

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

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Stevenson



Newsletter
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Friday 17th March 2017

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

What an amazing afternoon we all had at Catterick Racecourse on Thursday 9th March. It was great to see: one hundred percent of our fabulous children make it across the finish line, outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship and the children supporting each other and celebrating success. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer, to Barton Y6 girls who took Eve Cooper under their wing and Barton Year 5 boys who ran with Jake Calvert. What a great team we have! I was proud of every single one of our children who tried their very best, but a special mention must go to Grace Nicholson, who came 2nd out of 120 Year 3 girls and will go on to represent the school in the finals next Thursday at Dalby Forest. Good luck Grace!



We have introduced pen licenses in school. Now those children who can consistently use neat joined handwriting will be able to use a black handwriting pen. Well done to our first winners of pen licenses: Eve Cooper, Nathan Millns, Freddie Millns, Brooke Harrison and Will Brown. I am sure there will be many more pen licenses issued in the very near future. Watch this space!

Through absolutely no fault of our own and definitely no fault of the children, Mr Farley is leaving us today due to personal reasons. I have spent the last few days trying to source the best candidate: consulting with our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser, talking to local Headteachers and lots of supply agencies. I have sourced a good teacher, Mr Phil Smith, who has committed to our school until the end of July. Mr Smith is an experienced teacher, with expertise in IT and he has

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worked very successfully with Miss Crisp in Colburn School. There will be lots of opportunities for you to meet Mr Smith at one of our upcoming events in school and I will arrange a 'Meet the Teacher' event before the Easter break. We are also pleased to confirm that Miss Yarrow will continue to work with the Year 6 children five mornings a week. Miss Crisp, Mrs Stanwix and I will continue to be closely involved with assessment, progress and target setting in Class 3 to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

We are in the process of having our school grounds mapped for an orienteering course. We will be using the course in a wide variety of ways to support the children's outdoor learning.

I hope you can join us in school on Thursday 6th April for our Easter Community Lunch at 12 noon, followed by our Easter Service. This year the children will take part in, "Experience Easter", an interactive way to explore the Easter Story which will start in school at 1.00. We will then walk to Kirby Hill at approximately 1.15 and the service will finish at the church.

Dave from Skip2BFit will be leading workshops for Class 1,2 and 3 on the last Friday of term during the morning session and I would love it if you could come along and join us for an end of term Skiptacular, 1-1.30 on Friday 7th April. End the term in style - pop on a pair of trainers and do a bit of skipping with Dave and the children. Then you are welcome to take your child/children home with a spring in your step and have a Happy Easter!!!

Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on Monday 3rd April from 3.30pm until 7pm. Parents with children in Reception and Year 1 will meet with Mrs Pitchers, Miss Crisp will see her class parents as usual, Mrs Stanwix and Mrs Stevenson will meet with parents of children in Year 4 and 5 and Miss Yarrow will see the Year 6 parents. Parents' Consultation Evening slips will be sent home on Monday 20th March. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs Sharon Stevenson
Executive Headteacher

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Children celebrating achievements this week:

Our stars of the week are:

Class 1: Harry and Bertie

Class 2: Ava, Grace N and Toby

Class 3: Emily W, Eve C and Fraser

The Badger has been awarded to: Amy and Edward D.

The winner of the Sportsmanship Cup is: James T. and Toby

Our Carpenters Cup is awarded to: Fraser and Arabella

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News from Class 1

The children in class 1 have been working very hard on our 'Big Bang' topic. We have learned a lot about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong and the children have really enjoyed creating their own split pin astronauts! We are also creating our own straw rockets. Next week we will be having a competition to see whose rocket can fly the furthest.

The children have also worked very hard in Maths and are beginning to add and subtract larger numbers very well. They are even beginning to challenge each other with this during discovery time! Next week we will be starting to look at Spring and discussing the changes that we can see. The children have already noticed some changes and are enjoying sharing their observations.

We would also like to thank you for the fantastic response to our 'Wow moment' sheets. The children really enjoyed sharing them with the class and it is lovely to see how proud they are when they show them to others. Please keep them coming!

And finally:- while the rest of the school were out having fun at Cross Country, Class 1 and a few special friends were chilling out doing their peer massage with Mrs Stanwix.



News from Class 2

We have had a very busy few weeks in class 2. I was very impressed with their descriptive poems about space where the children were using similes, metaphors and personification. This week we have moved our English learning onto report writing about living in the space station and the children are loving learning about the Space Station. We have lots of science fun planned over the next few weeks. Last week I was so proud of our Year 3's who behaved beautifully and ran brilliantly at Catterick Racecourse. They were wonderful in every way! Well done children. I must give Grace Nicholson a special mention. She came an amazing 2nd in her race and qualified for the Yorkshire competition at Dalby Forest next Thursday. Good luck Grace and enjoy the experience.

I have included some photos of our children working hard with their maths learning; they are certainly stretching their brains! Our maths topic at the moment is statistics so children will be organising and interpreting data.

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News from Class 3

On Wednesday 29th March, class 3 children will be participating in the Richmond Tag Rugby Festival. Richard Smith has kindly agreed to do three training sessions for this in addition to children's usual PE with Nathan. These will be on Tuesday 21st March, Thursday 23rd March and Tuesday 28th March. This will mean that children will require outdoor PE kits on these days (Thursday is their normal PE afternoon). A letter with more information about the event will be sent out next week.

Miss Yarrow would like to say how well the Y6 children are doing with their homework and thank you for your support with this. However, it is really important that the Y6 homework is returned promptly on a Thursday as this supports the learning that is taking place in class.

Unfortunately, and with deep regret, I have had to inform Mrs Stevenson that I am unable to continue to teach class 3.

My personal circumstances and responsibilities have unexpectedly changed this week and I would find it difficult to balance giving Ravensworth Primary - especially class 3 - my total commitment and to carry out my personal responsibilities.

The children are wonderful. In my short time as their teacher I feel that we have built a good relationship, and it is in the children's best interests, that I must let someone else take over. The staff are so helpful and supportive, I cannot thank them enough for their warm welcome to the school.

Class 3 have enjoyed reading and discussing the poem of the Highwayman in English. In Science the investigation of air resistance was thoroughly enjoyed by designing and making parachutes in small mixed groups. In Maths we have been using the formal method of division to solve word problems.

Once again, many thanks to Staff, Children and Parents.

With regards

Mr Farley

Week commencing 2017	Ravensworth EH = Executive Head in school
Monday 20 th March	
Tuesday 21 st March	Messy Church 3.15-5.00pm. Everyone welcome Richard Smith to work with class 3 for tag rugby training.
Wednesday 22 nd March	EH PE all classes AM. Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans. Lunchtime cricket club with Nathan Fisher Full Governing Body meeting 1pm

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	Rev Kirby for Collective Worship 2pm School Friends AGM Smallways (A66) at 8pm. Everyone welcome.
Thursday 23rd March	EH 4pm Junior Maths challenge at Richmond School for individual pupils involved. Richie Smith to work with class 3 for tag rugby training.
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day – wear something red for a donation to charity. 9.30am Reception & YR 6 height & weight checks. 12.00noon Mother's Day lunch.
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Tuesday 28th March	
Wednesday 29th March	EH PE all classes AM. Class 3 Music lessons with Sue Evans. Lunchtime cricket club with Nathan Fisher. Class 3 tag rugby competition – letters to follow on Monday 20 th March.
Thursday 30th March	4pm Junior Maths challenge at Richmond School for individual pupils involved.
Friday 31st March	

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Ravensworth
Wed 29th March	9.15am School Health to collect YR 6 Health Questionaires
Mon 3rd April	3.30 - 7pm Parent's evening – letters will be issued on Monday 20 th March
Tues 4th April	Whole School end of term visit to Centre For Life with Barton School – letters to follow
Thurs 6th April	Easter Lunch and Service – letters issued Friday 17 th March
Fri 7th April	Skip2Bfit Day School closes for Easter holidays 1.30pm

Year 6 Health Questionaires – Kirsty from School Health will be calling to collect all completed questionaires on 29th March so if there are any more still to be sent in to school, please could we request them beforehand. Thank you.

School Friends AGM – This will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 8pm in Smallways Country Inn. There will be an opportunity for new members to join the committee. Please note that School Friends is not only for parents, it is for anyone who is interested in helping to organise fundraising and social events which provide much needed funds for all pupils for the 'little extras' such as school trips, theatre trips, disco's, christmas gifts (even Christmas crackers!) etc which would otherwise be prohibitive due to high costs.

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Messy Church – Messy Church after Easter will take place on the first day back which is Tuesday 25th April and so we would be grateful if you could mark this in your diaries. Please may we remind parents that if your child wishes to stay, we must be informed in advance so that our bus & taxi loading lists can be updated. Thank you. We have also been informed that there will be a Messy Family Service at Dalton village hall on Sunday 25th June. Time and further details will be issued by the Messy Church volunteers.

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