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Church of England VC Primary Schools

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Newsletter
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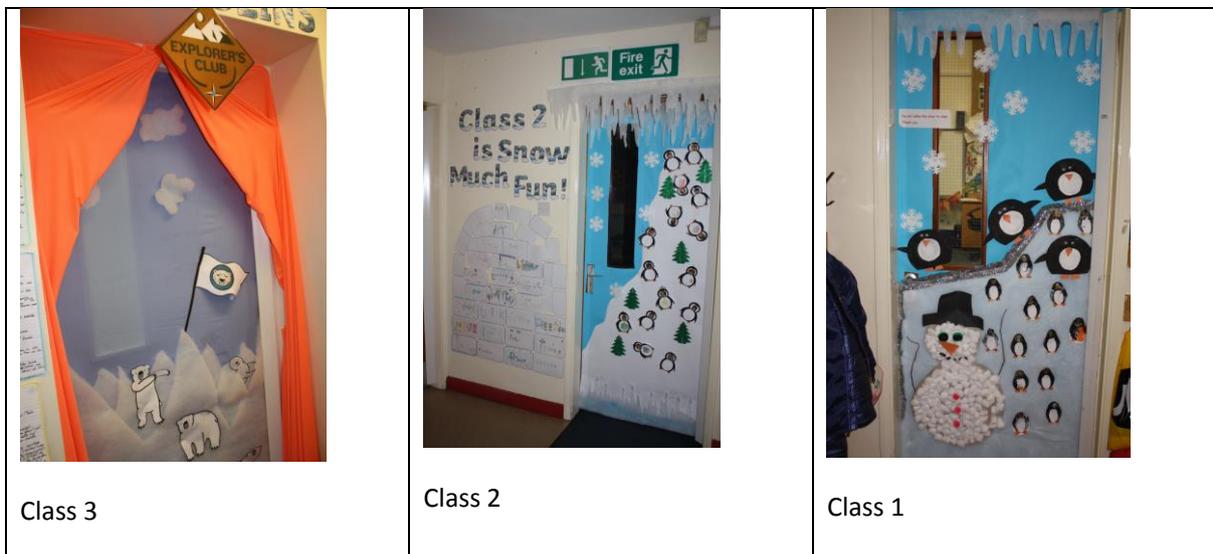


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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school and 'Frozen Lands'. The learning environment is looking fabulous and we have celebrated the launch of our new creative curriculum topic with a competition – who can create the best frozen lands entrance to the classroom...



Class 3

Class 2

Class 1

Don't they look fabulous! Well done to everybody but Class 2 are the winners as I especially like the 'chilly' vocabulary and that it includes the children's work.

After school club are even joining in the fun and creating their own polar lands:



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We have launched 'Class Dojo' this year and you should have already received an invitation to your child's account. Class Dojo allows you to connect directly with your child's learning and share photos and videos of wonderful moments in the classroom. It creates a positive culture where teachers can encourage positive behaviours, skills and values and share them with you at home. It also gives children a voice where they can showcase and celebrate their learning securely. I hope you enjoy this window into your child's learning journey. Please feel free to comment as the children love to share your positive comments with their friends and teachers.

Last term, school leaders undertook a review of reading that involved pupil and parent questionnaires. Thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire, and as promised, here is an analysis of the results, from our Chair of Governors.

Class 2 children (35)

Only 4 children don't enjoy reading, half think they are good readers and the majority are more excited than bored by reading.

Books (fiction and non-fiction), and magazines are the most popular with poetry, newspapers and websites a 'no' for over half the children.

Class 3 children (40)

Enjoying reading 'very much' to only 'a bit' had a fairly even spread. The majority think they are 'higher than average' to 'excellent' readers.

Half say they are only reading for pleasure 2 or 3 times a month. They say they would read more if they had more time, books were cheaper, had more books and if they were about things they were interested in.

They agree reading is for girls and boys and that reading helps them understand more about themselves, the world, how others live and feel, and that reading is fun, helps them get a job and is a skill for life.

Adults (Approx. 50%)

Approx. half think their children enjoy reading very much with websites, fiction, magazines, comics, factual books, text messaging being the most popular.

Adults favourites are websites, fiction, magazines, newspapers, factual books and of course e mails and text messages. Surprisingly e-books are not a favourite as yet!

The vast majority think the school does enough to encourage children to read for pleasure.

Suggestions/comments

Having discussed these with Mrs Stevenson:-

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- 1) In the next Newsletter each Class will share the Reading routine, including changing books etc.
- 2) If any adult would like to borrow a book to read to their child at home eg fiction, non-fiction please call in at school home time or send a note in their school bag with title/author/subject. Both schools have a wide range of books.
- 3) Children can borrow any book to take home along with their individual reading book. If you would like a book on a particular topic just let staff know via your child's planner.
- 4) Has anyone got any comics/childrens magazines to donate to the school.
- 5) Mrs Stevenson will arrange a Reading Information Evening for later this year.
- 6) The schools will purchase new reading material which takes account of children's views.

B Whittle(Chair of Governors)

Don't forget to read each class' news section as staff have shared this term's classroom routines.

Please remember, we operate an open-door policy. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and for any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me, via the school office on 01325 377246 or email admin@barton.dalesmat.org.

Finally, I would like to share something very special with you. After our children decided not to send Christmas cards to each other but instead donate to the local food bank. During the Christmas holidays, Willow Connell wanted to help other people so much that she decided to donate her hair to the Princess Trust to help make wigs for children who are very poorly. What an amazing thing to do – I am so proud of you and how you showed our school value of love to others... and you still look so beautiful!



Have a lovely weekend!

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Bear Johnson

Class 2: Chloe Rankin

Class 3: Rhys Gamble

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Isla Horsley

Class 2: Angelica Mattson

Class 3: Brogan Clark

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Cayleb McFadzean

Class 2: Willow Connell

Class 3: Elle Liddell

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

Class 2: Heath Szikora

Class 3: Lucas Dreaves

News From Class One:



Happy New Year to everyone! It has been an excellent start to the New Year in Class 1 with everyone coming back to school eager to learn and enthusiastic about our new topic 'Frozen Lands'. The children loved coming into school on Tuesday to find our classroom doors all decorated to launch our new topic and

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really enjoyed creating their own penguins using their faces to go on our class door.

The children have also had lots of fun exploring our new classroom and trying out all the new ice and snow-based activities. This week we have begun looking at our new story 'Lost and Found' which will lead to us writing our own penguin adventures stories. In maths we are focussing on number, place value, addition and subtraction, we have really enjoyed using the book '365 penguins' in maths this week counting all the different penguins on each page. We will be exploring animals and everyday materials in science and exploring the Arctic and Antarctica in geography focussing on where we find these places on the map and the features of frozen lands. In art we will be creating our own penguin eggs which we will then look after for the afternoon to learn all about how penguins look after their eggs.

We love reading in Class 1 and the children are given lots of opportunities to read independently and with an adult first thing on a morning. We check planners every morning with the children and if they have read at home or with an adult in school, they independently change their books and we record it in their planners. The children take home one reading book and a free choice book to share with an adult this is very important as it supports them with their writing and creativity. The children should also be trying to read for at least 10 minutes a night in order to progress through our reading challenge and receive certificates and prizes. We also have weekly guided reading when the children read with an adult and will do a follow up task to show understanding of the book.

Please can you ensure the children have brought their PE bags back to school, if they haven't already done so. In class 1 we spend a lot of our learning time outside in all weathers so can I ask that children come to school prepared for the cold weather with coats, hats, gloves etc. Thank you for your continued support.

News from Class Two:



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Welcome back to school Class 2 and a Happy New Year to everyone! It has been a lovely first week back and all the children have returned happy and eager to learn. We have been blown away by their positive learning attitudes everyone is

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keen to do their best and I hope you have enjoyed receiving messages home on Clasdojo website celebrating their successes. This term we are joined by a Student teacher – Mr Potter – who will be with us until half term and will be sharing in the planning and delivering of some of the exciting lessons we will enjoy over the term. We are embracing the Frozen Lands topic and will be writing to Excite and Inform in English, in Maths we will be learning more about additive reasoning, multiplying and dividing and fractions. In Science, we are completing our topic on Teeth looking at tooth decay and then will go on to learn about Rocks. We will also learn about arctic explorers and what it would be like to live in the polar regions and will be reading Tom's Midnight Garden as our class read.

We love reading in Class 2 and the children are given lots of opportunities to read independently and should record this in their planners, they should also read at home for at least 10 minutes and record it in their planners to progress through our Rainbow reading challenge and receive rewards and certificates in our celebration assembly. We check planners every morning with the children and if they have read at home or with an adult in school, they independently change their books and we record it in their planners. We also have weekly guided reading and inference sessions when the children read with an adult and will do a follow up task to show understanding the next day. At the end of most days we share a class reader too which the children look forward too.

Class 2 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon this term so please make sure the children bring in towels and swim kit. Please also make sure the children have warm PE kit including tracksuit/jogging bottoms and hoodies as we will be outside for some PE sessions. Finally, we ask that the children have suitable warm kit for breaktimes including hat, scarves and gloves as we like to get them outside for fresh air even when it's cold.

News from Class Three:



Happy New Year to everyone! It has been a terrific start to the new year in Class Three – they have all come back with superb attitudes and are all working really hard already.

If you haven't already seen our amazing pizza business designs, please visit: <http://bartonpizzacontest.edublogs.org/> to see all the hard work that Class Three put into their pizzas and advertising. There is a link to the final vote for the most

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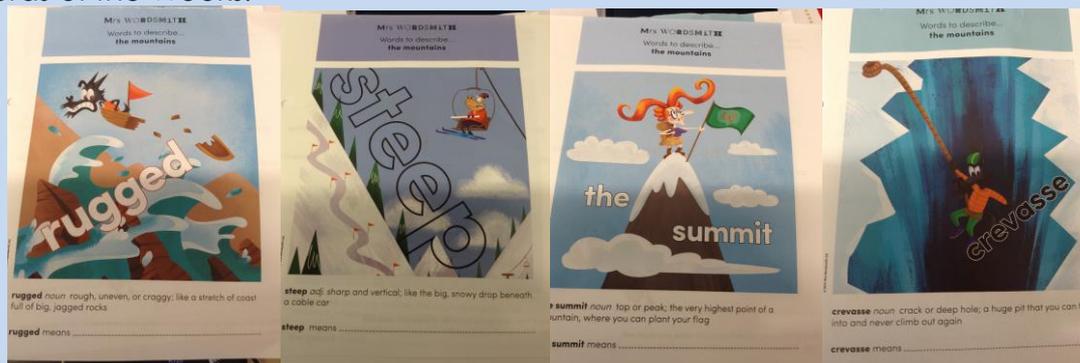
persuasive group on the blog or alternatively you can go straight to the vote using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CRRV8CY>.

Our topic this half-term is Frozen Lands and we are reading 'The Polar Bear Explorers' Club' by Alex Bell. We will be looking at food chains in Science, locating and comparing places in Geography and writing arctic adventure stories in English. We started off our topic by creating a mass of penguins like in the book '365 Penguins'! Please send in any spare wrapping paper roll tubes, toilet roll tubes or kitchen roll tubes that you have at home so we can make even more!

PE is on Monday and Friday afternoons – please ensure kits are suitable for the cold weather outdoors (hoodies/tracksuit jackets, long trousers, gloves and a spare pair of socks). We will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon so children will also need their swimming equipment and towels each week.

Every child has their own personal reading book to read in class and at home, they can change this book during morning and afternoon registration times and during daily guided reading sessions. Please sign planners to show when children have read at home so they can achieve their rainbow reading certificates. Every child is part of a small guided reading group who will read with the class teacher once a week, during other guided reading sessions they will continue reading their group book and complete a follow up task - please ensure planners are in school so that we can share a record of their progress.

Words of the Weeks:



Our first set of words for 2019 are perfect for describing the frozen lands we might find in our new whole-school topic: rugged, steep, the summit and crevasse.

Emergency Contact details

Please can parent/carers keep school fully advised, at all times of any changes to emergency contact details, addresses and emails.

Also, if your child has any health or dietary requirements please contact the school office – Thank you.

SD1 Special Diet Request Form

Some children and adults require a special diet and NYCC Catering Department have revised a form to request a special diet. The form will be emailed to all Parents today.

If applicable we ask that you kindly complete this form so that Mrs Butler, School Cook can contact you to discuss this request in further detail.

If you require a paper copy of the form please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Times Table Club for Year 3 and 4

This term we are having a big push on times tables and to help the children secure their knowledge there will be a break time club, held twice a week. Children are now expected to know multiplication and division facts of all times tables by the end of year four, so it is important that they attend at least one session per week. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions and to complete any homework they might be given to help with their learning.

Friends 80 Club

Congratulations to the winner of the last draw:

Number 65 – number not taken

Number 98 – C & A Howe

Number 4 – number not taken

The next draw will take place on, or around, 20th January.

Wrap around Care:

Breakfast Club with Miss Maitchell (£3 per session 8am to 8:50am Monday to Friday)

Monday – Games

Tuesday – Homework Club

Wednesday – Puzzle Club

Thursday – Lego

Friday - Colouring

Afterschool Club with Miss Maitchell (£5 per hour please book through the school office Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 5:30pm)

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Board Game and Puzzle Club

Wednesday – Craft Club

Thursday –Yoga

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 2 & 3 Jan 2019:

Please contact the school office to reserve your child's place and advise us of pick up at the end of the session.

Lunchtime – Puzzle and problem solving every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Drama/ Singing Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

Lunchtime – Drawing Club – every Thursday with Mr Weighman

Please reserve a place by emailing the school office and advising us of your collection details or if your child is to walk home for afterschool activities

Car Parking

Please can we ask that you consider all road users and pedestrians when dropping off and collecting children at/from school. Thank you.

Week commencing

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14th January 2019	EH = Executive Head in school
Monday	
Tuesday	EH Mrs Jameson Music lessons Mrs Evans C3 Music lessons
Wednesday	Class 2 & 3 Swimming Catterick Pool
Thursday	EH Community Lunch noon
Friday	
Week commencing 21st January 2019	Barton EH = Executive Head in School
Monday	EH
Tuesday	Mrs Jameson Music lessons Mrs Evans C3 Music lessons
Wednesday	EH Class 2 & 3 Swimming Catterick Pool
Thursday	
Friday	EH

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2018	
16th January Wednesday	Class 2 & 3 Swimming – coach anticipated return to School is 3:30pm Sessions will be: 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13, 20 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March
17th January	Community Empire Lunch – bookings closed 20 th December
22nd January	TAG Rugby further details to follow.
29th January	Young Directors tbc
7th February	Y6 Transitional Health Questionnaire - Kerry/Kirstie School Health
18th February	Parent Consultation Evening Class 1 2 and 3
20th February	Parent Consultation Evening Class 1 and 3 only

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22nd February Friday

School closes for half term 3:30pm

4th March Monday

School reopens

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