



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'



Dear Parents and Carers

This Sunday, as we come to the end of Eastertide, we celebrate Pentecost, the festival when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Did you know that Pentecost is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter and the name comes from the Greek 'pentekoste', meaning 'fiftieth'.



Last night, a group of our year 6 children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through making their Confirmation. During this Sacrament, Bishop Marcus anointed the children with oils, bringing them deeper into communion with the Church. Congratulations to you all- we are very proud of you!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our Virtue for the second part of this half-term is 'Trust'. ***"The Lord delights in people who are trustworthy." (Proverbs 12:22)*** Trust is having faith. It is relying and believing in someone or something. Trust doesn't mean to expect life to be easy all the time; sometimes it is hard to trust. Trust is being sure, deep down that there is some gift or learning in everything life brings, and that God's love is always with you. When you trust, you know that you are never alone. If you are **trustworthy** you can be relied upon by others. You will keep your word and if you have committed to something you will do your best to see it through and complete it: you are reliable and determined. *I place my trust in God and others can place their trust in me.*

Weekly Mission To know that God is three persons in one- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Week Short act of contrition

Oh my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen.

Children's Liturgy The next children's liturgy is on Sunday 4th June at St. Joseph the Worker in Sherburn, during Sunday Mass. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you are able to attend.

Fundraising Our school council are organising a fundraising event and they have chosen St. Leonard's Hospice to support. They have arranged, along with the help of Ms West, a copper spinner to visit our school for one week from the 12th June! Please see the attached poster for further information.

KS2 Vacancy Our teaching vacancy has now been advertised. Please share this information with anyone who you think may be interested in applying. [Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School - Vacancies](#)

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **Green** team with an average of **13.1** points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a fab 606 points collected this week! Well done to the Green team and Class 1!

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

Dates coming up after the holidays:

Monday 5th June: School reopens

Wednesday 7th June: 5.30pm: September new starters Parents' Information Evening

Friday 9th June: 2.45pm- Celebration Liturgy (Class 1 parents and carers invited to attend)

Sunday 11th June: First Holy Communion at St. Joseph the Worker, Sherburn

New summer date for your calendar:

Friday 16th June- Non-uniform day (if you are able to, please donate an item on this day, suitable for the adult tombola, to support the Helping Hands Summer BBQ on the 23rd June)

Community News

Sherburn Gala- many of our children attended Sherburn Gala last weekend and had a fantastic time, whether on a float, as part of the parade, dancing or spectating!

North Yorkshire Police- please see the attached sheet regarding NYP request to sign on to the 'Community Messenger' system.



Spelling Bee The winning class this half-term, with an average of 19.3 out of 20, is class 5. Well done to you all!



Family Fundraising Support Mrs Hargreaves, Olivia's mum, sadly lost her brother last Christmas to Motor Neurone Disease after a lengthy battle with the illness, aged only 48 years old. In order to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, she is organising a fundraising event on the 20th August. Please see the attached poster for further information.

If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to donate, below is the link to the associated Just Giving page. We will also be organising a school event next half-term to support this fantastic cause. Thank you for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-hargreaves-04122022?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/helen-hargreaves-04122022&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=e1796ad9a99a4cada12060998ef4df1e

KS1 Beanbag Festival A group of our KS1 children had a fantastic time yesterday afternoon attending the Beanbag Rounders festival at Kirk Fenton school. They worked so well as a team and made us all very proud. Well done everyone!



Helping Hands Update Please see the attached newsletter from Helping Hands for this week's news and upcoming events!

Congratulations to the 100 club winner for May, number 51, Vicky Langan

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



Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, we visited the prayer garden and showed our love for Mary.

This week in **Class 2**, in PSHE, children have been learning about traditional foods and games from China. We have learnt about traditional foods eaten for Chinese New Year and the traditional playground game 'Cat and Mouse'. We had lots of fun!

Class 3



On Tuesday, we had a special visitor. An archaeological dig close by found remains dating from the end of the Roman period as the Romans left with some rare finds. Mr Williams led the excavation and survey and kindly offered to come into school and discuss the finds with us. We got chance to have a close look at some of the tools used by archaeologists and then we were able to handle remains of pottery that had been found at previous digs. We're very grateful to Mr Williams for coming in.



In **Class 4**, we have been studying invertebrates this term and went into the school grounds to find them. We discovered all sorts of interesting creatures and used a key to work out what each creature was. We also found some spiders which had just hatched, they were incredibly small.



Class 5 have created posters for the virtues that we study throughout the year. They thought carefully about how to represent the virtues in the images that they chose and have produced a fantastic set of virtue cards, which are now being displayed throughout the school!

🌀 Thank you to Eden and Eva F for presenting our Celebration Liturgy this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Porter

Class 5 Superstar: Oliver

Class 2 Superstar: Ava

Headteacher award: Evan C5

Class 3 Superstar: Ted

Lunchtime award: Eden C5

Class 4 Superstar: Freddie C

Prefect awards: Dotty C1 & Summer C5

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

Autumn C3