



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in our schools had a real treat when they met online with a medieval castle 'Ditcher' on Monday. It was so lovely to see them all giggling at the funny stories he told them of life inside the castle.

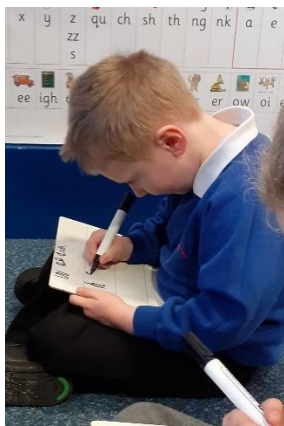
He taught them about the different types of castles he had helped to build, some of the gruesome ways that castles are attacked and defended and some very good reasons not to swim in the castle moat!

He also talked about the great feast in the castle and the role of the court Jester. A super session where medieval life really came alive for the children!



Governors meeting

We had the first meeting of our established Cornerstone Schools Governing Board on Wednesday night and were delighted to welcome 3 new Governors; Andrew Heney (Parent Governor), Wendy Arrowsmith (Co-opted Governor) and Rev David Bartlett (ex-officio). Being a governor over four schools is a challenging task and we are very grateful to the committed team who work so hard behind the scenes to secure the best for our schools. The next Governing body meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March.



Phonics

As you are aware we have launched a new systematic synthetic phonics program for our youngest pupils this term. This approach provides real clarity to the children, and the constant repetition is already having an impact on their understanding of new graphemes and their reading. Children will continue to bring home books that they have already read in school for repetition at home. Please continue to support their learning by hearing them read regularly.

Alumni project

We have had some really interesting facts and memories coming in from ex pupils and staff, including stories of hidden time capsules in two of our schools and the time Gazza happened to be passing and joined in with a football session at Kirkby Fleetham! It's been amazing to hear how primary school has inspired people- and how many wished they could come back! Please continue to share and promote our project – we are gathering the information to share with the children and hope to be able to share with you later in the term.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman
Executive Headteacher



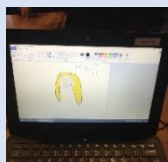
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Barton CE School

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Rainbow Learners	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	SEAL Award
Class 1:	Bailey	D'arcy	Bea Alexis	Ivy	Peaches
Class 2:	Oscar	Cole	Bear and Tom	Oscar	Tom
Class 3:	Chloe	Faith	Faith and William	Faith, Chloe	Davey

News from our classrooms



We have really enjoyed our learning so far this term in Class 2, in English we have been exploring the book *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carole Ann Duffy and we have just reached the exciting part where Job comes across the witch. The children have produced some wonderful pieces of writing and some very creative pictures of the witch drawn from a description. In maths Year 2 have completed addition and subtraction and will be moving onto Multiplication and Division. Year 3 have also been working on multiplication and division, this has been quite tricky, but the children have shown great perseverance. In the afternoons year 2 have joined Class 1 sharing learning around our topic of 'History on our Doorstep' and we had a virtual visit from a Castle Ditcher which they all enjoyed; particularly the more gruesome and disgusting parts. We all agreed we would not have liked to live in a castle in those times! We are loving our PE sessions with Joe on Mondays and during gymnastics on Fridays the children are once again showing great resilience. In Science we are continuing to explore seasonal change and the effects it has on the weather, the clothes we wear and plants and animals. In Computing we are really enjoying learning how to paint digitally.

The weather is not too cold for this time of year, however it can be chilly during PE and morning breaks can you please make sure the children have suitable PE clothes and coats and a change of shoes for playing on the field.

Pupil Mental Health Champions

Here's a joke from Angelica:

There was a fire in a building, and we all had to climb out through the vent... *it was very eventful!*

Barton – Dates for your diary

Mondays	After school multi-sports club
Thursdays	KS2: Brass lessons with Mr. Batty, please bring instruments back into school each Thursday
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28th February	Return to school
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre
Year 5 and 6 Parents	The next East Barnby residential instalment is due on Monday 31 st January on ParentPay. Payments will then be due at the end of each month with the final one due on Friday 29 th April.

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Edward, Oscar VH, Beau and Luke	This week	56	67	52
	Total for year	961	862	787

Class News



We have had such an exciting start to Spring Term in Class 1! We are learning all about castles and the interesting characters who lived in and around them. We made our own castle in our role play area and this week we were treated to a virtual visitor who joined us on Monday afternoon. Reg the Castle Ditcher spoke passionately to the children about what life was like living and working in a medieval castle. Reg taught us about castle building, defending a castle, features and parts of a castle. Castle roles and jobs (including a 'Gongfarmer' They found that job description rather humorous!) He talked to the children about banquets and jesters, castle entertainment and punishment. What a treat!



In our Science lessons we've been noticing the seasonal changes with winter's arrival and we've been exploring wind. We made wind socks so that we could see which direction the wind was blowing and we learned all about the Beaufort Wind Scale to help us describe the strength of the wind. Luckily, we haven't had any number 12 hurricane force winds!

Alumni

Thank you so much to those of you who have got in touch with us about our school alumni. We have had a fabulous response so far and are looking forward to sharing some of these exciting discoveries with the children in due course, and ideally in time, asking some of these very special visitors into school. Please keep sharing on your social media networks.

Tick Tick Tick Tick



The children in Class 2 are making a plea for interesting timepieces and clocks to inspire our learning for our new text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We have got some fascinating and intriguing specimens so far, so a big thank you to those of you who have brought something in. Old clocks, broken clocks, watches – anything goes!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Tuesday 11th January to Tuesday 8th February	Whole School swimming lessons
Mon 31 st January	*January instalment due date for Year 5/6 Residential on Parentpay*
Fri 18 th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28 th February	Return to school
Wed 8 th – Fri 10 th June	Years 5 and 6 residential to East Barnby

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Dan	Kasper		Faye	This week	47	41	51
Class 2:	Lucy		Noah		Total	114	105	104

This week in Class One



What an exciting week we have had in Class One! Continuing with our topic on Castles and local history we were treated this week to a virtual visitor who joined us on Monday afternoon. Reg the Castle Ditcher spoke passionately to the children about what life was like living and working in a medieval castle. Reg taught us about castle building, defending a castle, features and parts of a castle. Maybe your child could tell you about the Murder Holes! Castle roles and jobs (including a 'Gong farmer' they found that job description rather humorous!) He talked to the children about banquets and jesters, castle entertainment and punishment. What a treat!

We enjoyed a super second week in the pool with all children displaying greater confidence and resilience in their lessons. It is lovely to watch them grow and learn each week in an unfamiliar environment for many. We were much quicker dressing and undressing this week too. For girls it may be worth avoiding tights on swimming days and maybe pop some joggers/leggings in your child's swim bag for them to wear after their lesson.

The children are really enjoying their seasonal work in science. This week we have begun a class log of the daily temperature and have been fascinated with the minus numbers! We have been talking about how the birds and wildlife survive in Wintertime, in such icy conditions.

This week in Science we learned all about wind. We discovered that wind speed is measured by the Beaufort Scale, which ranges all the way from a light breeze to a dangerous hurricane! We then created our own wind socks and decorated them with the weather symbols we have been learning about. The children had so much fun with the socks outside, using a compass to explore the direction the wind was coming from. Luckily it was a good day for it!



Staffing As many of you will be aware, Mrs Whent has been quite poorly and has not been in school this term. As with other schools nationally we are really struggling to find supply staff as the agencies just have no-one available. We are hoping that she will be back with us next week however we are very lucky that Miss Gregory who works with us as a teaching assistant, is actually a qualified teacher, and she has agreed to teach class one on a Thursday and Friday until Mrs Whent comes back.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Year 5 and 6 Parents

The next East Barnby residential instalment is due on **Monday 31st January** on ParentPay. Payments will then be due at the end of each month with the final one due on Friday 29th April.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Sophie, Louie, Benjamin	Henry & Art	Carpenter's Cup: Poppy
Class 2:	James & Dexter	Carter & Kit	Monkey: Bobby
Class 3:	Elizabeth & Florie	Bobby, Elliot & Effie	Kindness award: Elizabeth, Joe & Alfie

News From Class 2

It has been a very busy few weeks back for Class 2. In Maths we have been continuing the topic of addition and subtraction in Year 2 and multiplication and division in Year 3. The Year 2's have been doing extremely well with their new Little Wandle phonics lessons.

Class 2 spent a sunny afternoon in the woods on Tuesday continuing with their theme of 'paying close attention.' After some mindfulness activities, we played some games such as 'blindfold tree hug' and 'travel like an animal' to help us focus and tune in to our surroundings. We all agreed that even though it can be really hard to stay focussed, we all noticed things that we wouldn't otherwise have, like the different textures of the trees, amazing beetle larvae patterns that looked like secret messages and fantastic birch polypore fungi with seemed impossible to break! We also had some fun pretending to be water molecules turning from water to ice and back again, ending up with us evaporating (running) as very energetic steam up the hill!



A Warm welcome!

Class 3 along with the whole school would like to welcome Melody to Ravensworth. We hope you will be very happy here – we are so pleased you have chosen our school.

Mental health champions

We thought we would share a joke and a riddle with you today 😊

Knock Knock	I travel around the world but I just stop in one corner.
Who's there?	
Fish	What am I?
Fish who?	A stamp
Bless you	

Admin Information

Please could we remind everyone to keep a check on Parentpay accounts to ensure that all payment items are paid up to date. There is a helpful option on the system for parents to tick a box which will automatically send a text reminder when balances are low, This will reduce the need for us to issue reminders from school. Many thanks for your help everyone.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	Brass instrument lessons KS2 pupils please remember to bring your instruments to school
Mon 24th Jan	After school Science club for all pupils who have registered
Tues 25th Jan	Woodland School (pm) Class 2 pupils. Outdoor clothes & wellingtons needed!
Mon 31st Jan	*January instalment due date on Parentpay for Year 5/6 Residential*
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre
Thurs 17th Feb	Movie night – details to follow

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

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

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

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

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:

[Talking to your child about online sexual harassment a-guide for parents 2021.pdf](#)

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

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:

[NYS CP](#) (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](#)



North Yorkshire local assistance fund

The fund has been established from 1 April 2013 to help families under exceptional pressure to stay together. Awards will be goods in kind, not cash, and will not have to be repaid.

warmandwell.org.uk/ For assistance with fuel and heating bills

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 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](#)