



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton  
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



# Cornerstone Schools

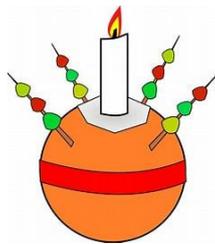
Building Futures with Love

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



The Christmas season is now well and truly upon us, and the level of excitement for our children is definitely rising! As I've gone between the schools this week it has been so lovely to see everyone so happy learning and having fun. As part of the festivities the children have been very busy rehearsing songs and learning about the Christmas story ready for their nativity next week.



### Christingle Services

Our first Christingle services took place this week, with more to follow next week. The children have all brought home cardboard candles and if they wish, they can fill them with coins to donate to the children's Society to support their work helping children most in need.

During the service the candles are lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness. The Children's society ensure that children are placed at the centre of the service.

### Moki Scores

The scores on the Moki step counters are amazingly close and this week. Bolton have retaken the lead, and Richmond have really closed the gap between them and the others – which house team will be the winner in our final week?

1<sup>st</sup> - Bolton - 1,940,575,

2<sup>nd</sup> - Middleham - 1,912,562,

3<sup>rd</sup> - Richmond - 1,816,900

### Parentpay accounts

Our administrators need to balance accounts by next Tuesday so please could everyone ensure that their Parentpay accounts are up to date and have enough credit on them to last until the end of term.

### We're recruiting!

We are looking for an admin manager to work across all four of our schools supporting the Headteacher role. This is a full time post and is an exciting opportunity for someone to be involved in the leadership team across the schools. If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the vacancies page of our website.

Thank you so much to all our parents for your patience over our Christmas arrangements; plans have kept changing, sometimes at short notice and we are as frustrated as everyone else that we haven't been able to return to 'normal' this year. We are very grateful for the amazing support from the Friends of the schools who have worked alongside us to make sure that the children really do enjoy this special time.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman



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# Barton CE School

## Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Rainbow Learners	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	SEAL Award
<b>Class 1:</b>	D'arcy	Sophie	JJ	Bea	Bea
<b>Class 2:</b>	Thomas	Bear	Thomas/Charlie	Maddison-Lea	Tom
<b>Class 3:</b>	Poppy	Cayleb	Faith and Chloe	Reef	Isla

## News from Class 1



The countdown to Christmas has begun in Class 1 this week. We have had a special visitor join us in our Christmassy celebrations. The Christmas Elf is keeping a close eye on all of us and is enjoying the festive fun and games. We have been reading the story he brought us, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and have been following the postman's adventures and eagerly anticipating his next letter each day. The Discovery Areas are filled with festive enhancements like chocolate playdough, Christmas Tree

decorating, snowman building and bauble finger painting. We don't want to give too much away or spoil the surprise, but we have also been working hard on our sewing skills so that our special presents look amazing. In the afternoons, we have been working super hard on practising the Nativity and the children are enjoying all the singing and dancing that is involved. We are disappointed that we cannot share it in church again this year but will be filming it and sending it out to everyone soon. We have had lots of fun learning too – on Monday afternoon Powerdown Pete came to visit, we played a fun game, sang songs and listened to a story to help us understand about taking care of our planet and the importance of recycling and reusing whatever we can. We enjoyed our Skip2BFit yesterday, Dave was so impressed by the super listening and resilience shown by all of Class one, we had skipping in the morning, followed by Santa fun run and then boxing circuits in the afternoon the children made a great effort and really enjoyed themselves.



### Friends of Barton School

We had a super Santa Fun run on Thursday afternoon! Dave (from Skip2BFit) warmed us up and then we were off, faster than Father Christmas' sleigh, doing laps of our field. We did so well that the school Friends even gave us some chocolate Santa lollies and



hot chocolate as a reward! Thank you to all of the little Santas for taking part and to Mrs Whittle and the Friends for organising the event – if you have some sponsorship money, please bring it in to give to Miss Proudfoot in the office. The money raised is split between our school 'Friends' to buy us special resources for school and to help us to go on trips, and the other half is going to Storehouse at Richmond to help other people to have a lovely Christmas too.



A massive thank you to Mrs Luce for a delicious Christmas Dinner on Wednesday!

## Barton – Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols on the playground - 3.10pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas party
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	Return to school

# Kirkby Fleetham CE School

## Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Wesley and Fin	This week	72	57	44
	Total for year	770	653	611

## Class News



This week we had a visit from Dave who challenged the children with their fitness both by doing Skip2bfit and box2bfit exercises. Luckily the weather held off and the children showed amazing perseverance and effort. Dave commented on how wonderful it was to see how the older children looked after the younger ones through encouragement and modifying their exuberance. Well done to all the children! Don't forget to keep encouraging the children to practise at home with their special counting ropes for when Dave comes back next year!



## Mental Health Champions

Our mental health champions, Esme, William and Rollo would like to share their favourite Christmas joke with you...  
What did Santa teach his elves first? *The alphabet!*

## Brass Instruments

Mr Batty would like to remind all the families who have children with brass instruments at home to please purchase some of the lubricating oil as recommended in the 'How to take care of your trumpet/trombone' leaflet supplied. Unfortunately Mr Batty is having to spend at least a quarter of their one hour lesson lubricating sticky valves himself which limits the children's actual learning time playing. Thank you.

## Friends of the school

A big thankyou to the Friends of the school for all their hard work over the last few weeks. Last Saturday saw the Church Christmas Fair; there were so many lovely home made things on sale and they raised nearly £300! It was lovely to see so many of you on Sunday at the village lights switch on and the Feast were so grateful to the children for singing so well.

## Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle service
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party – please come in party clothes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Training day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Children return to school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School swimming lessons

# East Cowton CE School

## East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
<b>Class 1:</b>	Tobias		Millie		<b>This week</b>	64	68	62
<b>Class 2:</b>	Jack	Ruby			<b>Total</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>690</b>

## News from Class 1



What a wonderful week we have had in Class One. The children are engrossed in our learning about polar bears and their habitats and this week have enjoyed making cave dens, Arctic Tundras out of shoeboxes for their salt dough polar bears and rescuing our small world Arctic animals that found themselves frozen in icebergs overnight. The children loved working out ways to break and melt the ice to set them free. With the help of Mrs Raw we entered a competition with Mellors our catering company to make and decorate a gingerbread house. The children each took turns to build and

decorate the house and then got chance to sample the delicious biscuits too! Our classroom has smelt so festively fantastic all week. We had a very active morning with Dave from Skip 2 B Fit, lots of smiles and fun had all round.

We are continuing to rehearse for our Nativity/Christingle service for next week and seem to have enough costumes in school stores for the children to use. Many thanks to those parents who have shared some from home or bought new.



## Swimming in the New Year

Please note that this has been allocated on ParentPay and is due by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Christmas events – next week

Just for reminders about things happening next week

The children will be rehearsing for the Christingle service on Tuesday.

Our lovely Christmas Lunch for the children is on Thursday and the Christingle Service is on Thursday at 5pm at Church.

The Christmas Party and Party Food lunch – please come in party clothes.

## East Cowton – Dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final session on 14 <sup>th</sup> December – Please bring is outdoor wear.
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Friends of School Chocolate Bingo - <b>POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christingle service</b> in church at 5pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party – please come to school in party clothes.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Return to School
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Whole School swimming lessons start for 5 consecutive Tuesdays

# Ravensworth CE School

## Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
<b>Class 1:</b>	Jess & Henry	Isaac & Rose	<b>Carpenter's Cup:</b> Miss Galloway
<b>Class 2:</b>	Harvey & Thomas	Jackson & Nathan	<b>Monkey:</b> Amber
<b>Class 3:</b>	Poppy & Effie	Elizabeth, Samuel & Holly	<b>Kindness Award:</b> Elliot & Charlotte

### News From Class 1



We are feeling very Christmassy here in Class One and are loving all of the festive activities and enhancements 🎄🎅 We are so excited about the visitor that we currently have in class 1 and can't wait to see what mischief he gets up too over night!

In R.E, we have been learning all about the Christmas Story and the birth of Jesus Christ. This has helped us to understand the meaning behind Christmas and how this relates to our Nativity performance. Speaking of which, we are in full swing with rehearsals and the children are working SO hard to make it a performance to remember 😊

Last week, we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Power Down Pete to help us learn all about recycling – we loved reading the story about Michael Recycle! We were also joined by Dave from Skip 2 B Fit who helped us to improve our skipping skills and taught us all about the importance of not giving up. There were lots of happy children all day long – even more so because we got lots more steps for our Moki challenge!

Thank you for all of your support with your children's learning at home – it is massively appreciated!



### Friends of the School - Disco

Thank you to the friends of the school for organising a great disco. A fantastic time was had by all and the behaviour was exemplary.



### Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Wreath Workshop 7.00pm Ravensworth Village Hall – everyone welcome
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas lunch - pupils & staff only. Christmas jumpers are welcome! Christmas Nativity 2pm for the children & 6pm 2 adults per child welcome – please see attached letter
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>No brass instrument lesson today</b> Christmas Party day, wear your party clothes!!
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Closes for Christmas holidays
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Teacher Training Day – school closed
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School re-opens usual time

## Quick Links for Each School

### BARTON

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term-Dates-2021-2022](#)

The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising link: [Easy Fundraising](#)

The Friends of Barton School amazonsmile link: [Amazonsmile](#)

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

Parentpay: [ParentPay Login](#)

Uniform: [Uniform School Shop](#)

Cool Milk: [Cool Milk](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

### KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School Admin email: [kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org](mailto:kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org)

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

The Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School easy fundraising at no cost to you: [Kirkby Fleetham easy fundraising link](#)

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

Friends of the School Facebook link: [Friends](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay login](#)

Uniform: [Uniform order form](#)

Newsletter: [4 School newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

### EAST COWTON

Admin email address: [ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org](mailto:ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org)

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Friends of the school link: [Friends](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay Login](#)

Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are in credit each week – Thankyou

Uniform Order: Order direct from School trends via this link: [School Trends.](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

### RAVENSWORTH

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term-Dates-2021-2022.](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/)

Uniform: [school/uniform/](#)

Parent pay: [click](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: [click here](#)

## School Facebook pages

Please help us to promote our schools by liking and sharing out Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Barton-CE-Primary-School-107161734680028>

<https://www.facebook.com/East-Cowton-CE-School-101930341769707>

<https://www.facebook.com/Kirkby-Fleetham-CE-School-102216125067240>

<https://www.facebook.com/Ravensworth-CE-Primary-school-100240412148195>

## Useful Contacts and Links for Parents

**SENCO:** If your child is struggling and you would like some advice, please contact their class teacher in the first instance, or you can contact Miss Crisp our SENCO on [amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org](mailto:amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org)

### Keeping Children Safe Online

Whilst children are spending so much time online, we need to make sure we keep them as safe as possible. If you would like some advice on this, please see guidance for parents below:

[How to protect children from online sexual harm | Internet Matters](#)

[www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/](http://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/getting-to-know-what-your-child-is-doing-online/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>

[Parent Zone](#)

If you are worried about the safety of a child or want to know more about how to keep your own child safe

[NYSCP](#) (North Yorkshire safeguarding children partnership)

[NSPCC](#)

[Parents Protect](#)

### Free School meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office or follow this link: [Apply for Free School Meals](#)

### Links to Free online books:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/download-e-books-e-magazines-and-digital-audiobooks>

### County Music service

Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument? North Yorkshire County Music Service offer a wide variety of lessons for pupils. For more information on the type of lessons available and costs, please visit [www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk) to register your interest.

### Sports links:

#### North Yorkshire Club Finder

A great way for schools to 'signpost' their pupils (parents/guardians) to their local clubs. The link can be found here - [North Yorkshire Sport - Activity Finder](#)