.4. Well done Class 5.

**Mass Times** The Mass times this Christmas are:

6.00pm at Sherburn on Christmas Eve (the Vigil Mass)

10.00am Christmas morning at Scarthingwell

Everyone is invited to join us.

Also Sunday Mass times are revised with effect from 1 January 2023 to:

9.30am – St Joseph the Worker, Sherburn

11.00am – The Immaculate Conception, Scarthingwell

### **Christmas Appeals**

Thank you for your generosity taking part in the shoebox and toy appeals. 641 shoeboxes were sent from our area to the depot in Preston and then on their way to Albania and Moldova through to Ukraine and the Salvation Army have collected the toys for their appeal. Thank you to all concerned.



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



## Let's Celebrate!

In **class 1** this week children have been painting the Nativity scene.



In **class 2** in gymnastics we have been learning different types of rolls.



This week, in **class 3** we have been comparing life in the Stone age to life in the Bronze age. We learnt about Stonehenge and wondered how it was built.

In **class 4** we have been looking at conductors and insulators in our electricity work this week. We tested lots of items from around the classroom to see which conducts or insulates electricity.



**Class 5** - famous invention from ancient China is the kite. Since we have been studying China this term, in DT, we created prototypes and tested them - admittedly there was not as much wind as we really needed - and then we designed and made our own kites.

🌀Thank you to Molly and Noah for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

**100% Attendance** 36 children across school achieved 100% attendance during autumn term! Well done to you all 😊 These children received bonus team points and special recognition in their planner.

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

Class 1 Superstar: Alicia

Class 5 Superstar: James B

Class 2 Superstar: Evie

Headteacher award: Isabella C2

Class 3 Superstar: Peggy

Lunchtime award: Teddy C2

Class 4 Superstar: Dom

Prefect awards: Megan W (C2) & Bradley W (C4)

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

**Matthew C4**

**Dom C4**

**Flo D C5**

**Oliver S C5**