



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.

The children have settled very well back into school life and have been working hard across all subject areas. We are keen to give the children an opportunity to share their learning with you, so we have planned our next Open Classroom event. This will take place on Wednesday 24th January between 3.15 and 4pm. We hope that you will be able to join us and spend some time with your child in their learning environment, looking at their work.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our first virtue this half-term is '**Faith**'. Faith is to trust. Faith helps us grow in friendship with Jesus and his friendship helps us become the best we can be by trusting in him so we can become more like him, knowing that he is always with us. Faith is always open to new things because, if you have faith, you are a trusting person. A person of faith believes in God- but faith is not simply a belief that something is true, it is a way of living. We are called not only to keep the faith but to live a faithful life filled with hope and love.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Weekly Mission To know that spending time with Jesus, helps us to get to know Him better.

Prayer of the Week Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light, to guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Cook Vacancy at Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School Michelle Duff, who has been our fantastic school cook for the last 6 years, is retiring at the end of this half-term. Michelle has worked hard to provide our school with delicious meals and we will miss her greatly, but do wish her all the best in her retirement!
As a result of this, North Yorkshire Council are currently advertising for a school cook. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for this post, please share the following link with them. [Cook 2 \(CE1021\) - Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Tins on Tuesday- EYFS/KS1 – This week, we had a fabulous joint effort from Classes 1 and 2 to fill the Tins on Tuesday box, with both classes earning an extra 10 minutes playtime next week! Thank you for your kindness and generosity- the Selby Food Bank are always extremely grateful.



Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with an incredible average of 39.9 points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with an excellent 1258 collected this week! Well done to blue team and Class 2.

Teaching Students This week, two teaching students have started their placements in our school. Miss Joey-Jade Stiff will be working alongside staff in Class 1 and Miss Lily Smith will be working alongside staff in Class 2. We would like to extend a warm welcome to them both into our school family.

Spring Dates Next week's dates are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Wednesday 17th January- 10.30am- Class 3 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend)

Wednesday 17th January- 5.30pm- Robinwood residential meeting- Year 5/6 parents, carers and pupils are invited to attend

Friday 19th January – Young Apprentice Presentations- Class 5 pupils to present to the panel

Friday 19th January- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (Class 3 parents and carers invited to attend)

Future Celebration Assembly dates:

Friday 26th January- Class 4

Friday 2nd February- Class 5

Friday 9th February- Class 2

Online Safety Over Christmas, some children may have been gifted electronic devices such as Chromebooks, laptops, iPads, phones etc. Please could you take some time with your child to talk about the importance of online safety at home and ensure security settings/monitoring are in place. Thank you for your support.

KS2 Lunchtime clubs This half-term, we have some further extra-curricular opportunities. Some older pupils in school are planning and leading lunchtime clubs in different curriculum subjects, where they have a keen interest. During Spring 1, these are:

- Monday- 12.05pm in Class 4- History for KS2- led by Megan and Francesca
- Tuesday- 12.05pm in Class 5- Geography for KS2- led by George and Freddie S

Autumn Attendance Our whole-school attendance for autumn term was 95.4%; 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 next Friday 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.

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



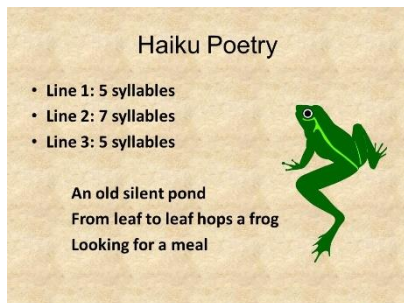
Let's Celebrate!



In **Class 1**, the reception children have been learning different ways to represent 5. They loved playing bingo together.



In **Class 2** this week, we have been learning about Jesus as a little boy. We read the story of when Jesus was lost and was found in the temple. We created our own temples to recreate the story.



This week, **Class 3** have been learning about structure and form within poetry. We planned and wrote a Haiku around a theme which followed the structure that a Haiku needs.



In **Class 4** this week, we have started our work, in P.E., on adventurous activities and orienteering. In our lesson this week, we were following instructions and using directions and diagrams to help us.

In **Class 5**, we are studying the work of William Shakespeare. Our focus has been on the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. This week we introduced the play, read the prologue, looked at the word choices made by Shakespeare and predicted what might happen in the play. Using the Royal Shakespeare's company toolkit, we investigated why this play was set in Verona. This was through discussion of the social hierarchy and how this was impacted by the subculture threatening the stability of the city.

'There is no world without Verona walls.' Act 3 scene 3.

We then took part in some amazing drama, enacting Act 1 scene 1, to further understand and interpret the play. Barkston Ash has some amazing actors!



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

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

Class 1 Superstar: Alicia	Class 5 Superstar: Summer
Class 2 Superstar: Harriet	Headteacher award: Alexis C5
Class 3 Superstar: Izzy A	Lunchtime award: Megan C4
Class 4 Superstar: Isabelle F	

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

Peggy C4