



Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School

'With God's guidance we grow and learn'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back- I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break with your families. I have enjoyed hearing all about the children's adventures during the holidays!

On Tuesday, we started our week with an assembly led by Lisa from Perfect Pitch Stars who taught the children in KS2 how to use slow motion to create a scene in drama. She then held some workshops in which the children had lots of fun and enjoyed taking part.



This week, we have also celebrated culture around the world through our International Week- each class has focused on a different country and the children have completed a range of activities to learn more about the countries. Hopefully the children will continue to take an interest in the wider world and share some of their learning with you!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Vaughan

Virtue Our first virtue this half-term is '**Perseverance**'. To persevere is to do good when it becomes hard to do or obstacles are put in the way. A person with perseverance can be relied upon because they are committed to seeing things through to the end. The Letter to the Hebrews (12:1-3) places perseverance within the context of a race (a lifelong journey) in which the Christian must have 'staying power' gained by fixing their eyes on Christ so that they do not become weary and give up. Perseverance is therefore closely linked to being a faithful and hopeful friend of Jesus.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9

Weekly Mission To know that Jesus helped His disciples to understand the Good News.

Prayer of the Week **Our School Prayer**

Lord, bless our school, so that by working together and playing together,
We may learn to love one another and to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

First Holy Communion: A reminder The First Holy Communion service will be 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. Thank you.

Catholic Care are recruiting Please visit their website for a list of current vacancies <https://catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> or telephone 0113 3885400 for further details.

Teampoint Winners This week's winners are the **blue** team with a great average of 12.7 points! **Class 1** achieved the highest team point total with a super 505 collected this week! Well done to blue team and Class 1!

Special Menu 16th May 2024 On Thursday 16th May, NYC are offering a special menu of Mini Food Fest. Chicken/veggie burger with wedges, ketchup and veg sticks followed by ice-cream and fruit will replace all 3 usual options on our menu. If this menu change alters your child's meal booking, please let the office know by Monday 29th April at the latest. Thank you.

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

Tuesday 16th April- Offer day for Primary School Places September 2024

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

Friday 19th April- Morning- Theatre trip for Classes 1, 2 and 3
- 2.45pm- Celebration Assembly (*Class 2 parents and carers invited to attend*)

100% Attendance! Due to a slight technical glitch, the spring attendance data on the previous newsletter was incorrect. I am pleased to say that we hit our 97% target in spring term and actually had a total of 56 children who received a certificate due to having 100% attendance throughout spring term. Well done!

Special congratulations also go to the following 15 children who have had 100% attendance since the start of the school year:

Zac (C1), Katie (C2), Evelyn (C2), Olivia (C2), Ava (C2), Lexi (C3), Erin (C3), George (C3), Evie (C3), Daniel (C4), Toby (C4), Isla (C4), Matthew (C4), Flo (C5) and Chloe (C5)!

Fingers crossed for summer term!



Parent Governor Election: reminder If you wish to vote, please ensure this is submitted by the 22nd April. Thank you.

Staffing in Class 3 I am so pleased to be able to let everyone know that Mr Hudson messaged me last night to say that he was out of surgery and that everything had gone as planned. He would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for their well wishes; I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr Hudson a swift recovery- please keep him in your prayers.

During Mr Hudson's recovery period, we are pleased to welcome Miss Alice Boyce to our school family as Class 3 teacher. Miss Boyce has had a great week in Class 3 and has been made to feel very welcome by the children and staff.

Celebration Assembly Dates Summer term 1 Please see dates below for this half-term:

Friday 12th April- Class 1
Friday 19th April- Class 2
Friday 26th April- Class 4
Friday 3rd May- Class 3
Friday 10th May- Class 5

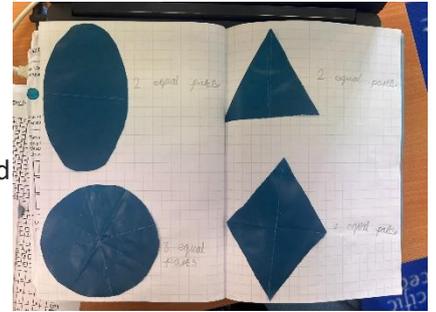
Newsletters, class curriculum letters, other useful forms & letters and the Wednesday Word are available on the school website.



Let's Celebrate!

In **Class 1**, as part of International Week, we have been learning about Australia.

In **Class 2** this week, Year 2 have been learning about fractions. We started by learning about wholes and parts of the whole, for example, if the classroom is the whole then the table is part of that whole. They then moved onto creating equal parts and used shapes to show this.



This week was International week. In **Class 3**, we enjoyed learning all about Mexico!

This week in **Class 4**, we have been working on how to calculate fractions of a number and multiplying fractions by integers. We have used counters to help us solve calculations and problems.



In **Class 5** we have been celebrating International week. We chose India as our inspiration as it is a vast country of contrasts with a wide variety of landscapes and habitats. We discovered that India is the world's largest democracy, which grows more mangoes than any other country and has many English words such as shampoo, bungalow and pyjamas.

Our study in class has been the story of Rama and Sita, a story that is told during the festival of Diwali and reminds us of the importance of friendship and hope. The children enjoyed rewriting the story and making puppets to retell the story through puppetry.

🌀 Thank you to Josh and Noah for presenting our Celebration Liturgy this week! 🌀

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

Class 1 Superstar: Archie

Class 5 Superstar: Edward

Class 2 Superstar: Emilia

Headteacher award: Josh C5

Class 3 Superstar: Teddy

Lunchtime award: Theo C3

Class 4 Superstar: Peggy

No new Times Table champions this week.

Please keep practicing your times tables at home on TTRS!