



# St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Our Year Six children this week have experienced canoeing, kayaking, climbing and abseiling; they've enjoyed (or should that be endured?) the dizzy heights of 'Jacob's Ladder' and possibly learnt more about themselves this week than they would have done ordinarily while working in the classroom. What is more, they have acted throughout with kindness and maturity - believing in themselves and encouraging one another. Who needs sleep anyway? Joking aside, their behaviour has been exemplary and we are very proud of them.

Meanwhile, back in school, Year Five finally celebrated their Going Forth Mass here in this afternoon. Fr Paul led their celebration and, even though it is Lent, they enjoyed their communion cake afterwards. My thanks to Mrs Hunt's mother for making each individual treat!

Thank you for your generosity in donating the copper coins today. We've taken the decision to involve Year Six in our copper coin trail so this has been postponed until Monday. We would hate to deprive them of the experiencing of bagging up thousands of one and two pence pieces. However, once the total has been added to what has already been counted after the previous weeks' donations, our total is going to be very impressive indeed. Remember, every class is donating their portion to a charity that the children themselves have chosen.

## Golden Book

**Reception:** Tobias Ahmed has shown a very positive attitude towards all of his work this week, especially putting an excellent amount of effort into his writing. Tobias has participated in all activities with his friends and has contributed to our classroom jobs. Keep up the good work, Tobias!

**Year One:** Ariella Treshani has grown in confidence over the past few weeks and is now showing determination to try something that she might find tricky. Her attitude towards learning has improved and it is great to see. She is working really well in her reading practice group, using expression and becoming more aware of punctuation in the book. Fantastic work Ariella, keep it up!

**Year Two:** Francis Fitzpatrick for his fabulous scientific thinking. During his Science lessons, Francis has thought critically and carefully about how reduce, reuse and recycle. Francis came up with a superb design for a kite made from plastic bags. Keep up the excellent work, Francis!

**Year Three:** Bronagh Brady for excelling in all her subjects this week and keeping her work to a high standard. She has a fantastic attitude to learning and is always smiling!

**Year Four:** Danielle Velasquez for demonstrating the values and virtues of our school every day. Danielle always pushes herself to her full potential, by using ambitious vocabulary and setting herself a challenge. Danielle constantly looks out for others and helps wherever she can. Keep up the excellent work Danielle!

**Year Five:** Aileen Leech continues to work really hard during lessons and always makes sure she checks her work. She

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displays a constant love for reading and is always open to participate in class discussions and ask questions. Every day, Aileen asks how members of staff are and is always smiling. Well done, Aileen!

**Year Six:** Obviously, Year Six are still away but after spending some time with them this week, I would like every child who attended Boreatton to be in this week's Golden Book. They have been absolutely fantastic and the photos that were shared on Twitter show how much they have enjoyed the experience. The staff too – Miss Newman, Mr Turner, Miss Ball and Miss Traynor – also deserve thanks for their enthusiasm and effort in the face of sleep deprivation and the occasional light flurry of snow.

#### **Celebrating our new arrival**

As some of you may already know, Miss Reynolds gave birth to a beautiful young boy on 17<sup>th</sup> March! Samuel Riley was born at 9:36am, weighing in at 8lbs 2oz. Here he is, pictured in a blanket that was made for Samuel by Callan Kerr's Nan.



#### **KiVa Champions**



On Tuesday during Miss Traynor's assembly, our previous KiVa champions picked new children who have constantly displayed the values of KiVa in the playground. Our new KiVa champions, who will remain in post until after May half term, are Lila Delaney, Year Three; Kieran Hayes, Year Four; and Charlie Burke, Year Five.

#### **First Holy Communion reminder – a message from Mrs Bresnen**

A reminder of some notices ahead of First Holy Communion Masses that will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: all children now know which Mass they will be making their Communion at. A photographer will be in the church hall from 9am until 11:30am for photographs, to allow children the opportunity to have their photograph taken before celebrating Mass. Father Paul has suggested that we could have a whole class photo taken between the two Masses, if timings allow.

Seating in church will be arranged so all children can be seen via the webcam; please try and keep your guest numbers as close to ten people as possible, to avoid overcrowding.

#### **Easter Raffle and our KS1 Easter Egg Hunt**

Raffle tickets are being sold from next Wednesday morning - £1 per strip! Also, our KS1 Easter Egg Hunt is returning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April for anyone who in KS1 who wishes to take part. The cost is again £1. Every participant receives a small chocolate bar and there is a chance of winning one of nine Cadbury Easter eggs! All proceeds to our Lenten charities!

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### **Keyboard concert**

This will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and start at 2:15 and will last approximately one hour. Madam Grange, who also teaches French to KS2, would like to welcome the parents of all and any children who are learning piano or keyboard. Every good performer needs an audience!

### **April dates for your diary**

**Mon 4th April:** Reconciliation for KS2

**Wed 6th April:** Piano and choir concert  
**2:15pm**

**Wed 6th April:** Reception Class trip to the farm

**Fri 8th April:** KS1 Easter Egg hunt

**Mon 11th April:** Year Three Holy Week Assembly

**Tues 12th April:** Year Four Holy Week Assembly

**Wed 13th April:** Year Five Holy Week Assembly

**Thurs 14th April:** Year Six Holy Week Assembly

### **May dates for your diary**

**Tues 3rd May:** School re-opens after Easter

**Thurs 5th May:** School closed for local elections

**Sat 7th May:** First Holy Communion (10am and 11:30am)

**Fri 20th May:** Year One class assembly 9am

**Thurs 26th May:** Whole School Mass 9:30 (The Ascension)

**Fri 27th May:** Procession 2pm

### **June dates for your diary**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception class assembly 9am

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three Going Forth Mass 10am (followed by Communion breakfast)

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Whole School Mass St Peter and Paul 9:30am

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to George in Year One, who was six on Monday and to Lila in Year Three who was eight on Wednesday.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend and I shall see you all on Monday morning, ready for our last nine days of Spring term before we break up for Easter.



Mr Clinton