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Church of England VC Primary Schools

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Newsletter
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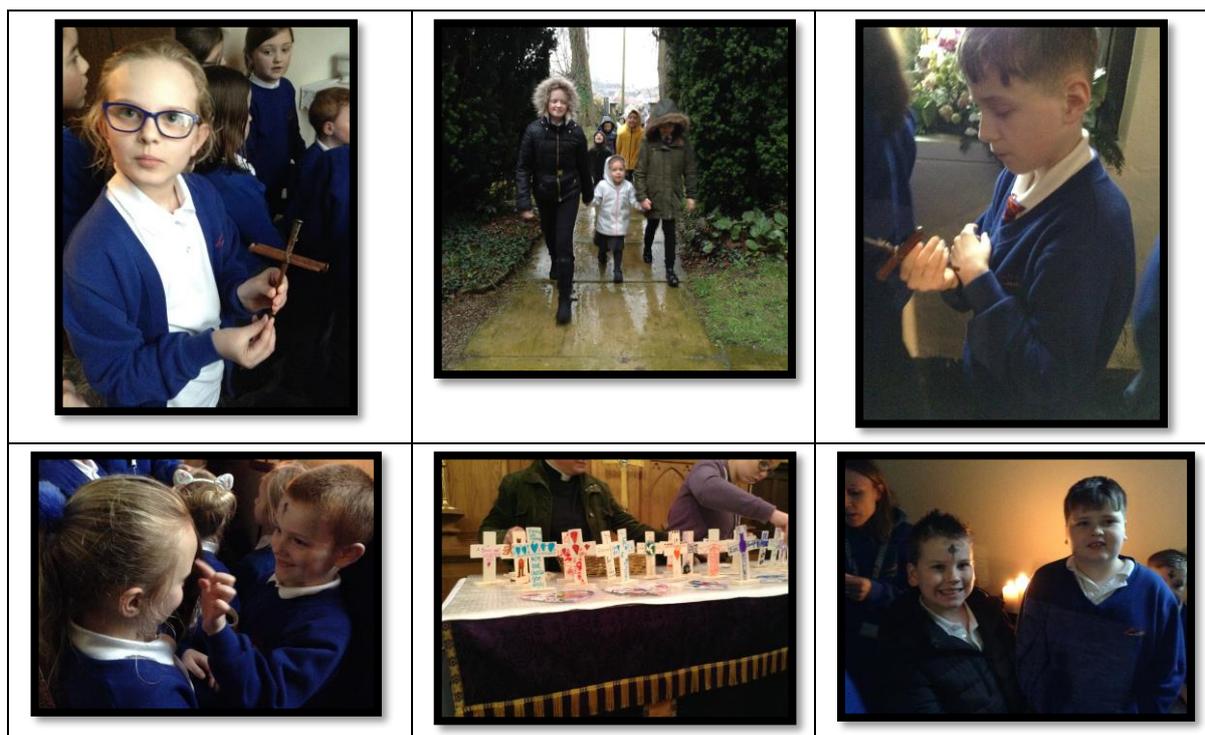


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Dear Parents & Carers,

On Ash Wednesday, we celebrated the beginning of Lent with a lovely Lentern retreat and Ashes Service in our church, led by Reverend Jenni. The children took part in Lentern activities all about our Christian values of Love, Respect, Forgiveness and Integrity and enjoyed receiving the Ashes. Lent is all about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it's God that you depend on in life - not instagram or facebook or a favourite food or drink! This is the real meaning of Lent. In this way Lent mirrors the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. I wonder what you are giving up for Lent this year?



The children (and staff!!) all looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes and it was a lovely opportunity to share books together and re-ignite a love of reading. Thank you for all your hard work and effort that you put into the children's costumes – you never cease to amaze me with your imagination and creativity!

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I am delighted that our wrap around care is going from strength to strength and especially with the popularity of Breakfast Club. Please can I remind you that our Breakfast Club starts at 8am, when at least two members of staff will be on site. I appreciate that mornings can be a rush, however, please can you ensure that children are not dropped off before 8am and that you hand your child/ren over to a member of staff to safeguard both children and adults. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

You are all warmly invited to 'Lady G's Morning Tea' on Saturday 30th March, 10am – 12pm at Cleasby Village Hall to celebrate the life of Claire Glass and to raise money for The Eve Appeal, which supports gynaecological cancers. There are lovely 'Eve Appeal' heart-shaped pin badges for sale in school for £2 each and you can purchase tickets for a luxury raffle from Hannah Glass.

Your child will be bringing their Individual Summary Report home today which along with our recent Parents' Information Evening should give you a very clear picture of your child/ren's progress. They celebrate recent achievements and share targets to work on to help you support your child's learning at home.

I am looking forward to seeing you at one of our events in school next week: at our Community Chick Chick Chicken Tikka lunch on Tuesday or 12th March or at our Red Nose Coffee Morning on Friday 15th March, where there will be a guess the sweets in the jar game and donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Also, please don't forget to drop your Air Ambulance bags off before you come into the coffee morning!

Kindest regards,

Sharon Stevenson

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

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Class 2: Lexie McMillan-Smith

Class 3: Justin Hepper

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Isla Horsley

Class 2: William Littler

Class 3: Alfie Husband

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Finley Hardy

Class 2: Eva-Grace Short

Class 3: Brogan Clark

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Thomas Wise

Class 2: Archie Johnson

Class 3: Max Percival

News From Class One:



It was a lovely end to our topic before half term with a fantastic afternoon of sharing the dioramas the children made, making marshmallow igloos in teams using marshmallows and icing sugar the children showed great perseverance and teamwork to complete them, we also enjoyed making some snow dough which was messy but fun!

We have had a very busy first week back at school with lots going on. Our new topic this term is 'I can create' with a focus in class 1 on monsters and aliens. The

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children have already had lots of fun using straws and paint to create paint blowing monsters and lots of different body parts and playdough to make playdough aliens. In English we have started to look at alien and monster stories to enable us to create our own aliens and monsters and our own exciting stories about them. In maths the year 1s are focussing on multiplication and division while the reception and nursery are focussing on one more one less and shapes. On Wednesday afternoon we had a lovely afternoon at school completing a Lenten retreat with Reverend Jenni, the children completed activities relating to lent and Ash Wednesday. The children were brilliant and had lots of fun, they especially enjoyed putting crosses on each other's heads using ash. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day - thank you for the tremendous effort put into the children's costumes – we loved sharing our books with Class 2 and had an excellent time solving the story treasure hunt. Every Wednesday morning the children will be taking part in dance as part of their PE lessons this term, can I please ask that all children have brought their PE bags back into school which should contain a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers. It is also useful for children to have a tracksuit top and bottoms in case it is cold. All the children in class 1 are moving through their rainbow reading challenges fantastically, thank you for your support with their reading at home it really does make a difference to their progress. Homework will still be given out every Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday to be marked.

News from Class Two:



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The children really enjoyed our Frozen Lands topic last term and to end the topic we had great fun sharing the dioramas the children made, tackling an ice-cube challenge to see what materials would keep the ice whole the longest and making marshmallow igloos and glittery snow dough.

We have now begun our 'I can create' topic where we will be looking at making moving monsters in design and technology, writing exciting stories and making them into films in English, revisiting all four operations in Maths finding the most effective strategies to solve calculations and exploring light in Science. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to get creative making shadow puppets, Lego movies and the moving monsters – lots to keep us busy. This week has been busy already I can't believe all the things we have packed into the first week back. We have a dance teacher from Richmond School in each Wednesday morning until

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May half –term and the children really enjoyed the first session this week with lots of them showing interest in attending the after school that Mrs Sellers will run on a Monday evening so it would be lovely if they could come along. We went to church on Wednesday afternoon and had great fun learning about Lent in the Lentern Retreat that Reverend Jenni organised for us. Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day - thank you for the tremendous effort put into the children's costumes – we loved sharing our books with Class 1 and had a super time solving the hidden story treasure hunt.

As the children will be having dance on Wednesday morning then going swimming on Wednesday afternoon they may come into school in warm PE kit with shorts and t-shirt underneath for the dance session and then stay in their warm PE kit to go swimming in the afternoon – uniform will not be required on Wednesday until Easter.

Homework is given out on Friday and should be return the following Thursday. Please keep encouraging the children to read and record it in their planners in order from them to progress through the rainbow challenge most of them are making really good progress.

News from Class Three:



In Class Three, we got straight underway with our new 'I can create' topic by creating our own papyrus! It was a bit sticky and we might have made the tables a little messy but everyone showed great perseverance – even with the trickiest parts! Our history topic is Ancient Egyptians and we will be writing explanation and information texts about how they lived and some exciting adventure stories about the mysteries of the pyramids. This half term, we are finding fractions of whole numbers and converting fractions into decimals and percentages in Maths. Swimming continues from next week on Wednesday afternoons and PE is on Friday afternoons. We are also very fortunate to have a dance teacher for this half-term so PE kits will also be needed on Wednesday morning. PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt and dark shorts. Please ensure all children also have warm tracksuit trousers, joggers or leggings and a warm jumper or hoody for when it is a bit chilly.

Homework will still be given out every Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday to be marked. Mrs Kirby checks planners most mornings to give hole punches towards the reading challenge awards – in Class Three we work to promote independence, so children need to ensure their planner is on the pile and homework is in the book box.

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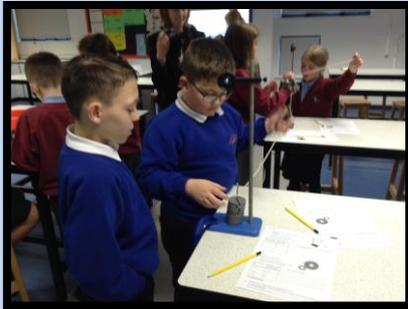
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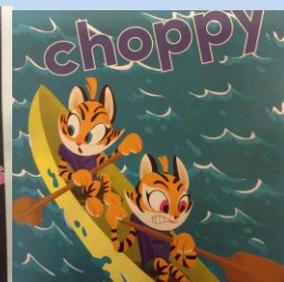
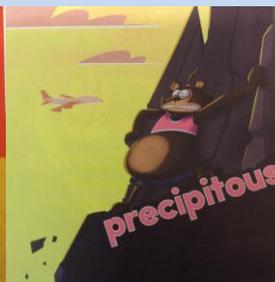
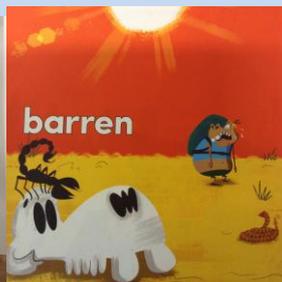
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Thank you to all the effort that went into making our World Book Day look so awesome! I loved seeing our school dressed up as such amazing characters from so many different books. Also, well done to our Year Fives who were working super hard on their Richmond School science taster session with pulleys and levers.



Words of the Weeks:



This weeks words are great for describing exciting story settings: withered, barren, precipitous and choppy.

Community Easter Lunch

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You are very welcome to come and join us for Easter lunch on Thursday 11th April the menu is:

Roast Chicken Dinner with vegetables

Followed by

Chocolate Easter muffin

Bookings to be made via email, or in person to the school office by Thursday 28th March – which will be confirmed upon payment (£3.50 per adult/£2.90 per child)

(please note no Jacket Potato/ Sandwich choice on this day)

All things money – Parentpay

It is great that so many parents/carers use both our wrap around care facilities along with lovely school meals, however unless it is an emergency and the school office is advised (in confidence) can all payments be made in advance of requirements.

Please can you kindly check your Parentpay accounts this weekend and make sure that payments are fully up to date – it is great to be able to access this electronic payment system and make payments at a time that suits you! If for any reason you are not able to make a payment this weekend please can you contact the school on admin@barton.dalesmat.org

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

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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.

Afterschool Monday – Dance club with Ms Sellers

Afterschool Wednesday – Y6 SATS Booster club with Mr Weighman (Y6 only)

Lunchtime Puzzle Club every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Drama/ Singing Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

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

Week commencing 11th March 2019	Barton EH = Executive Head in school
Monday	Dave Horner and Mrs Weighman – Greenpower Car
Tuesday	EH Vanessa Jameson Music session Community Lunch – 12 noon school hall Class 3 Music with Su Evans
Wednesday	Swimming Classes 2 & 3 Y6 SATS Revision class 3:30 – 4:30
Thursday	EH Green Power - build - Class 3
Friday	Red nose Day – wear something Red! Air ambulance bag collection 9:15am Community Coffee Morning
Week commencing 18th March 2019	Barton EH = Executive Head in School
Monday	EH
Tuesday	Collaboration - All Stars Cricket Richmond School more details to follow Vanessa Jameson Music session Class 3 Music with Su Evans
Wednesday	EH Swimming Classes 2 & 3

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Thursday	Green Power - build - Class 3
Friday	EH

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
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	Class 2 & 3 Swimming – coach anticipated return to School is 3:30pm Sessions will be: 13, 20, 27 March 3 April
27th March	Re-scheduled Quick Sticks Hockey Y3 & Y4
28th March	Greenpower build a car
3rd April	Swimming Classes 2 & 3 additional session to replace cancelled session on 6 th March
4th April	Greenpower build a car
10th April	“Friends” Bingo 6 – 7:30pm in school hall – more details to follow
11th April	Community Easter Lunch – noon Greenpower build a car Easter Service 2:30pm – more details to follow
12th April	School Closes 3:30pm for Easter Holidays
29th April	Staff Training Day
30th April	School re-opens to pupils Other important dates for your diary:
13-17th May	SATS week – Y2 & Y6
10-14th June	Phonics week - Y1

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