

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

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Helen Dudman

Newsletter
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Friday 13th December 2019

Autumn Term 2019

Dear parents and carers

It has been another very busy fortnight in school and with the start of advent we have been thinking about the significance that this time of year holds for Christians, as well as thinking of all the fun and festivities ahead. We are so grateful to the Johnson family who donated a beautiful Christmas tree to school this week. All the children enjoyed helping Mrs Kirby to decorate it.



We have enjoyed seeing all the children coming to school in their Christmas jumpers today. Thanks to your kind donations we have raised £23 for Save the Children.

Pantomime

Everyone had a fantastic time on the annual trip to the Pantomime in Darlington this Tuesday. The children were all so excited, but their behaviour was exemplary – they are always a pleasure to take anywhere. They booed, clapped and shouted but mostly they laughed, especially at Simple Simon and the Dame. It got everyone well and truly in the Christmas spirit. A huge thankyou to the Friends of the school who paid for the drinks and snacks coach, enabling the trip to go ahead.



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Store House Visit

It was lovely to be able to welcome visitors from Storehouse with Richmond Influence Church on Wednesday. They talked to the children about the work that they do to help to provide for people who don't have very much at Christmas time. They explained to the children that some people do not have the facilities to cook hot meals, and were very surprised by the number of children who volunteered to taste the cold baked beans they offered!

We have a large Santa sack in our entrance hall. If you would like to donate items such as toiletries, toys, clean wearable shoes and clothes and also tinned food we will be able to make some people's Christmas better and their dreams come true. We will donate them to Store House to give out and share with the people who don't have very much this Christmas time.



Swimming 2020

Catterick leisure centre have notified us that they have made an error with our booking and have unfortunately double-booked the pool, meaning that we will be unable to take our swimming lessons next term. We will now be taking Years 2-6 swimming in the summer term. More information will follow in the new year.

There are still so many events to come before we break up for the end of term. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christingle at 3pm at Church on Sunday. Class one have been working so hard to perfect their nativity and I'm sure it will be a real treat.

We are also looking forward to seeing many of you for our Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Dudman', is shown on a white background.

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Children celebrating achievements this week

Our Stars of the Week are:

Class 1: Florence Hardy

Class 2: Noah Dreaves

Class 3: Lucas Dreaves

Our SEAL Award goes to:

Class 1: Alice Wise

Class 2: Eva-Grace

Class 3: Ryan Wool

Our Rainbow Learners this week:

Class 1: Tom Horsley

Class 2: Davey-Thomas Pattison

Class 3: Faith Ramsey

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Class 1: Cole Gamble

Class 2: Lexxy Yarrow

Class 3: Heath Szikora

Communication/Emergency School Closure

Unfortunately our texting service is unavailable at present so until further notice please check your emails for all communication and especially in case of emergency closure.

Parentpay:

Please can all parent/carers ensure that Parentpay payments for lunches and other activities are fully paid to date. If the school office is not advised as to reason late payment or debit balances could instigate further proceedings. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Head Lice

Please be reminded to regularly check your child's hair for head lice and should an infestation be found, treat. Once treated your child can come in to school.

Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

We ask that all long hair is tied back – this helps reduce the spread. Thank you!

East Barnby 2020

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Pupil and Parents information evening 14th January 2020.

Meanwhile, please be assured that children will not need to buy any new items of clothing - a kit list is provided on the website please see the following link which has more information - <https://www.outdoored.co.uk/parents/pre-visit-preparation/>

Wrap around Care:

We run some fantastic wrap around care for your children and in January 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 – Homework Club

Tuesday – Board games

Wednesday – Jigsaws

Thursday – Creative Play (moulding, building)

Friday - Arts and Crafts

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

Monday – Lego Club

Tuesday – Film Club

Wednesday – Craft Club

Thursday – Board Game and Jigsaws 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 Guitar 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.

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News From Class One:



The Christmas madness has definitely begun in Class 1 and we have been extremely busy over the last two weeks! Nativity practise is in full swing and the children have all worked hard to learn their lines and songs, I am sure they will do brilliantly on Sunday and show what little superstars they all are!

In English we have all been looking at the story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', we have been ordering the letters he had to deliver in the correct order and matching them to the correct character. We have looked at describing one of the characters in the story and we have also started looking at letters so we can write our own letters to Santa!

In maths, Year 1 have carried on looking at number and place value and have been busy looking at one more, one less, bigger and smaller numbers and ordering numbers from smallest to biggest or biggest to smallest. Reception and Nursery have been measuring out ingredients to make their own Magic reindeer food, have been practising counting accurately, matching numbers and pictures together and learning their number bonds to 5 and 10.

In topic we have continued to look at Celebrations and focussed on how Christmas is celebrated around the World, we learnt lots of different facts about how people celebrate in countries such as Australia, Ireland, Brazil and New Mexico. Ask the children if they can remember any of the interesting ways people in other countries celebrate Christmas.

As well as looking at the Nativity through our performance the children learnt all about the Christmas story and the importance of Christmas to Christians in RE. We

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have also started our Christmas crafts, decorating different Christmas shapes to hang on our Christmas tree, starting our Christmas cards and we are looking forward to our Christmas craft afternoon with Mrs Whittle on Monday.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a super time at the Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children laughed throughout, had lots of fun, joined in with all the different parts, loved seeing the different characters and were very well behaved.

Store House visited on Wednesday morning and told all the children about the fantastic work they do to help people in need. They told the children where their donations go and offered the children who wanted a go to try cold beans to show them what some people must eat if they haven't got the facilities to cook food.

Elf on the Shelf made another appearance this week, and as always has been causing mischief around school.

I can't wait for the continuing Christmas fun next week with our Christmas craft afternoon, Christmas lunch, Christmas party and our Christmas film afternoon! It will be a fantastic end to a super term. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Can I please remind parents that children should have warm clothes, hats, gloves and scarves to ensure they stay warm as we spend lots of our learning time outside.

News from Class Two:



We've had a super couple of weeks in Class 2 and have been very busy – there has been lots going on in and out of school. Elf on the Shelf has arrived with a vengeance the children have had great fun seeing his daily antics and telling me about theirs at home.

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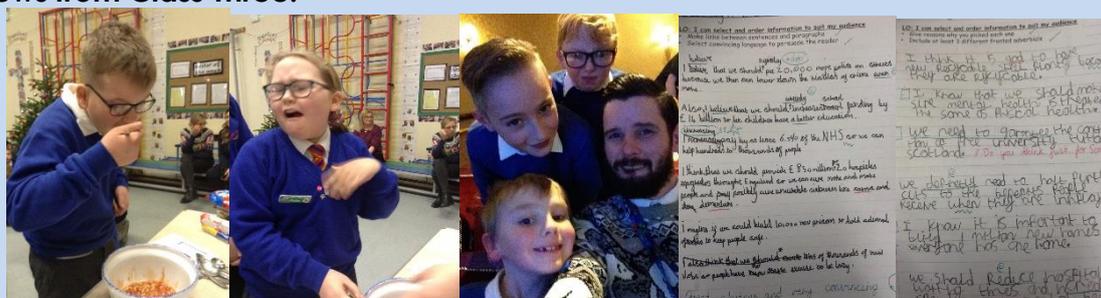
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We have enjoyed some great learning over the last two weeks too! In English, we have had fun discussing the character of Excitable Edgar, from the John Lewis advert, and have written some alternative endings for the advert. In Maths, we have extended our learning of Multiplication and Division strategies and have loved practising our times tables to all the songs in Maths Rockx app - why not ask the children to sing them for you? In Topic, we have explored the celebrations that happen around the world at this time of year from Bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday, Thanksgiving, Diwali to Christmas through the ages – the children particularly enjoyed playing parlour games like the Victorians used to do. We have also had lots of fun discovering the history of Toys, the children have been surprised to see how many toys today are similar to Victorian toys and how different the toys have become with technology, safety and use of plastic being introduced over the ages.

This week has been busy with decorating the Christmas tree followed by a Pantomime Visit where we all had great fun – oh no we didn't! oh yes we did! – sorry! The children were very well behaved throughout and spent the afternoon laughing, cheering and shouting, the dancing was spectacular and the acting 'hammy' as you would expect. Then on Wednesday representatives from the wonderful charitable organisation Storehouse, which the school is supporting again this Christmas, paid us a visit to help the children understand the work they do – this is a very worthy cause so please support them as best you can again this year. Finally this afternoon we have been busy making Christingles for the service on Sunday and Class 1 have been rehearsing hard all week for their Nativity with support from some of Class 2, we do hope you can all join us for this magically start to the Christmas celebrations.

We are looking forward to the wonderful activities still to come next week, followed by the Christmas break and hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

News from Class Three:



We have had a very busy start to December in Class Three. The pantomime was amazing – we laughed loads! I was really impressed with how well behaved all of our children were at the theatre, it was a lovely afternoon out and we represented our school brilliantly.

We had some visitors from Store House who came to explain all about where the donations that we make go to. I was shocked to see so many children willing to find out what cold beans tasted like – some liked it more than others! If you can spare any items for our donation they would be greatly appreciated.

We are getting close to the end of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', the meeting with Razvani was one of my favourite parts so far and our own versions were actually even better than the book!

In Maths, we have been learning about shape and geometry. We have some pro's at finding the perimeter and area of shapes – all that times table practice is paying off!

We have been learning about Democracy, and in the build-up to the General Election, we found out about the different policies of each party and had our own election – representing the party which we felt that we favoured the most. I was really impressed with the oracy skills and bravery of the party leaders when they stood up in front of the whole school to give their speeches.

Our hockey players are looking great in P.E., they have been training hard and I know we are going to be well prepared for next term's tournament.

Have a lovely Christmas and I'm already looking forward to our new 'Vikings' topic when we return next year!



Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2019	
December 2019	
13th	Christmas Jumper Day Christingle making in school 2:30pm
15th Sunday	Nativity -Christingle 3pm in church – C1 please be in Church by 2:45 and all children to wear school uniform
16th	Class 2 Trip to Bowes Museum – separate letter to follow MOTO group of children to visit Scotch Corner for Carol Singing – separate letter issued.

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17th	Christmas Lunch noon
19th	Christmas Party pm
20th	School Closes for Christmas
January 2020	
6th	Staff training day
7th Tuesday	School re-opens to pupils for Spring
14th	East Barnby 2020 Parent/Carer/Pupil open evening 6pm at Barton
February 2020	
12- 14th February	East Barnby 2020 Y5/Y6

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