



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

One of my favourite things about our school is the range of opportunities that our children take part in and, this morning, Mr. Tuck, Ms. West and I had the pleasure of visiting Class 5 to be in the 'boardroom' for their Young Apprentice business presentations.

This is a wonderful part of our curriculum where children can showcase their imagination, teamwork, PSHE, Design and technology, sales and maths skills, to name a few!

We were very impressed with the confidence and quality of the presentations, celebrating the children's hard work and effort. Not only is this a great learning opportunity, the children have raised thousands of pounds to support the local community too! Thank you once again to everyone who has supported the children with their businesses, especially parents and carers - we all value your help and encouragement. We have two more presentations to look forward to next week, then we will be deliberating to decide the winning business and the runners up so ... watch this space!

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 we can follow Jesus through our words and actions.

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.

Fundraising Friday – Next week, Francesca and Izzy in Class 4 will be holding a Fundraising Friday stall, selling sweets and loom bands on the playground after school. The girls are hoping to raise money towards a Disneyland performance with the Katie Louise school of dance. Please support them if you are able to.



Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **red** team with a super average of 19.9 points! **Class 4** achieved the highest team point total with an excellent 811 collected this week! Well done to red team and Class 4.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year 3, then please look out for a letter from Fr. Henry which they will be bringing home today, with details about Sacramental preparation. Please see the letter for further information.

Wrap around care Please see the attached leaflet which we have been asked to distribute, providing information about Barkston Ash Nursery and The Playbase.

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

Wednesday 24th January- 10.30am- Class 4 attending Mass at Scarthingwell *(all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend)*

Wednesday 24th January- 3.15-4pm- Open Classrooms event *(all parents and carers are invited to come along and spend some time looking at your child's fantastic work!)*

Thursday 25th January – pm- KS2 Orienteering inter-school event *(participant letters have been sent)*

Friday 26th January- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly *(Class 4 parents and carers invited to attend)*

Friday 26th January- 3.15pm- Fundraising Friday stall on the playground- Francesca and Izzy

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](#)

KS2 Lunchtime clubs This half-term, we have some further extra-curricular opportunities. Some Y5/6 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
- Tuesday- 12.30pm in Class 2- Story Writing for KS1- led by Benus, Daiya and Matthew

Robinwood Gentle reminder- please could we ask that everyone pays the deposit on ParentPay by 5th February to secure their child's place on this fantastic residential visit. If you require financial support, please speak to me confidentially- the Helping Hands have ringfenced funding to help families on occasions like this. We don't want any child to miss out on this opportunity due to financial barriers, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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

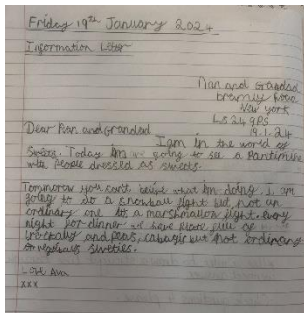


Let's Celebrate!



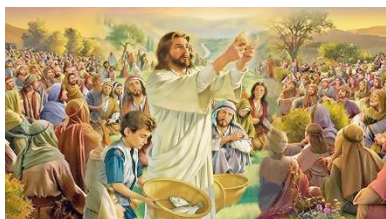
In **Class 1**, children have been listening to the story of Handa's Surprise. They have been very busy with fruit activities!

In **Class 2**, we have been doing some fantastic maths work this week! Year 2 have been learning about multiplication and how to use arrays to help work them out. A lot of year 2 children chose to take some multiplication calculations home with them to continue their learning!! I am so proud of them for working so hard on such a tricky maths objective!



This week, in **Class 3**, we have started to look at letter writing. This is a lost skill, as we found out. We wrote informal letters and will begin to learn about persuasion next week.

In **Class 4** this week, we have been working on long multiplication in maths, very tricky indeed. We started with the 'grid method' and then moved onto the standard algorithm. So far we have multiplied 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers, next is three digit numbers!



In **Class 5**, we have been studying the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Firstly, we talked about metaphorical language and how this can impact on the listener by creating pictures with words. We then read several versions of the story and decided to create a playscript using a modern day reference. We thought carefully about the characters, setting and words chosen for our scripts. We then acted our scripts to check for accuracy, including stage directions and clarity of the key points of the story.

🌀Thank you to Oscar and Freddie S for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Louis

Class 5 Superstar: Freddie S

Class 2 Superstar: George

Headteacher award: Brody C1

Class 3 Superstar: Mabel

Lunchtime award: Gianniluca C4

Class 4 Superstar: Lucas

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

Francesca C4