

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

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Helen Dudman

Newsletter  
Together, Stronger.



Friday 31st January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our children for working so hard this term. Our governors have been very busy with monitoring over the past few weeks and have been pleased to find the children to be knowledgeable with increasing confidence in being able to articulate their learning. Mrs Petch our Executive Deputy Head also spent a morning looking at RE and was impressed with the quality of the children's work please see the individual class information for some of the wonderful things that have been going on!



### Maths Masters!

We will be having a big push on improving our maths skills over the next few months, starting with the **North Yorkshire Sumdog competition** that starts today and runs until 6th February. Each child in school has a login for this online competition. They can play at home and at school. The questions are pitched at their own level and they score points for every question they get right. They will be competing against many other children in North Yorkshire schools - last year Mr Weighman's class came in first place overall! We are also competing against Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham Schools as part of a collaboration competition – Good luck everybody!

### Maths Fluency

We will also be introducing another new initiative next week to improve the children's maths fluency skills. When pupils are fluent, they know age appropriate facts such as number bonds and times tables and can recall them quickly and accurately. Fluency in number facts gives the foundations to become confident Mathematicians and helps to make all areas of maths more accessible

Children will progress through a series of stages from 'Bronze buddies' through 'Platinum Pals' to 'Maths Ninjas'. They will receive certificates for every stage they achieve along the way. They will start with securing their knowledge of numbers,

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number bonds, doubling and halving and will progress to learning all their multiplication tables. There are some seriously challenging maths Ninja problems for our most able pupils. Each child will work at their own ability and make progress in their own time. When they are confident that they know the facts and are secure in their knowledge they will be tested and will move onto the next step. We ask that you support your child in the learning, by taking interest in their targets and encouraging them to practise at home.

### **Severe weather procedure**

Although the weather has been mild and there is no sign of snow, we have added our severe weather procedure to the website. Please note that in the event of snow we would not expect parents to drive to school unless they feel it is safe to do so.

### **Judo taster session**

We are very excited that Glynn Fidgeon will be in school on Monday to lead a Judo taster session with our pupils.

An increasing number of children are not coming to school fully equipped for PE. Please may we remind all parents that PE kits need to come in to school on a Monday and remain in school all week so that pupils are able to participate fully in the PE curriculum

### **Start and end of the day**

Please may we remind all parents that they are responsible for their child's behaviour at the start of the day until the bell rings.

### **East Barnby**

Mr Weighman and Mrs Kirby, along with our year five and six pupils are busy getting geared up for their visit to Easy Barnby on 12th February. I hope they all have a very exciting time while they are away and I look forward to hearing about all the things they have achieved and learned when they return!

Whilst they are away Mrs Harris is looking forward to the year four children joining her class for three days.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Helen Dudman  
Headteacher

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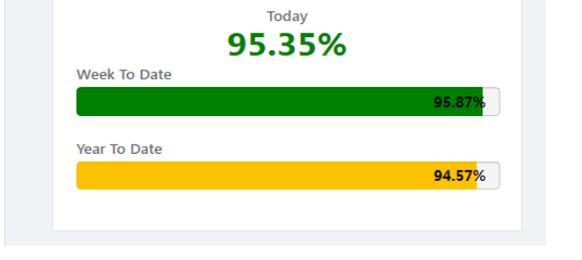
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Attendance this week:	National Average:
 <p>Today <b>95.35%</b></p> <p>Week To Date 95.87%</p> <p>Year To Date 94.57%</p>	96.1%

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<p>Children celebrating achievements this week</p> <p>Our Stars of the Week are:</p> <p>Class 1: Charlie Ramsay</p> <p>Class 2: Will Littler</p> <p>Class 3: Heath Szikora</p> <p>Our SEAL Award goes to:</p> <p>Class 1: Bear Johnson</p> <p>Class 2: Sienna Meer-Dewhirst</p> <p>Class 3: Jacob Sandhu</p> <p>Our Rainbow Learners this week:</p> <p>Class 1: Maci Wool</p> <p>Class 2: Lexxy Yarrow</p> <p>Class 3: Freya Shoulder</p> <p>Lunchtime Awards go to:</p> <p>Class 1: Maddison-Lea Gamble</p> <p>Class 2: Will Littler</p> <p>Class 3: Jack Banner</p>

## Community Easter Lunch Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March



We are delighted to invite parent, carers, family to our Community Easter Lunch  
on  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at noon  
in the school hall

where we will be celebrating with a Chicken roast dinner followed by Easter treat!

Reservations can be made through the school office at  
[admin@barton.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@barton.dalesmat.org).

Bookings will be confirmed upon receipt of payment - £3.50 per adult/£2.90 per child.

### **Last date for bookings and payment 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

We hope you will come – these events are very popular!

### **Health & Safety**

As you are aware following an annual inspection on both in and outdoor equipment, an area of the 'Trim Trail' was considered unsafe.

We are waiting for this to be looked at by a local firm and once the part is 'made safe' we will advise you further.

Meanwhile the appropriate zone location is cordoned off and we thank you for your continued support in keeping your children away/off the area – thank you!

### **“Recycle with Michael” collection date 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Please bring your filled bags into school on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> February and leave under the shelter in the yard. Collection will take place 9:15am.

Please contact the school office if you need any bags – we have loads!

Items that can be included in the collection are  
☺ Re-useable clothing

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- ☺ Paired Shoes
- ☺ Hats, belts, bags
- ☺ Bedding (Duvet covers, sheets, pillowcases)
- ☺ Clean underwear
- ☺ Towels

Please do not include:

- ☹ Duvets
- ☹ Pillows
- ☹ Sleeping bags
- ☹ Books
- ☹ Curtains

### **Friends News**

The results of the **FRIENDS DRAW** for January.

The three numbers are as follows; 11,23 and 41. Unfortunately none of them have been taken.

If you would like to have a chance at winning in time for next month's draw please contact the school office who will put you in touch with one of the 'Friends'.

### **Communication/Emergency School Closure**

As texting service is unavailable at present 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 the reason for a late payment or debit balances, this could instigate further proceedings. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **Health Matters**

School constantly checks and updates our records and we are about to carry out an audit on Health Care Plans which are held in school.

If your child has a Health Care Plan we will be contacting you shortly with forms to update. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

We are happy to discuss the plans with you and if it means that you need to come into school we can arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

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## 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

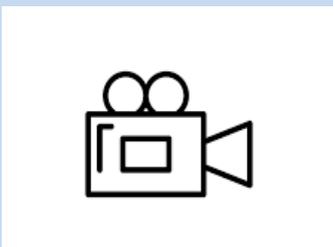
Wednesday – Jigsaws

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)

Whats going on?

Monday 	Tuesday 
Wednesday 	Thursday 

## Staff Led Additional School Activities for Classes 1, 2 & 3 for the Spring term

Lunchtime Lego Club  Tuesday with Mrs Harris

Lunchtime Dance Club  Wednesday with Miss Verity

Storytime Club  Thursday at 12.30pm with Mrs Allan-Hooks

Lunchtime Guitar Club  - every Thursday with Mr Weighman

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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.

### News From Class One:



It has continued to be a busy term in Class 1, we are loving our topic 'Time Travellers' and are really enjoying learning all about the Victorians.

In English we have continued to look at the story Kipper's Toy Box, we have created our own sock puppets, used stick puppets to retell the story, wrote questions we would like to ask Kipper and wrote speech bubbles for what we thought the toys would be saying if they could speak. Year 1 and reception are now creating their own version of the story and are really using their imagination to come up with some really good ideas.

In maths Year 1 have continued with addition and subtraction and are showing great perseverance and resilience with some quite tricky concepts. Reception and Nursery have continued to explore numbers, counting, adding, subtracting and number bonds to 5 and 10. They really are wowing me with their knowledge and understanding of numbers to 10.

In Topic we have looked at Victorian houses, Victorian schools and used the laptops to research Florence Nightingale and why she is famous. In DT we have also been looking at Victorian toys we created our own spinning tops and our own ball and cup game. The children also loved trying out some of the game's children use to play on the playground like hoop and stick and quoits.

In science we have carried on looking at Seasonal Change. We dressed someone for Winter and used the IPADs to go out around school and take pictures of different coniferous and deciduous trees.

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In PE we have been lucky enough to join Class 2 to do some gymnastics. The children have been practising different rolls, balances and sequences. The children have really enjoyed having the older ones to help them and Class 2 have been great teachers!

### News from Class Two:



Class Two have been really busy enjoying their learning all about the Great Fire of London in our 'Time Travellers' topic, we have been writing stories either as a Fire fighter, Thomas Farriner the baker or Samuel Pepys and the children have tried really hard to vary their sentence openings to make the stories as interesting as they can. In Maths the year 3s have enjoyed learning about scaling and seeing how it links to the multiplication tables and year 2 have been dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

In Science we used our investigating skills looking around the village to spot everyday materials used in lots of different ways we recorded our findings and took pictures or some of the more interesting ones (we even found a huge plastic spider on somebody's wall!!!)

In Topic we looked at why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly and how the soldiers helped to put it out as there was no Fire Brigade at the time. Remember to complete your model houses and bring them in next week too!

In RE we have looked at the meaning of Easter and the different types of food we eat and why the children enjoyed trying the pancakes and chocolate egg but the hot cross buns weren't so popular.

In PE we did some tri-golfing, the children really enjoyed developing their putting and driving skills and we have also done some gymnastics with Class 1 this week. Class 2 were really encouraging and loved supporting the littler ones in developing rolling, balancing and sequencing, they were super helpers in getting them ready too.

### News from Class Three:



Class Three have been learning lots of interesting new knowledge about the Vikings in the last two weeks. We wrote information texts to explain what a Viking longhouse was like and we learned about timelines and when the Vikings invaded and settled. Our class book, 'Viking Boy' is really good and we have been so inspired that we wrote our own descriptions of the battle scene with the wolf men – I was taken aback by our vocabulary knowledge and actually thought some of our versions were even better than Tony Bradman's! We also created some amazing Viking artwork as you can see above.

Thank you to Mr Vaux who came in to help us with our learning in History and Geography this week. We had a really interesting time looking at the Barton tithe maps – some children found it really strange to see St. Cuthbert's Green and Wells Green as empty fields!

In PE, we have been practising to prepare for the Tag Rugby competition on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. I am so impressed with our improved tactical and positioning skills from when we first started. In Maths, we are tackling fractions and working on boosting our resilience when faced with problems which have multiple steps or where the calculation is not immediately obvious.

We researched and tested out different material properties for boat-making in Science and we've found an *interesting (!)* looking recipe for Viking glue that we are going to try out ourselves next week.

An increasing number of children are coming unequipped for PE, please can I remind everyone that PE is timetabled for a Monday and a Friday afternoon but children need PE kit in school all week - especially for those lovely occasions when we have Dave from Skip2BeFit or Ms Sellars teaching us dance lessons. PE is an important part of the curriculum and we do not want children to miss out on their learning. We are really looking forward to our Judo taster session with Glynn Fidgeon next week!

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## Words of the Week (s)



Alfie and Jack, our Vocabulary Leaders, have chosen a great new set of words to try out over the next two weeks – listen and look out for *venomous*, *bumbling*, *cluttered* and *lush*.

Future Dates More details will usually follow but information for your diary	Barton
2020	
<b>February 2020</b>	
<b>3rd</b>	Judo Taster session - all classes
<b>5th</b>	Recycle with Michael – Salvation Army bag collection
<b>12th - 14th</b>	East Barnby 2020 Y5/Y6
<b>March 2020</b>	
<b>20th</b>	DEAP with Maths afternoon for all parents
<b>30th</b>	Science Day at Richmond school Y5 Y6 – more details to follow
<b>April 2020</b>	
<b>28th</b>	NSPCC KS1 and KS2 assembly and C3 workshop – 'Speak out keep safe'
<b>July 2020</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sports Day with Skip2bfit Dave

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