



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'



Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday, we welcomed Canon Tim and Msgr. Paul to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with 14 of our year 3 children. It was a lovely morning and the priests commented on how well-prepared the children were and the maturity they displayed. We are very proud of them all!

Mrs C Ward then had a small celebration with the children where she shared the story of 'The Selfish Giant', a story which Fr. McCarthy used to share.

Letters have now been sent to parents and carers of Year 4 children regarding their First Holy Communion so please contact school if you have any questions or haven't received a letter.

GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent

Hannah W and Gracie sold 'squishies' after-school, for a 50p or £1 donation, and raised a fantastic £50 for the NSPCC! Well done girls and thank you to everyone who supported their stall!

Today, after school, Lacey and Lexi are raising money for the RSPCA by selling Goody Bags containing items such as bubbles, bouncy balls and stickers for £2 each. They are also holding a 'guess the number of bones' competition where the winner will receive an RSPCA soft toy! Please support their fundraising if you are able to!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our Virtue for the second part of this half-term is 'Compassion'. ***"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).*** A general definition of compassion is sympathy and concern for the suffering of others and a desire to alleviate such suffering. God is compassionate. He is sympathetic to the suffering of His people. God's compassion is related to His mercy, kindness, patience, grace, forgiveness and love. God's compassion compels Him to take action, and we strive to be like Him, taking action, giving and praying for those in need, especially during Lent.

Weekly Mission To know that if we follow Jesus, we can truly live life to the full.

Prayer of the Week **Hail Holy Queen** (part 2): O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain, what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **Green** team with an average of **11.4** points! **Class 5** achieved the highest team point total with a fab **425** points collected this week! Well done to the Green team and Class 5!

Spring Dates Please see our school website calendar for all dates. www.barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk

Dates coming up next week:

Monday 27th March- Special pre-Easter lunch

Tuesday 28th March- 9.15am- EYFS/KS1 Easter Celebration (*parents and carers invited to attend*)

Tuesday 28th March- Parent's Evening

Wednesday 29th March- Parent's Evening

Thursday 30th March- RNLI Charity visiting EYFS/KS1

Thursday 30th March- 2.30pm- Easter Praise performance (*parents and carers are invited to attend*)

Thursday 30th March- 6pm- Easter Praise performance at St. Joseph the Worker church (*parents, carers, siblings and parishioners are invited to attend*)

Friday 31st March- School closes for the Easter break, (*we reopen on Tuesday 18th April*)

Phunky Foods On Wednesday, some children from Class 3 and 4 took part in surveys for a research project to improve nutrition education. This project now has international recognition. The children did a fantastic job of answering and asking questions and are excited to begin the Phunky foods project, to develop food literacy, in May!

Open Classrooms Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Classroom event on Wednesday- it was lovely to see the classrooms jam-packed! The children were so excited to share their learning with you and thank you for the positive comments that you made, which I have shared with staff. Our next Open Classroom event will be in the second half of the summer term.



School Meals The Summer term menu is now available on our website <https://www.barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus> We are carrying forward existing booking patterns where children have a regular pattern e.g. school meal every day or on the same day(s) each week. If you wish to change your child's booking for next term, based on the new menu, please contact the office on admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk as soon as possible and by Thursday 30th March at the latest. Please remember school meals must be paid for in advance for children in KS2 – years 3-6. The previously notified price rise to £3.10 per meal comes into effect from Monday 17th April.

Building work A programme of repairs and improvements to the building will begin over the Easter holidays with the replacement of the flat roof above the corridor, office and toilets at the front of school. The work is expected to continue during the first 2 weeks of next term. There will be scaffolding and a workman's cabin in the car park. Please take extra care.

School funds the cost in full of all minor repairs to the school building and 10% of the cost of all major repairs and refurbishments. We are very grateful for all your contributions on ParentPay to the Voluntary Contribution Scheme (VCS) which help us to meet our costs for these building works.

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



Let's Celebrate!



In **Class 1**, the year 1 children have been learning about Good Friday.

In **Class 2** this week, we have really enjoyed taking part in our cricket sessions.



In **Class 3** this week, we have been learning about equivalent fractions. We used number lines and diagrams to help us identify fractions that were equivalent or have the same value as another.

In **Class 4** we have been working on states of matter and this week we looked at how water can change its state from solid to liquid to gas and back again. We learnt about melting, evaporation and condensation.



In **Class 5**, we have been practising our multi-tone printing using our own designs and polystyrene or foam printing sheets to create artwork this week.

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

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

Class 1 Superstar: Aidan

Class 5 Superstar: Danny

Class 2 Superstar: Scarlett

Headteacher award: Ivy C2

Class 3 Superstar: Jemima T

Lunchtime award: Danny C5

Class 4 Superstar: Hannah W

Keep practicing your
Times Tables at home
on TTRS!