



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 launched the liturgical season of Lent in a variety of ways, starting with our Collective Worship on Monday where we talked about Lent and what that means to us. We discussed prayer and generosity and how we can have an extra focus on these three areas throughout Lent.

All children and adults in school have chosen a Prayer Partner this week and received the following message: "During Lent, spend some time really focussing on thoughtful prayer for others, and particularly your prayer partner."

We have also had a Bible Study week; the children have enjoyed completing a range of activities linked to deepening their understanding of the Bible. They have had the opportunity to develop spiritually through studying the Word of God and have demonstrated curiosity through asking questions about the structure and content of the Bible.

Finally, our Fundraising Friday event today was in aid of the Good Shepherd appeal. The colouring activity has raised a total of £70 and we hope to continue to be able to add to this total before attending the Leeds Cathedral Mass in May and presenting our Barkston Ash donation to Catholic Care. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our first virtue this half-term is '**Charity**'. Charity is love, a virtue through which we love God above all else and we love our neighbour as we love ourselves. You accept someone as they are, you care for them, and care what happens to them. You always think about the other person rather than thinking about yourself. When you love you put into practice the "golden rule", to treat others with the respect and kindness that you want for yourself. You show love for people you do not know by simple acts of kindness and by wanting the best for them.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9)

Weekly Mission To understand that we receive blessings from God.

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.

Lost Property This week, school council did a fantastic job reuniting named lost property with children across school, however, we still have a significant amount of lost property left over which is unnamed, including jumpers, sports wear and coats.

Next week, on dry days, the lost property will be on the playground after school, please check this. Any left over next Friday will be donated to the Ragbag collection.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **yellow** team with an out-of-this-world average of 107.7 points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a recording-breaking 6332 collected this week! Well done to yellow team and class 1 😊

Orienteering On 25th January a group of our KS2 children took part in an inter-school Orienteering event. The team finished in first place! Congratulations to Poppy E, Evie, TobyG, Ava, Cole, Megan, Ted, Poppy M and SamT.

Lunchtimes This week we have welcomed Mrs Dawn Murgatroyd to our school family as our new school cook. I am pleased to say that she has settled into our school team really well and the children have made her feel very welcome.

This week, North Yorkshire Caterers installed a 'Voting Box' in the school hall to gauge the children's opinions about school lunches. The firm favourites on this week's menu were Sausage and Mash and Fish Friday!

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

Wednesday 28th February- 10.30am- Class 3 attending Mass at Scarthingwell (*all parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend*)

Friday 1st March- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 1 parents and carers invited to attend*)

Future dates for your diary!

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day (please see the letter emailed from the school office on 9th February for further information)

Friday 15th March- Helping Hands Movie Night

Monday 18th March- 2.30pm- Three Little Trees, performed by KS2 Performing Arts club (*all parents and carers invited to attend*)

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

Wednesday 20th March- Easter lunch

PE Kit A reminder please that our school PE kit is part of our compulsory uniform and this is:

- Plain T-shirt in the colour of their team (can have school logo)
- Plain navy/black shorts/leggings or plain navy/black tracksuit
- Trainers

If there are any barriers to your child wearing the correct PE kit, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can provide support.

Spring Attendance Our whole-school attendance for the school year to date is 96.2%; this is an improving picture, so thank you for your continued support in striving towards our school target of 97%! 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 absence data. 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.

Helping Hands The 100 club draw for January and February took place today. Congratulations to the lucky winners Karla Riley and Melissa Donovan.

Dates for your diary – 29th February Helping Hands meeting, 15th March Movie night

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

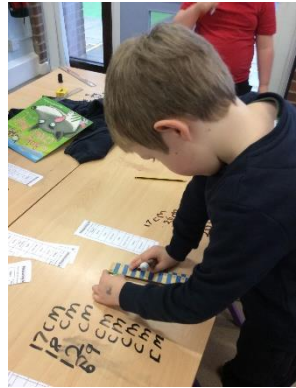


Let's Celebrate!



In **Class 1** this week, children have enjoyed listening to Bible stories. Our favourite was Daniel in the lion's den.

This week in **Class 2**, children Year 1 have been practising their measuring skills! They started with non-standard units and then moved onto using a ruler and measuring in cm. They picked different things around the classroom and measured how big they were and then compared different items and discussed which ones were bigger or smaller.



This week has been Bible Studies week. In **Class 3** we have learnt the Bible is split into different books written by different people and that we are able to split the Bible into two main books; Old Testament and New Testament. The Bible is important not just to Christians, but also other faiths. Judaism is based on the Old Testament for example. One of our activities is shown here.

In **Class 4** this week, we have continued our work on fractions, rather tricky, so we got the fractions walls out (and cake!) to help us work out which fractions were the biggest.



In **Class 5**, we have been learning all about Scandinavia this week. We used atlases and google maps to find the location of the countries, including the names of the seas surrounding each country. Following this, we have investigated the human features of each country and are now looking into the physical features to find out more about each one.

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

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

Class 1 Superstar: Betsy

Class 5 Superstar: Oscar

Class 2 Superstar: Dotty

Headteacher award: Giannluca C4

Class 3 Superstar: Ava T-R

Lunchtime awards: Harriet & Chloe C2

Class 4 Superstar: Jemima G

This week's Times
Table Champions
are...
Megan C4
Poppy C4