

The Collaboration of Barton and Ravensworth
Church of England VC Primary Schools

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Newsletter
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Dear Parents & Carers

It was such a joy to see the pews of St. Cuthbert's with St. Mary's Church, full of smiling, well behaved children alongside parents and Governors. Bishop James entertained us with his enthusiasm and I was pleased to hear him talk so favourably about Church of England School collaborations like ours. Our Ravensworth children were really taken with Reverend Jenni and her resident hound, Samson and I was over the moon to hear Finn ask if we could have another Service together as we left the church! Mrs Whittle is busy sewing 'hands' onto calico and I can't wait for the unveiling of our collaboration crosses. Thank you to Bishop James, Reverend Antony, Reverend Jenni, our children, parents and Governors for making this a very special event.



Our visit to Beamish was a huge success and parent helpers, staff and children have all commented on how much they enjoyed the day. The children will be using the visit as a stimulus for writing recounts over the next two weeks and to enrich their topic work. Quote of the day goes to Sophie who arrived at Beamish and asked, "So, do we have to speak Beamish now then?" Staff have requested that we only arrange visits on Fridays from now on, as we have had lots of tired children (and teachers) this week! I hope the children will be able to build on the experiences from the visit during our "Before I was born" curriculum day on Friday 21st October, when Class 1 and 2 can come to school dressed as Victorians and Class 3 in spaced themed attire.

Eve Cooper, one of our Year 6 children at Ravensworth has been moved by the work of the charity, 'Mary's Meals' and because of this, we would like to support the charity this Christmas. Mary's Meals is a charity that believes that every child should receive one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. We would like to get involved with The Backpack Project and you can donate a filled backpack, an empty backpack, or any of the individuals items on the list. We welcome good quality, second-hand items and The Backpack Project makes a great recycling focus for clubs and schools. Mrs Cooper will collect the backpacks from both schools on a number of dates, including Tuesday 11th October, Monday

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31st October and Monday 5th December. If you would like any further information, please read the leaflet sent home with your child or visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/the-backpack-project/. Thank you for your support with this and I am looking forward to filling a backpack with my own family.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates – Week beginning 3 rd October		<i>EH = Executive Headteacher</i>
	Barton	Ravensworth
Monday 3 rd	After School Activities resume Football with Mr Weighman Y3 – Y6 girls and boys all welcome Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Craft Club	EH Please may we request the return of all flu vaccination forms for pupils in Years 1,2 & 3.
Tuesday 4 th	EH Netball with Miss Verity – Y2 – Y6 girls and boys welcome. Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – iPad Club	
Wednesday 5 th	Class 3 Music Lessons Lunchtime - Drama with Miss Verity R – Y6 Afterschool Activitiy - Skip 2 B Fit with Mrs Kirby – Y3 – Y6 Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Film Club	EH Football for all classes with Mike Layfield (am) Mutiskills Lunch time club Class 3 Music Lessons
Thursday 6 th	Multiskills with Mrs Harris – R, Y1, Y2 Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Science Experiments Club	EH After school football club with PC Godfrey years 3 and up 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 7 th	EH Class 1 A12LB Tea Party – with Class 1 parents	County Music guitar lessons 12.30-1.30 for our regular pupils

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	No Community Collective Worship	
Diary Dates – Week beginning 10 th Oct		<i>EH = Executive Headteacher</i>
	Barton	Ravensworth
Monday 10 th	<p>EH Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming – letters & consent forms to follow</p> <p>Reminder - Data collection sheets to be returned to School Office (deadline)</p> <p>Football with Mr Weighman Y3 – Y6 girls and boys all welcome</p> <p>Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Craft Club</p>	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming – letters & consent forms to follow
Tuesday 11 th	<p>First backpack collection for Mary's meals (see above for information)</p> <p>Netball with Miss Verity – Y2 – Y6 girls and boys welcome. Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – iPad Club</p>	<p>EH First backpack collection for Mary's meals (see above for information)</p>
Wednesday 12 th	<p>EH Class 3 Music Lessons Lunchtime - Drama with Miss Verity R - Y6 Skip 2 B Fit with Mrs Kirby – Y3 – Y6 Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Film Club</p>	<p>Football for all classes with Mike Layfield (am)</p> <p>Mutiskills Lunch time club</p> <p>Year 1 audio screening 1.00pm</p> <p>Class 3 Music Lessons</p>
Thursday 13 th	<p>Multiskills with Mrs Harris – R, Y1, Y2 Afterschool Club – Mrs Dreaves – Science Experiments Club</p>	<p>EH After school football club with PC Godfrey Years 3 and up 3.15-4.15pm</p>
Friday 14 th 2:45 – 3:30pm	<p>EH Messy Church – Friends and Family all welcome</p>	County Music guitar lessons for our regular pupils 12.30-1.30pm

Future Dates for your diary	Barton	Ravensworth
Monday 10 th October pm	Crucial Crew Y6 Date time and information all to be confirmed – further	Crucial Crew Y6 Date time and information all to be confirmed – further

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	details to follow	details to follow
Tuesday 11 th October	Back Pack Project collection	Back Pack Project collection
Friday 14 th October 2:45 – 3:20pm	Messy Church – school hall	
Friday 21 st October 3:30pm 6pm	"Before I was born" curriculum day. Class 1 and 2 come to school dressed in Victorian costume and Class 3 in space themed attire. School Closes for half term Harvest Festival St Cuthbert's and St Mary's	Before I was born" curriculum day. Class 1 and 2 come to school dressed in Victorian costume and Class 3 in space themed attire. School Closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens Back Pack Project collection	School re-opens Back Pack Project collection
Monday 5 th December	Back Pack Project collection	Back Pack Project collection

Barton

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1- Lexie McMillan-Smith

Class 2 – Ruby Liddell

Class 3 – Aaron Cook

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1- William Littler

Class 2 – Rhys Gamble

Class 3 – Jessica Rankin

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1- Chloe Rankin

Class 2 – Matty Watt

Class 3 – Diana Murray

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1- Lucca Jones

Class 2 – Freya Shoulder

Class 3 – Jessie Husband

Our Super Star Spellers are:

Class Two

News from Class 1

We all had a fantastic time on Monday at Beamish learning all about the differences between life now and in Victorian days. We experienced life in a typical Victorian

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home and helped to tidy up after a very messy family, I thoroughly enjoyed watching the children clean up for once and not me! We all loved the ride on the tram and our visit to the town to explore the different shops (obviously the sweet shop was the most popular). We have also worked super hard on writing our own poems and exploring our senses in a senses investigation.

Please can I remind you to ensure children have a coat in school everyday now that the weather is changing and that planners are signed when you have listened to your children read. Thank you!



News from Class 2

We have had a super time learning The Owl and the Pussycat poem and have even written our own versions. We have worked super hard in Maths learning all about partitioning numbers and comparing and ordering 3 digit numbers in lots of practical ways. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the collaborative trip to Beamish where the children have learnt how difficult lessons were in Victorian days.



News from Class 3

We have been launching rockets this week. Look on the Barton School website in the Class Three section to watch some videos clips!

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Y5/6 Football Festival

The year five and six boys performed brilliantly in the football festival; their behaviour was excellent we are extremely proud of the teamwork and resilience they showed.

The highlight was an amazingly hardy 0:0 draw against Richmond Methodist, after which everyone was thoroughly exhausted – particularly Jake! We are looking forward to seeing the year three and four team carry this spirit and enthusiasm into this Friday's tournament.



MacMillan Community Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or came along to the Coffee Morning... or did both! It was a lovely community event and our small school with the big heart raised £215 (with more money to come in) for MacMillan Cancer Charity. A special thank you to Mrs Coates for organising this worthwhile event.

Class 1 Tea Party

To say a huge thank you to A1L2B for laying the tarmac in Class 1 outdoor area, Class one will be hosting a tea party on Friday 7th October at 2.30pm for some very important guests from A1L2B. We would like to invite all the Class 1 parents to join us for this special event.

Please note, there will be no Community Collective Worship on this day.

Harvest Festival at St.Cuthbert's with St.Mary's Church

Our Community Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 21st October at 6pm in St.Cuthbert's with St.Mary's Church. All the children will be taking part in this service, so please could you ensure that all children are in church for 5.50pm in their school uniform. There will be an opportunity for the children to present their harvest goods to Reverend Jenni during the service, so any donations of non-perishable food for

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the local food bank would be very gratefully received.

Messy Church

Kath will lead Messy Church on Friday 14th October and Friday 18th November at 2.45pm. Please note the change of time. All parents, family and friends are welcome to share a bible story, craft activities and food together at our Community Messy Church.

Community Collective Worship

Parents, carers, friends and family are all welcome to join us for Community Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon from 3- 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy a song and a celebration of the week in school.

Ravensworth

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our stars of the week are: Class 1: Samuel Walker & Harry Willis, Class 2: Emily Tennant, Class 3: Brooke Harrison

The Badger has been awarded to: Thomas Smith

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: Charlotte Dobinson

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Emily Tennant

News from Class 1

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Beamish on Monday. Lucy even said "This is the best day ever!" Class 1 experienced life in a typical Victorian home and helped to tidy up after a very messy family, polish shoes and pots and pans, beat a carpet and even empty a gazunder! Your child will tell you what that is!! We had a ride on the bus (open top, in the rain!) and tram and got extremely dirty handling coal in the colliery. We were surprised that only two children fell asleep on the way home!

We are trialling a new start to the day so all the children come into class together. Please could you bring your child into the main playground where a member of staff will be on duty from 0825. The children will be brought into class at 0830. Now the weather is on the turn please could you ensure your child has a named coat with them each day.

Please could I remind you to sign your child's reading planner when you have listened to them read. Your child will then get a new reading book to enjoy at home with you. Library books will be changed each Tuesday but your child is allowed to keep them for two weeks.



News from Class 2

We have had a very busy time in class 2 and thoroughly enjoyed our trip to beamish. Highlights of the trip were the lesson with Mr Blackburn (he scared me!) and riding on the tram! I couldn't resist the photo opportunity of my team on 'Ravensworth Avenue'. We have continued to work 'Victorian style' using pen and ink with our

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writing! (Sorry about the 'inky' fingers!) We will continue to write non-chronological reports about the Victorians recording all our new knowledge on the topic. Please remember to record all the great reading that you are doing at home in your child's planner.



News from Class 3

During the last two weeks, Class 3 have been working hard on writing free verse poems about refugees to celebrate International Peace Day which was on Wednesday 21st September. This has resulted in some stunning and very powerful pieces of poetry which we plan to use as part of a display in our classroom. In maths lessons, we have been covering addition and subtraction and applying our skills to problem solving contexts. To end this week, we have also created graphs using data gathered as part of our science experiment. We set out to find evidence to prove that the Earth is spinning on its axis resulting in night and day by measuring the length and position of shadows over the course of a day. The experiment was only marginally hampered by the good old cloudy British weather! Our solar system ceiling display is nearly complete and makes our classroom a vibrant and stimulating learning environment. As our topic this half term is Before I was Born, class 3 have been learning about the Tudors and have created some fantastic portraits of Tudor monarchs. The children's skills in this area have certainly outdone Miss Thurman's mediocre artistic abilities! The whole class thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Beamish this week and posed some very insightful questions to the Victorian characters affected by the invention of the new steam railway.

A Note on Homework:

Home work for Class 3 will be sent home on a Friday each week and will be due in on the following Wednesday. This is to enable me time to mark the homework books and organise the following week's homework in time for it to be sent out on a Friday. Your support in reminding your child/children to return homework on time would be much appreciated. Many thanks to all of the parents that are regularly signing children's planners to say they have read at home; I am in the process of signing these off and appreciate both your support and patience with this.

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Y5/6 Football Festival

Although not like her at all, Mrs Stevenson was very quiet during the first game of the tournament when Ravensworth beat Barton 2:0. The second game saw Richmond Methodist A beat Ravensworth 3:0. Our boys weren't disheartened and after a 'firm' team talk from PC Godfrey they really pulled together and played as a team beating Middleton Tyas 1:0, then winning against Richmond Methodist B 3:0. Our small school reached the semi finals and were beaten by a very strong C of E team, 3:0. A big thank you to PC Godfrey and the parents who came along to support and a huge congratulations to Freddie, Edward, Fraser, Henry, Owen, James, Ollie and Finn for their sportsmanship and impeccable behaviour on and off the pitch.



Communication

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Class 2 – acrisp@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class 3 – lthurman@ravensworth.n-yorks.sch.uk (as of Monday 12th September)

Can I remind you that you can contact teaching staff via email, however if require an immediate response, please ring the school on 01325 718375.

After school clubs

PC Godfrey has begun his popular weekly after school football sessions for pupils in Year 3 and upwards. If your child would like to join in, please contact Mrs Richmond for a permission slip.

Jeans for Genes Day

Many thanks to parents and carers who donated to this very worthy cause, we raised £65.00 at Ravensworth which has been forwarded on to the charity.

Parent Pay

We are still awaiting payments for milk, juice, lunches and Beamish from some parents. All have received reminder text messages during the past week.. May we request that all Parentpay accounts are credited with the relevant amounts this weekend. Many thanks.

Spamalot

In addition to Mrs Richmond being your Administrator and running The Rhythm & Shoes Dance Academy, she is also a full acting and performing member of Darlington Operatics. She is currently in rehearsals for the next show which is Monty Python's SPAMALOT in search of the Holy Grail which runs from Monday 24th to Sat 29th Oct 2016 at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium, Yarm School Yarm. Shows are usually performed at Darlington Civic Theatre, however, the Civic is currently

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undergoing refurbishment. Tickets are available on line at www.darlingtonos.org.uk or from the ticket secretary Graeme Hall on 01325 244659. An evening of hilarity and comedy is guaranteed!

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