



## Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

*'With God's guidance we grow and learn'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we have had a fantastic week in school celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. In addition to the learning activities in class on the theme 'My Voice Matters', we have had lots of other things happening across school!

On Monday, Catherine, from Phoenix Rising Therapy, came into school to kick-start our week with an assembly where the children learnt strategies to focus on being the best version of themselves. They all learnt how to 'Feed their Phoenix' with the three Ps- positive thoughts, positive interactions and positive activities.



On Tuesday, we had our Tins on Tuesday collection, also welcoming any items related to wellbeing. Thank you for your generous donations which have continued throughout the week!

On Wednesday, we had a comfort focus; the children and adults enjoyed coming to school in their comfiest clothes and had an extra playtime with hot chocolate too!



On Thursday, Ms. West launched our Wellbeing Champions initiative and we are excited to start working with this group of children to further support wellbeing across school.

Ending our week on a high, today our KS2 children are participating in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena! We know they will all be amazing and sing their hearts out. Thank you to parents who are making the journey to attend the concert and also to the staff supporting the visit- we really appreciate it!



Have a wonderful half-term break with your families

Mrs Vaughan

**Virtue** Our second virtue this half-term is '**Simplicity**'. By living simply, you will come to know what really matters in your life and be less afraid of not having more and more things. When you live simply you don't look out for the next thing to buy or follow. Little by little you realise that you don't need that many things to live a happy life. Living simply gives you time to think of others, do good and care for creation. Living simply helps you put more trust in God.

***"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)***

**Weekly Mission** To know that God's promises show His unchanging love and commitment to us.

### **Prayer of the Week** Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

**Teampoint Winners** This week's winners are the **blue** team with a staggering average of 55.1 points! **Class 2** achieved the highest team point total with a mind-blowing 1504 collected this week! Well done to blue team and Class 2.

**Cook's Retirement** Today we all wished a fond farewell to our fantastic cook, Michelle. She has provided delicious meals to the children (and adults!) at Barkston Ash for the last 6 years and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for her future and hope that she enjoys her retirement!



**Spring Dates** Dates for the first week back are below. Please see our school website calendar for all dates.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February- School reopens to all pupils

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February- 10.30am- Class 5 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday- Class 5 Mayan Workshop  
2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 4 parents and carers invited to attend*)

#### **Celebration Assembly dates**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Class 4

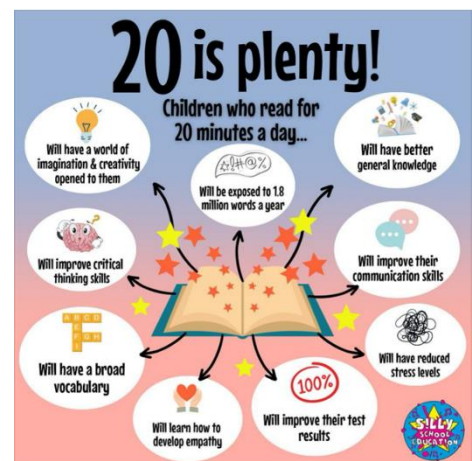
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March- Class 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Class 3

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Class 2

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Class 5

**Reading for Life!** Reading is always a big focus for us in school but, what you might not know, is that research shows that parents listening to their children read has 5 times the impact! No-one can replicate the special bond you have with your children and how much they enjoy spending quality one-on-one time with you! Please write a note in your child's planner when they have read with you- we love to read your comments!



**Young Apprentice** A huge congratulations to all children in Class 5 who managed to start their own businesses, have designed, created and sold products, and collectively made over £2500 profit! Well done everyone 😊 Some of this money will be used as a treat for Class 5, showing that hard work and effort does pay off, and some will be used to support charities and local community groups of the children's choosing. All children have received a certificate and the following received special awards:

**Young Apprentice Winners 2024:** Joshua Pawson and Noah Sharp

**Young Apprentice Runners Up 2024:** Charlotte Mann, Chloe Laverack-Mayes and Alexis Endean



## Let's Celebrate!

This week, **Class 1** loved exploring the snow!

In **Class 2** this week we have been continuing with our instruction work. We worked in pairs to make our own jam sandwich and of course the last instruction was to eat them! They were yummy! The children then used these skills to write their own recipes.



This week in **Class 3**, we have been learning about Hindu weddings. We watched several videos and learnt a lot of new vocabulary and compared them with weddings we have been to

In **Class 4** this week, we have been working on equivalent fractions and using the fractions walls to help us. We have also looked at which fraction is greater or smaller when the denominators are different.



In **Class 5**, we have been celebrating safer internet day. This year the theme is: Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online.

As the internet has become such a powerful tool that can be used to inspire change, we considered how we must realise it also poses new challenges that need to be addressed. We talked about old and new technologies, including AI, and the influences the internet has on us.

🌀 Thank you to Class 2 for presenting our Celebration Assembly this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Charlie

Lunchtime award: Ava C2

Class 2 Superstar: Alexis

Headteacher award: Dexter C2

- No Key Stage 2 awards this week due to staff and children participating in Young Voices concert. These will resume after the half-term holiday.

We have no new Times Table Champions this week. Please keep practising on TTRS at home!