



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support last week of our Fundraising Friday event for the Good Shepherd appeal- so far we have raised £97.50. If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute and would like to, we are leaving the donation option open on Parent Pay for another week, so please do make a contribution in aid of Catholic Care, if you wish to do so.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan



Virtue Our second virtue this half-term is **'Forgiveness'**. In forgiving others, we give someone another chance after they have done something wrong so they can make a new start. When we forgive we let go of our feelings of resentment, anger and revenge. When we forgive we show our love for the person rather than focusing on the wrong. When we forgive someone we show that our relationship with them is more important than the wrong they have done. We also need to forgive ourselves so that we do not give up when we have done wrong or made a mistake, but have the courage to act differently and have faith that, with God's help, we can change.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

Weekly Mission To know that God guides us through His Word, through Jesus and through 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.

First Holy Communion: A message from Fr. Henry First Holy Communion in June. If you are interested in enrolling your child for First Holy Communion, if you haven't done so already, please have a chat with Fr. Henry after Sunday Mass and he'll explain the next steps. If you wish your child to receive First Holy Communion, Fr. Henry expects to see you and your child at Mass most Sundays.

The Big Lent Walk After our successful event last year, we will once again be supporting CAFOD through holding a Big Lent Walk at school, on Friday 15th March. Each class will be tasked with walking a collective distance of 40km. Let's see if our Barkston Ash community can once again rise to the challenge!

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **red** team with an awesome average of 31.5 points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with a fab 1093 collected this week! Well done to red team and class 2 😊

Spelling Bee The winning class last half term with an average of 18.5 out of 20 is Class 5! Congratulations to everyone in Class 5!



Year 6 transition to secondary schools Today is national offer day for secondary school places. Year 6 parents- once you have accepted a place for your child, please could we ask you to write a note in their planner of which secondary school they will be attending so that we can collate a list and start our transition work with the appropriate secondary schools. Thank you.

Spring Dates Dates for next week are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Wednesday 6th March- No Mass at Scarthingwell today as Fr. Henry is away

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day (*please see information below*)

Thursday 7th March- Y5/6 Football Tournament (*participant letters have been sent*)

Friday 8th March- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 3 parents and carers invited to attend*)

Future dates for your diary!

Friday 15th March- Big Lent Walk

Friday 15th March- Helping Hands Movie Night

Monday 18th March- Class 4 Trip to Castle Museum, York

Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March- Parent's Evenings

Wednesday 20th March- Easter lunch

Change of date: Thursday 21st March- 2.30pm- Three Little Trees, performed by KS2 Performing Arts club (*all parents and carers invited to attend*)

World Book Day 2024 On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school on this day dressed as a book character of their choice, if they wish. The children will take part in exciting reading themed activities throughout the day and we will be having a special themed lunch! We would love to see any pictures of the children completing reading activities at home during this time. Please send any photos to admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk. Here is a link to the World Book Day website where you can find a variety of resources which you may wish to use at any time but particularly in the week of world book day. <https://www.worldbookday.com/families>

North Yorkshire school meals Please see the attached letter regarding planned increases to the cost of school meals.

Parent Governor Vacancy From 20th March, we will have a vacancy on our academy council for a Parent Governor. Being a Governor at Barkston Ash is a valuable opportunity to further contribute to our school family, ensuring all of our children continue to receive the education that they deserve, whatever their circumstance. Please take some time to consider whether this is a role that you would be interested in. Further information about the election process will be sent next week. Thank you.



Let's Celebrate!

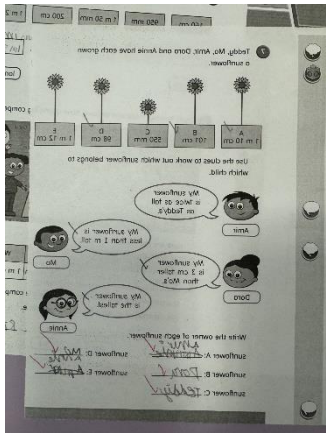
In **Class 1** this week, we have enjoyed making gingerbread biscuits!



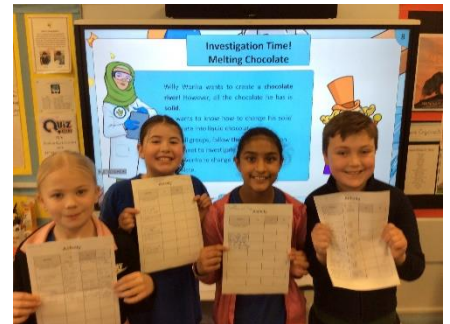
This week in **Class 2**, we have been doing some PSHE work based on friendship. We created our own paper dolls and coloured them in our favourite colours.



This week, **Class 3** have been converting between different units of length. We finished the week by completing some challenging questions where we compared different lengths using different units.



In **Class 4** this week, we have been working scientifically to consider how we make materials change state. We will find the best way to change chocolate from a solid into its liquid state as part of our investigation.



Last Friday, **Class 5** enjoyed a workshop day learning all about the Ancient Maya. The civilisation is remembered for amazing creations, like their spectacular buildings and beautiful objects made from jade, a rare and valuable material.



The Maya invented groundbreaking ideas which have helped shape the way we live our lives today. For example, it's thought that the Maya invented the idea of 'zero'. Our day was fantastic and the learning was amazing with history, culture, achievements and challenges throughout the day.



🌀 Thank you to Chloe and Max for presenting our Celebration Liturgy this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Rohan

Class 5 Superstar: Bradley

Class 2 Superstar: Aoife

Headteacher award: Esme A C3

Class 3 Superstar: Ava C

Lunchtime award: Joshua P C5

Class 4 Superstar: Alyssa

This week's Times
Table Champion is...

George C3