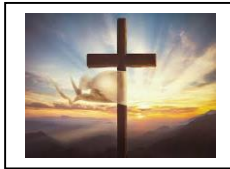


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Dear Families,

As ever, we aim for our newsletter to be a celebration of the achievement of your fantastic children as well as a little bit of information sharing. It is not that long ago that our teachers were writing the news for February's newsletter. Many of us would have no knowledge of what March would bring.

Thank you for sharing news of what you have been getting up to at home. I am enjoying reading the writing and seeing pictures of artwork that teachers have emailed me – painting, baking and gardening too!

I am sure many of you are listening to news broadcasts and hearing about countries managing varying degrees of lockdown to combat Covid-19. These tough measures taken by many governments to contain the spread of the virus seem effective. We should, however, remain vigilant, continue to pray, and follow government instructions.

Many of you are doing your bit to fight the virus by staying at home which I know is a challenge but it will be worth it when we are all able to get back to normal life later in the year. There are also many key workers who are continuing to work – thank you!

We will continue to check our emails over Easter. Don't forget to check your junk folders because I know some teachers have been emailing families recently. I have added an addendum to our Child Protection Policy (on our website) containing essential information. The addendum will be updated on a weekly basis.

Crucially, stay safe and enjoy some precious time with you families. You are all doing so well. There is much to look forward to in the future when we will all be back together in school. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing how you have celebrated Easter.

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus as we learn to pray in every situation (Philippians 4:6–7).

Warm wishes,

Mrs McDonald

Class 1

This half term was an exciting time in Class 1 - The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Memory Boxes with each other and sharing their special memories.

The children enjoyed learning about each other as Babies and had great fun in science learning about their senses.

We would like this opportunity to thank the children for sharing their very special memories with us at school.

In Art, we created super self-portraits and enjoyed making a very special Mother's Day card for our special Mums.

We all hope our special Mums enjoyed their special day.

Well done to all those children who remembered to do their spellings on Monday – I am so very proud and delighted you remembered it was our spelling day! Keep up the good work and continue to stay safe and well.

Mrs Cawthra



Class 2

Time Traveller

Our topic has been frozen in time! Fortunately, we completed most elements and the Andy Warhol art project was successful with children printing using an image of their own face. As expected, Y5 and Y6 came back from their residential full of stories which they recorded in recounts and created leaflets about East Barnby. While they were away, the other children kept a diary so they could share their week with Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Grundmann. They also wrote and produced a book "When I am Big" which they were all proud of.

Sport Relief



Thank You to everyone who donated to Sport Relief this year. It was lovely to hear all about many sporting achievements in our special sporting assembly, from Tennis, Dance to Football successes.

EYFS

We really enjoyed our topic, 'Can we explore it?'; beginning with a hike and ending with a camp at OWLS, where we pitched tents, cooked in the mud kitchen, built a camp fire and toasted marshmallows. It was lovely to end our last week in school with something special for the children, as they find themselves at this sudden change in their lives.

We have been using Tapestry online learning journal to communicate with our EYFS families – it has been fantastic to see all the amazing and exciting home learning that is happening.

Wishing you a safe and healthy Easter period.



East Barnby

Little did we know how quickly our lives would change when we returned from the most amazing week at East Barnby. What a week it was. From the moment we set off to the moment we returned the children



were amazing. They all challenged themselves to try new and different activities and they all returned more independent and resilient as a result.



We could not have been prouder of the behaviour of the children and how well they supported each other.

I think the biggest challenge for Mrs Grundmann and Mrs Cawthra was keeping up with the amount of belongings on the dorm floors.

From the moment we arrived we took part in a variety of amazing events and challenges such as skiing, beck scrambling, bouldering, climbing muddy hills, mountain biking, orienteering, canoeing and manning the tuck shop. It was an amazing moment when we paddled into Whitby harbour in our canoes working as a team.

Thank you Year 5 and 6 it was a week to remember and one we will never forget.

‘East Barnby was a good experience as I got to push myself to my limits. My best part of East Barnby was Beck Scrambling – the last part was climbing onto a rock and sliding down into the beck, it was scary at first, but amazing at the end’.

Year 6 Pupil

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for organising our East Barnby Hoodies.

Mrs Grundmann and Mrs Cawthra

Microsoft Teams – Learning Platform

Due to many IT issues, we will not be going live with this learning platform just yet. We will let you know in due course. All communication will be via email and website updates.

Home School Learning

Well done to everyone in Class 1 for such a great start to your home learning during these unprecedented times. It's lovely to hear all your news and to receive your updates via email.

A big well done to our Year 2 Pupils who are composing their first own emails...great computer skills shown.

Dear Mrs Cawthra and all children in class 1,

Hello it is . This is the first email I have ever sent. I hope you are having a good week with Mrs Cooper and all the other children. I hope everybody is having a good week, I am having the best week ever I hope you are the same. You have sent home some brilliantly fun work like time table rockstars and phonics play are really fun. I know I have said this a million trillion times but I will say it once more, HOPE YOU, MRS COOPER AND ALL THE OTHER CHILDREN ARE HAVING A GOOD WEEK. Stay safe from this horrid bug, let's think, BOO!!!

Good luck!

Love .

Dear Mrs Cawthra

Hi I am writing this letter to catch up with you so any way how are you doing today and how is Alice doing today. Yesterday I dun art and phonics and it was fun 😊👋. I made a pizza for tea with ham and cheese I woke up early in the morning. I went to have a bike ride yesterday and at first I thought 🚫 I couldn't do it but I did it and I was surprised. I am going to be cooking a Easter cheese cake and I am practicing riding my bike every day. I am trying hard to not fight with my sister, so I hugged her today.

Stay safe. Love from [OBJ]



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