



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are already aware, we had a section 5 Ofsted inspection in November and I am pleased to be able to share the full report with you today. We are delighted that Ofsted recognise that we are a 'good' school that provides 'outstanding' personal development for our pupils.

We are very pleased that the report reflects our school and highlights many of the things that make Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School such a special place.

There is much to celebrate about our wonderful school in the report and I would like to thank all Governors and staff for their ongoing hard work, dedication, support and love that they show on a daily basis to ensure our children get a fantastic primary education. Thank you to our children for being respectful, caring and polite individuals who always work hard in lessons. We would also like to thank all families and our wider community for your ongoing support. We are delighted that the Ofsted inspectors recognised that all members of our school community feel valued and respected and that pupils and staff are very proud of their school. We are excited about the future of our school and know that, with the support of our Barkston Ash family, we will continue to go from strength to strength.

With God's guidance, we grow and learn.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue this half-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 follow Jesus and live by the virtues.

Reconciliation Sessions will begin in school on 1st February. Letters have been sent home giving further information. Please return any final reply slips on Monday. If you have not received a letter and your child would like to take part, please contact school.

Children's Liturgy Children's Liturgy is led by parents from two of our families and will restart at St. Joseph's in Sherburn 9:30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The first session will be Sunday 5th February. Please come along!

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **yellow** team with an average of **16.9** points! Well done to everyone in red team! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a fabulous 553 collected this week! Well done!

Online Safety Please find attached this week's 'Wake up Wednesday' focussing on Twitter. Like Instagram and other social media companies, Twitter has a restricted age-range with the minimum age for user's being 13. Many Twitter users' profiles are available to access without needing to be signed up to Twitter and children may search for the accounts of high-profile individuals. This may then offer access to responses to tweets or to view other users' tweets and profiles.

Spring Dates Please see our website calendar for all dates.

Dates coming up next week:

Monday 23rd January at 5.30pm – SATs information evening for parents and carers of Y6 pupils

Friday 27th January – Celebration Assembly (Class 3 parents and carers invited)

Robinwood Advance notice - we are pleased to have been able to make a provisional booking for our current Year 4 and 5s at Robinwood for Summer 2024 – 8th to 10th July, one of only 3 dates available. We will let you have more information as soon as we know more.

Helping Hands Update Dates for the Diary!

We have lots planned for the forthcoming year so make sure to put the following dates in your diary:

1st March – Helping Hands Meeting @ Elmet Kitchen

3rd March – Movie Night

26th April – Helping Hands AGM @ School

17th May – Sponsored Bounce

23rd June – Summer BBQ

14th July – Break the Rules Day

We also have an additional exciting treat planned for all the children, details will be coming soon!

If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know! Our email is helpinghandspfa@gmail.com

Thanks for your continued support, The Helping Hands Team

Potential strike action by teachers You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union are proposing strike action and have announced several dates of action, the first one being 1st February. We want to alert you to the possibility that learning may be disrupted on this and future dates. Some of you have understandably asked how this might affect our school in case you need to make alternative arrangements for your children. Unfortunately we are unlikely to be aware of the impact in advance, but we will of course inform you as soon as we possibly can if a class/classes are to be closed.

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



Let's Celebrate!



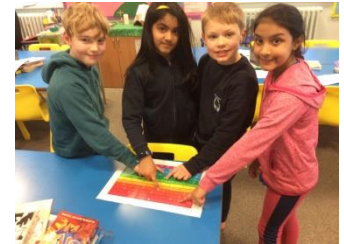
In **class 1** we have been learning about different materials. The reception children loved exploring the ice in the outdoor area.

In **class 2** this week we heard the story of the ten lepers. We then pretended to be one of the healed lepers and sent a card to Jesus to say thank you!



This week, in **class 3**, we have read a persuasive letter from the Big Bad Wolf to identify features of persuasion. Next week, we are going to write persuasive letters based on our text 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

In **class 4** we are working on fractions and using the fractions wall to help us find equivalent fractions.



In **class 5**, to begin our work on 'Jesus, the Bread of Life', we held a Passover meal, which is a very special celebration in Judaism. Having explored the background to the Jewish slavery in Egypt, we considered the meaning of the different parts of the Seder plate, including the lamb bone representing the lamb that was killed to save the Jews. Not everyone enjoyed the 'bitter herbs', though!

🌀Thank you to Eden and Kitty for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Alexander	Class 5 Superstar: Georgie
Class 2 Superstar: See next week...	Headteacher award: Ethan C3
Class 3 Superstar: Lola	Lunchtime award: Oscar C4
Class 4 Superstar: Matthew	

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

Alexis E C4