

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

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Newsletter
Together, Stronger.



Friday 25th October

Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents and carers

It's hard to believe that we are at the half term break already. My first half term at Barton school has been fabulous and I am very grateful for the welcome and support I have received from the children, parents and staff. We have been delighted to welcome Macie into year 6 this week. We hope she will be very happy at our lovely school.

It was good to see so many of you at our parent consultation meetings this week and I enjoyed meeting some parents for the first time. If you didn't manage to come along, please do contact your child's class teacher and they will arrange an alternative time to meet with you and discuss your child's progress.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our parent questionnaires for governors. The views of parents are really important to us and the results of these questionnaires will be used by Governors and the Trust Board to help us to improve our school.

County Recycling Winners!

Following your generous donations to The Salvation Army's 'Recycle with Michael' campaign, Barton CE School won the county competition for the highest ratio of bag weight to pupils. Their Mascot 'Michael' came to present a special certificate to our Eco-Leaders and to take some photos for a press release. Look out for them in the local papers! The rest of the children were so intrigued that he ended up meeting them all!

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Here is a link to our story in 'Richmondshire Today' (alternatively you can search for Richmondshire Today Recycle with Michael on google):
<http://www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/richmondshire-primary-school-wins-recycling-challenge/>

Harvest Festival

Thankyou to those parents and children who attended the Harvest Festival in church on 11th October. The children had reflected on where our food comes from and did a fabulous job of sharing their prayers and art work with the congregation. They also sang beautifully. A special well done to Ryan for leading the children's part of the service so well. Their work is now on display in the church. The tins and packets that were brought in have been donated to the food bank in Darlington, fresh produce went to St Theresa's Hospoce.

Richmondshire Netball Competition

Team Barton was in action again this week – this time at the Richmondshire Netball competition at Richmond School. They played really well and as always their behaviour and attitudes were brilliant. Well done netball team!



School Improvement adviser

We welcomed our School Improvement Adviser into school on Wednesday, for his first visit of the year. His visit focussed on phonics and reading and he observed some teaching, looked at the learning environment and spent some time talking to children about their favourite books and authors. He was impressed how well our younger

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children learn to read, the behaviour of all children in the school and their enthusiasm when talking about their learning.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Helen Dudman
Headteacher

Barton

Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Oscar Rankin

Class 2: Poppy Banner

Class 3: Faith Ramsay

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Charlie Ramsay

Class 2: Lexxy McMillian-Smith

Class 3: Ruby Liddell and Freya Shoulder

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Tom Horsley

Class 2: Isla Horsley

Class 3: Lyla Bell

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Thomas Wise

Class 2: Phoebe Liddell

Class 3: Jack Banner

Wrap around Care:

We run some fantastic wrap around care for your children and in September we will be running the following sessions – book through the school office!

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

Monday – Arts & Crafts

Tuesday – Construction

Wednesday – Lego

Thursday – Games

Friday - Colouring

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

Monday – Photography

Tuesday – Craft Club

Wednesday – Film club

Thursday –Gardening Club

Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 for next term

Lunchtime Lego Club – every Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Dance Club- every Wednesday with Miss Verity

Storytime Club – every Thursday lunchtime 12.30pm with Mrs Allan-Hooks

Lunchtime Computing 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.

Please note that as usual at the end of a full term there will be no Staff Led Afterschool Activities.



Aldi Kit for schools

We are collecting the stickers which Aldi are offering whenever you spend £30 or more in store (sometimes you have to ask for them or you don't get them). If we collect 300 stickers, we'll receive a sports kit! Please send in any stickers that you have: either with children, to the office or to class teachers. We greatly appreciate your support in getting new resources for our school.

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News From Class One:



Well I can't believe the end of the term is already upon us! Even though it has been a long one the children have worked extremely hard till the end. We have had another amazing two weeks in Class 1, the children performed their 'journey' dance that they have been working on with Mrs Sellars last Wednesday to Class 2 and 3, they were all fantastic and I was so proud of them all. This Tuesday the children also led Collective Worship and showed lots of the work we have been doing this term, the year 1s even read out some of their excellent English work, they are all just growing in confidence every day!

In English the Year 1s have been focussing on poems and wrote a senses poem about their journey through a tunnel, after reading the story *The Tunnel*. This week they have been working on some acrostic poems based on Autumn. Reception and nursery have been reading the story 'Don't Hog the Hedge' they have looked at how to be a good friend, and have created their own hedgehogs using leaves. In maths Year 1s have been working hard with their addition and subtraction and are becoming more confident with the different methods they can use to help them. Reception and nursery have been focussing on counting, number recognition, measuring and symmetry. They all made some super painted symmetrical butterflies.

In RE we have been looking at Diwali, we created some Rangoli patterns using rice, we made our own diva lamps using clay and then painted them. Nursery also made some lovely Diwali lanterns. We then carried on this focus into our dance this week with Mrs Sellars and did some Diwali dancing and even put some glitter on our faces to really get us into the spirit.

In science we landed our topic of Journeys by going on a journey around the school grounds to look at all the different signs of Autumn we could find. The children found acorns, mushrooms, conkers, different coloured leaves and lots more autumn objects.

Finally, we had a special visit from Recycle with Michael last week to present us with a trophy and certificate for all the clothes recycling we did, the children loved meeting Michael and they all thought he was very funny!!

Thank you for your continued support this half term and I hope you all enjoy the half term break!

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News from Class Two:



Wow! What a super first half term we've had! All pupils are now settled into the routines and structure in Class 2 and are enjoying their learning. Over the past two weeks we have been writing newspaper reports and instructions in English – the children particularly enjoyed making rice krispie cakes and writing up the instructions afterwards. In maths we have been learning the most effective ways to add and subtract. The children have loved their dance sessions with Mrs Sellars and they shared their interpretations of the states of matter with the rest of the school. This week we had our last dance session and the children learned how to do the Haka to the All Blacks to support England in this weekend's rugby semi-final so don't be surprised if they do their version if you are watching it. Whilst in science we have been learning about the Water Cycle and the children made a mini water world planting cress seeds in a cup - ask them to explain the processes this shows when they bring them home.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Recycle with Michael where we were awarded a special trophy for collecting recycled clothes, we managed to collect the highest ratio per child in weight across North Yorkshire, well done Team Barton! The children also shared our learning over the term in a special Class Assembly, reading out some of their writing, singing some multiplication tables and sharing some art and science work too, they were amazing and really confident sharing to Class 1 and 3, Well done to you all.

We hope you have an enjoyable Half-term and thank you for all your support.

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News from Class Three:



What a great end to our first half-term we have had! Our netball team made us proud with their sporting attitude and behaviour at the Richmond School competition this week. We had some of the Class Two children with us on Wednesday to look at a poem called 'Journey' by Neil Griffiths. Together, we wrote some great boat poems and even created our own boats like the one from the poem!

Keeping with our sporty activities, we learned the 'Haka' in dance class! We had Macie join our class in Y6 and she has settled in right away. Our entries to the Moto Bee Adventure Contest were posted this week – fingers crossed that one of our stories is picked for their book or even better chosen as the winner of the prize money!

Meeting Recycle with Michael was a great treat for all of the hard work that the Eco-Team put in organising our clothes collection. Plus, the trophy is enormous! Thank you for all of your support in bringing your full bags in.

Our topic for next half term is 'Let's Celebrate!' where we will be learning about lots of different types of celebrations from lots of different cultures. We also have Dave from Skip2BFit coming to see us on the second week back – lots of things to be excited about! Have a lovely half-term and thank you for your ongoing support.



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Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2019	
October	
25th	School Closes for half term
November	
4th	School re-opens
5th	Individual School Photos – please contact school if you wish to have a family photograph with pre-school children so that we can make an appointment
6th	Bonfire Lunch – noon Barton Scouts “Gang Show” Village Hall
7th	Barton Scouts “Gang Show” Village Hall
8th	Barton Scouts “Gang Show” Village Hall Class 1 DEAP and open afternoon 2pm
11th	Remembrance Assembly
13th	Skip2Bfit Day
20th	Collaboration Girls Football – more details to follow
23rd Saturday	Friends Christmas Bonanza in the Village hall 10 am – 2pm
29th change of date to accommodate football on 8th October	Flu Immunisation – YR to Y6 except those who have “opted out online” N.B. “Opt out” must be completed by 27 th September – letters previously sent home.
December	
10th December please note change of date	Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk separate letter to follow.
13th	Christingle making 2:30pm in School
15th Sunday	Nativity -Christingle 3pm in church
17th	Christmas Lunch noon
20th	School Closes for Christmas

.....and finally we like to keep our parents and community advised on what is going on in school and would really welcome your comments on what to include/not include in our newsletter, as always your comments are valuable to us and we should be glad if you would kindly email suggestions to admin@barton.dalesmat.org

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What I would like to see in the newsletter	

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