

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

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Newsletter
Together, Stronger.



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Autumn Term 2 Issue 1

Dear Parents & Carers

Children in Need

We had an amazing ramble up to Mainsgill today. Our children walked 2.4 miles over 10,000 for the Children in Need Countryfile Ramble and raised £108.65 for this very worthwhile charity.



Parent Voice

At Barton and Ravensworth schools we welcome parental involvement which we believe contributes to your child's progress. The Governors and myself are continuously looking at ways to improve. "parent voice" and one way is via questionnaires. This term we have decided to do some research on reading.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete and return the survey. The results will help inform the school as to how we can improve resources and make life long readers in this technological age. We will let you know the results via our school newsletter. The children are also completing their own survey.

We would really like as many views as possible in order to make informed decisions, so as an incentive all returned questionnaires will go into "a hat" and a small family prize will be given to the lucky winner!

Please return to the school office by Friday 23rd November.

Words of the Week

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It's Words of the Week time again – I wonder if you can use them at home, in the car or when you're out shopping! I've thought of a sentence that includes all four:

Today, the children enjoyed a ramble through the **verdant** Holmedale valley, but arrived **windswept** at Mainsgill and were **flabbergasted** as a fire-breathing dragon appeared in the café devouring a **sugary**, yet delicious dessert!



Our new words for the next two weeks are: sugary, verdant, flabbergasted and windswept. 😊

Friends

We had a very productive meeting on Tuesday and I would like to say a huge thank you to our committed group of Friends who work tirelessly to raise money for additional resources and activities for your children. We are always looking for new members and people to help at events, so please contact school or a member of the Friends if you can help: Amanda Antoncich, Kath Morris, Rachel Hegarty, Stacey Penrose, Janice Tallantire or Sharon Dobinson.

The next Friends event for the children is the Christmas Party on Friday 30th November, 5.00-6.30pm where there will be a disco, games, a quiet room, UV face paints, glow sticks and food. Please bring along a plate of food for the buffet table.

The Friends have also sourced an exciting Christmas Hamper that will be on sale at our Christmas Nativity on Monday 17th December at 2pm and 6pm. If you would like to buy tickets for the hamper but are unable to attend, please contact a member of the Friends closer to the event.

We had a visit from Simon Sloan, our Diocesan School Improvement Adviser on Thursday and he was very impressed with our children's attitudes to learning; including their resilience to solve problems independently and how they show 'delight' in and a love of learning.

And finally... our Christian value this half term is 'thankfulness' and every day I am thankful to work in such a special place as Ravensworth, with a great TEAM of children, parents, Governors and staff.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Kindest regards,

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Children celebrating achievements last week:

Our stars of the week were:

Class 1: Nathan, Lucas & Millen

Class 2: Florie, Lucy, Ruby, Kimberley & Edward

Class 3: Seb

The Badger has been awarded to: Jake

Our Carpenters Cup was awarded to: Sebastian

News from Class 1

Class 1 children enjoyed learning about 'challenging gender norms' last week. We read a book, 'Tough Chick' and I was amazed by their responses to whether they thought the chicks were boys or girls. Class 1 have loved reading, following and writing instructions this week. We made jam sandwiches and then wrote instructions for younger children to make them.

We have been exploring and investigating shapes. We went on a shape hunt and realised that lots of things are made in 2D 'flat' and 3D 'solid' shapes. We think that bricks are cuboids because they are strong and long. We also think balls are sphere because they are round so we can catch and kick them.

All the children have enjoyed their first dance lesson with Victoria. We were creating movements, balances and sequences for shopping for fruit. I was very proud of how well they listened and tried their best with their imaginative movements.



News from Class 2

Class 2 children enjoyed learning about 'challenging gender norms' last week. We read a book, 'When Kayla was Kyle' and I was very proud of their attitude towards this and their outstanding Christian values demonstrated throughout the topic. They also all completed some excellent writing.

I am delighted that Victoria Sellars is joining us once more and supporting us with some outstanding dance lessons every Wednesday. Linked to our topic, 'Food for Thought', children are enjoying becoming the ingredients and expressing this through dance. I'm sure you will agree, there were no bad eggs in this cake!



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In RE we are learning about the 'People of God' and are looking at bible stories. The children really enjoyed questioning and investigating the story of 'Noah and the Arc' which we will be continuing to study next week.

I was particularly impressed with last week's homework and thoroughly enjoyed marking the many samples of baking throughout the week - Thank you to all those who brought in delicious evidence - all staff have grown a size in clothing! Well done everyone who found the time to bake favourite family recipes - I hope you all enjoyed it! I have pinched a few recipes to try with Rose at the weekend! Perhaps we should put them in a recipe book... If you have any food magazines at home that you don't want, please could you send them in as we will be using them in art on Wednesday. Thank you!

News from Class 3

It has been another busy week in class 3. The work we completed about gender norms was amazing. The children wrote a series of thought-provoking letters between the characters in the story and showed great empathy. Many of us have aching legs today after a hard workout with Mrs Sellars in dance. She used our topic of 'food for thought' as a stimulus and the children will continue to work on this over the next few weeks.

Homework has been delicious this week and thank you to the children who chose to bring in a sample of the staff to taste - I'm so impressed by your culinary skills. Next week we have the girls' football to look forward to.



Week commencing 19 th November 2018	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 19 th November	EH *Road Safety Week*
Tuesday 20 th November	Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans 1pm
Wednesday 21 st November	EH Lunchtime sports club Staff training - No after school club or wrap around care due to staff training
Thursday 22 nd November	Y3-6 swimming lessons 1.20 - 2.20pm Rev Antony for Collective Worship 1.40pm
Friday 23 rd November	EH

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	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament – letters to those concerned have been issued
Week commencing 26th November 2018	EH = Executive Head in School
Monday 26th November	
Tuesday 27th November	EH Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans 1pm Messy Church 3.15 - 5.00pm - everyone welcome
Wednesday 28th November	Lunchtime sports club After school Hockey club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 29th November	EH Y3-6 swimming lessons 1.20-2.20pm
Friday 30th November	School Friends Christmas disco 5pm – 6.30pm. Bring a donation of food on the night

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	
Tues 4th Dec	Christingle at Kirby Hill Church 5pm
Wed 12th Dec	Whole school trip to Darlington Hippodrome panto – Aladdin – letters to follow
Fri 14th Dec	Wear your Christmas jumper to school for a minimum donation of £1 in aid of Save The Children charity
Mon 17th Dec	Class 1 Nativity 2.00pm & 6pm
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas lunch 12.00 noon
Thurs 20th Dec	Final swimming lesson for Year 3-6 pupils Christmas Party Day
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Carols on the village green 10.00am - everyone welcome
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tues 8th Jan 2019	School re-opens

Privacy Notice acknowledgement slips – The new Dales Academies Trust Privacy Notices were issued to all parents via e-mail on 12th September. In order for us to comply with the strict guidelines in force we must have a signature from all parents acknowledging that they have seen the notice. Slips were issued to everyone at the beginning of this week and a group text reminder has been issued. If you have not yet returned yours, may we please have them back by next Monday.

Children in Need Day – Many thanks to all who have already sent in their donation for Children in Need, we are still collecting and will be banking all donations at the beginning of next week. So far, we have received £108.65 which is amazing! Mrs Richmond's Friday night dance pupils are going to have some fun tonight! They have been invited to attend their

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lessons in either their onesies or pyjamas in return for a donation, this will be added to the grand total and we will advise everyone of this once all donations have been counted.

Photographs and Christmas Cards:- The couriers have now been and collected all orders, as soon as they arrive back in school, we will distribute them. If anyone has forgotten to send their orders in, Tempest Photography will still provide photographs, but these must now be ordered directly at Freepost, Tempest Photography or by calling 01736 751555 late orders are subject to a £5 postage/late order charge. Any late Christmas Card orders can be placed on line via the Cauliflower Card website at www.cauliflowergroup.co.uk

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