



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and that you were able to spend quality time with loved ones.

Yesterday, 51 of our KS2 children attended Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. They had a great time and, if you were fortunate enough to attend, I am sure you will agree that their performance was fantastic! A huge thank you to the staff members who accompanied the children on the visit and to Mrs Poulter for organising this trip. As usual, the children did our school proud so congratulations to all involved!



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue for the start of this 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.' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Weekly Mission To know that we are loved by God and invited to be a part of His family.

Epiphany Mass Today, it was lovely to welcome Father Tim into school to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord with our school community. It was great to have parishioners in attendance and we do hope that you will be able to join us at future services. Thank you to everyone involved, especially to all of the children who read so well.



Thank you! On behalf of all of the school staff here at Barkston Ash, I would like to thank you for your very generous Christmas wishes, cards and gifts that were given to staff before the holidays. The kind and thoughtful gestures were appreciated by everyone.

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

Tuesday 10th January- Tins on Tuesday Class 2

Tuesday 10th January- Young Apprentice Presentations

Thursday 12th January- pm- KS2 Basketball festival (participant letters have been sent this week)

Friday 13th January- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (class 1 parents and carers invited to attend)

Future Celebration Assembly dates:

Friday 20th January- Class 2

Friday 27th January- Class 3

Friday 3rd February- Class 4

Friday 10th February-Class 5

Online Safety Over Christmas, some children may have been gifted electronic devices such as Chromebooks, laptops, iPads etc. The attached poster relays some of the key pieces of knowledge that we teach children in school to support them in staying safe online. It would be fantastic if you could share and discuss some of these points on the poster with your child to support them to stay safe online at home.

Digital camera/mobile phone amnesty! We are looking to source some digital cameras that teachers can use in the classroom and on school trips. Whilst you are having your big spring-cleaning sessions, if you find any old digital cameras or mobile phones that take good-quality photos with the appropriate charging and USB cables that would be otherwise thrown away, we would be delighted to be able to put them to use. If you would like to donate these, please make sure any old photographs or contacts are backed up as the devices will need to be wiped by our computing technician prior to them being used within school. Please leave these with Mrs Ward in the office or with Mrs Vaughan on the playground- all donations gratefully received!

Autumn Attendance Our whole-school attendance for autumn term was 95.7%; unfortunately this falls short of our school target of 97%. Please ensure that your child attends school daily unless they are unwell. We expect good attendance and punctuality from all members of our school community as this correlates with good attainment, wellbeing and wider outcomes for all.

Where required, attendance letters will be sent next week following the analysis of individual pupil data from the autumn term. If you receive a letter and wish to discuss its contents, require support with attendance or have any questions, please contact Ms West or Mrs Vaughan.

Young Apprentice Just a reminder that this Tuesday is the day for the Young Apprentice presentations. We are looking forward to seeing the range of projects that the teams have undertaken. A key part of our PSHE curriculum, this opportunity provides a great insight into the world of work for our older children in school, developing business management skills and their understanding of money matters.

Prefects Our new prefects (Izzie, Max, Eva F, Eva B and Eden) were very excited to receive their prefect badges this week. They are already working hard getting to grips with their new role in school and encouraging everyone to follow the 5 Golden Rules!

Our prefects for spring term are-

Eva B, Eden, Kitty, Olivia, Eva F, Izzie, Charlie, Hollie and Max.



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

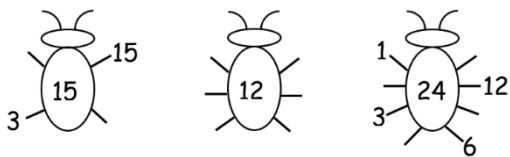


Let's Celebrate!



In **class 1** this week, we have been learning about space. We have some budding astronauts in class!

In **class 2** in history this week, we have been learning about Neil Armstrong. We learnt facts and information about his life and created our own fact files.



In **class 3** this week, we have been working hard on identifying multiples and factors of different numbers within times tables. Y4 drew 'factor bugs' to help them work systematically in identifying all factors of starting numbers and how to use factors of one number to identify those in another, e.g. 12 and 24. Y3 investigated patterns and rules of multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and tackled some reasoning activities.

In **class 4** this week, we have started work on long multiplication. We have been working on the area method this week.



In **class 5** as part of our RE work, we have been refreshing and extending our understanding of Sikhism. We learned about how and where Sikhism started, about some of the gurus and about the 5 ks, symbols that devout Sikhs wear, including the kirpan (knife) and kara (bracelet).

Watch this space for our spring term award winners and times table champions...coming soon...