



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to stay safe and well. The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm for their learning this week, and it has been a very productive start to 2022. Our Christian Value this term is **Perseverance**, I think this might be very appropriate!



History On Our Doorstep

Our overarching topic this term is a local history topic. The children in KS2 will be exploring the question 'Our village is small, but what BIG things have happened around here?'. In KS1 the children will be asking 'Why does Richmond have a castle?'. They have already made a great start on finding the answers to these questions, and we can't wait to find out what else they discover over the course of this term! A curriculum letter for this term will be with you by Monday.

Children's society

Many thanks for your generous donations to the Children's society, collected at our Christingle services. Over the four schools we raised almost £200 to support some of the most needy children in our society.

Covid-19 Risk assessment

You will have heard in the news about the impact of coronavirus on staffing levels in schools nationally. In order to keep everyone safe and well, and to ensure we have enough staff on site to keep our schools open, we are sticking very carefully to national and local guidance. Please click here <https://www.ravensworth.dalesmat.org/our-school/policies/> to see the latest version of our risk assessment which has been provided by the NYCC health and safety team.

We have been overwhelmed by the strength of support from parents throughout the pandemic and ask that you continue to support us by adhering to the following:

- if your child has symptoms of coronavirus please do not send them in to school, take them for a test and follow public health advice on [When to self-isolate and what to do](#)
- children 5 and over who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal if these are negative. If the positive case is in their own home, they should follow [Stay at home: guidance](#)
- If your child tests positive, they can return to school on day 7 if they have had two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart. We recommend taking the first test early in the morning on day 6, so that 24 hours later they can take their second test and come to school as normal if both tests are clear.
- All visitors and parents attending meetings in school are required to take a lateral flow test before coming in, and wear a face covering whilst on site.

Please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns about any of the above.

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
Class 1:	Freddie	Bea	Ivy	Sophie	Alexis
Class 2:	Maci	Charlie	Bear and Maci	Maddison-Lea	Florence
Class 3:	William	Isla	William and Cayleb	Phoebe	Davey

News from our classrooms



We have loved having everyone back in school for this shortened week, school has been full of smiling faces; they are all showing super behaviour and are excited to learn about our new topics.

In the afternoons the children in Class 1 have enjoyed being back in school and have embraced their learning. We have enjoyed paired reading, sharing some traditional tales to support our learning in English this term. In science we are continuing looking at the seasons and went out to investigate the signs of Winter, we discussed how winter affects the trees, the length of the days and the animals, we also discussed the weather, we were hoping for a bit more snow but were able to experience how cold it has become and what we need to do to keep warm.

In Class 3 we are reading 'The Highwayman' and we loved the mysterious and spooky atmosphere from the first few pages. They wrote some amazing descriptive writing about the woodland paths that he rides along – there was clearly no dust to blow off from the holidays! In art we are learning about surrealism and looked at and sketched some pictures by Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte, again with amazing detail as you can see in Oscar's eagle above. We were straight back to refining our maths fluency and Eva-Grace gave us a masterclass in the 4x table with 4 back-to-back game wins!

Pupil Mental Health Champions

Here's our first joke of the year to put a smile on your face:
What sweet is never on time? *Choco-LATE!* From Poppy

Welcome!

We are very pleased to introduce two new members to our staff team at Barton. Mrs Heggie works in Class Three and Mrs O'Reilly works in Class One.

Barton – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	KS2: Brass lessons with Mr. Batty, please bring instruments back into school each Thursday.
Monday 17th Jan	After school club returns with Joe – letter to follow
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre – from 10 th Jan, payments can be paid in instalments via ParentPay

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Fin and Leo	This week	40	18	24
	Total for year	841	686	651

Class News



We have had a really positive and hard working start to the new term and children are excited and motivated about all our new topics. In KS2 our new text 'The Highwayman' has already provoked some fascinating discussion about language and

metaphor, and this has been complemented by some rather weird and wacky artwork as we begin to explore our surrealism topic.



In KS1, children have been getting very excited building a castle in the classroom and dressing up as knights!

After such quality singing in our fabulous Christmas play, we are determined to keep the musical vibe going this term and in worship time have started a new repertoire of songs. Mrs Wheatley also



introduced us to our 'Musician of the Week' - the most fabulous and inspiring Sheku Kanneh-Mason

Out of school club

If you haven't already done so and would like to book your children in for the next batch of science club sessions, please complete the permission form and send your payment directly to Emma at Love Science as soon as possible as this club re-starts next Tuesday, thank you.

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

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

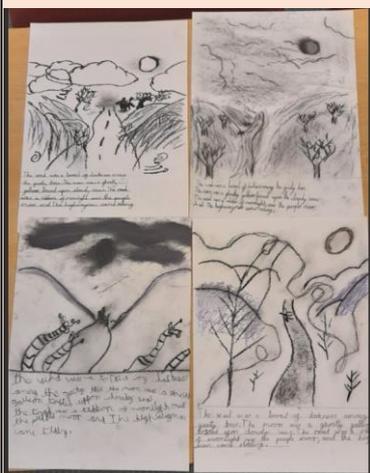
	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Theo	Tobias			This week	28	27	23
Class 2:	Maisey		Serenity	Nate	Total	28	27	23

East Cowton News

We are delighted to welcome Tate and Theo back to our school family this week. They have settled in extremely well and are making new friends!

During the Christmas holidays Mrs Simpson changed her surname. She has now reverted to her family name and is now known as Miss Coxon.

This week in Class 2



As always, we enjoyed seeing the children return from the Christmas holidays; we have enjoyed sharing stories about their Christmas day and the special gifts they have received.

This week, we have welcomed Miss Gibson into our setting. She is another student teacher and will be with us this half Term. Miss Olivier will be back after half term to finish her teacher training.

We haven't wasted any time getting started this week. In English, we have started reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children have delved into the first verse and identified the figurative language that creates a setting in the reader's mind. Using charcoal, purple chalks and white paper, the children have created some beautiful artwork to illustrate what they can see.

The Year 3 children had an exciting computing session today. They are learning about animation, and we created moving pictures in flip books. We had a lot of fun and the children were excited to take their work home. We are looking forward to creating our own animations on the I-pads in the coming weeks.

End of term Awards

It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us for our impromptu carol service on the last day of term. We were so proud of how all our children sang, particularly our youngest children who had learned the words to so many Christmas carols that were new to them!

A huge well done to Team Middleham – the green ribbon is back on the House Cup for another term! A big well done also goes to Lissy for winning the pebble award – her Friends and the school staff voted for her to be the recipient of the pebble for our Christian value of 'Trust' – Well done Lissy!!

Vacancy

NYCC are currently advertising for a cleaner and caretaker for our school. This has been advertised twice and is about to be advertised again. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the post, please could you direct them to [Jobs and careers | North Yorkshire County Council](#) where its should be readvertised today

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th	Whole School swimming lessons please bring swimming kit into school on Tuesday mornings. Please settle for the payment on ParentPay over the weekend if you haven't already done so. Thankyou.
January to Tuesday 8th February	
Wednesdays	PE kits needed for Wednesday afternoons.
Thursdays	Class two: Brass lessons with Mr. Batty, please bring instruments back into school each Thursday.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Sophie & Isaac	Louie & Rose	Carpenter's Cup: Carter
Class 2:	Jackson	Zoe & Carter	Monkey: Phoebe
Class 3:	Charlotte & Effie	Alfie, Chloe and Lucy	Kindness Award: James

News From Class 3

Happy New Year to you all! It has been a lovely start to the New Year and new term in Class 3 with the children seemingly happy to be back to normal after the break. I'm hoping the holiday gave us all time to recharge and shake off the various bugs that have plagued us for the last term. Our new topic of 'History on our Doorstep' has already kicked off with an investigation lesson searching for information about Richmond and Ravensworth. I think this is going to be a fascinating topic.

For English we are going to be studying 'The Highwayman' a classic poem by Alfred Noyes. Although it is a little gruesome in places, it had us gripped. The language is old fashioned but it's great finding out what all of the new words mean and then hopefully using them in our own writing.

Finally, last term Class 3 wrote some beautiful prayers to use before lunch. We've all loved using them so this week we've written some new ones as well as some to use during collective worship. The children have really shown their deep thinking, and emotional intelligence as well as a clear understanding of Christianity. Well done Class 3.



Welcome

All the staff and pupils at Ravensworth and especially especially Class 2, would like to offer a warm welcome to Zoe who started In year 3 this week. We are all excited to have a new member of our class and school and hope that she is very happy at Ravensworth.

Admin Information

The next Census day data collection is Thursday 20th January, our funding is calculated on the data submitted. Please contact the school office in confidence for further information if you think your child is eligible for means tested free school meals

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Tues 11th Jan	Woodland Schools for Class 2 (am) - letter attached
Mon 17th Jan	After School Science club begins. Limited places, available first come, first served, please see attached flier for information
Thurs 20th Jan	School Census day data collection
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre

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:

[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](#)



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](#)