



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton  
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



# Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

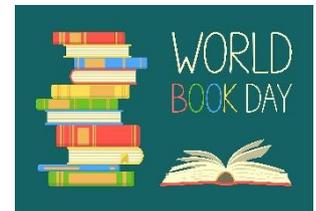
## Science transition at Richmond

The children in Year 5 from our schools all have the opportunity to visit Richmond School for an exciting science transition morning. Barton, Ravensworth and Kirkby Fleetham pupils were all booked in this Tuesday and East Cowton will be going after half term. The children all really enjoyed the buzz of being in a secondary school and exploring chemical reactions using the resources in the science room.



## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. They can be as creative as they like! For those children who don't especially like dressing up, the teachers have some more low-key ideas. The only rule is that they MUST be a character from a book. We would love them to bring the book in with them too.



**Half term homework** We plan to make some World Book Day bunting. Each child will be bringing home a triangle to decorate with a picture of a scene from their favourite book or a photo of themselves reading. They need to make sure they include the title and author of the book on their triangle. These need to be in school by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Ofsted

Kirkby Fleetham CE school had a visit from Ofsted last Friday. This was the first inspection for any of our schools since we became academies. We are not allowed to share any news with you about it yet, but the report should be published in around 30 days. Thank you to parents for all your support and your speedy responses to the questionnaire.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday and that this wild weather passes quickly!  
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
<b>Class 1:</b>	Alexis	Sophie	Bea and Bailey	Alice	JJ
<b>Class 2:</b>	Tom	Maddison-Lea	Florence and Thomas	Maci	Florence
<b>Class 3:</b>	Willow	Reef	Willow and Isla	Cayleb	Chloe

## News from Class 2



We have had some fantastic learning experiences in Class 2 since our last newsletter. In English we have moved onto the book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd, we have had great fun reading about all of the dragon's exploits and wrote a poem working on rhyme and rhythm to describe what could happen if we took a baby dragon out and about, we are now working on producing a fact file about a mythical plant that produces other mythical creatures. In Maths we have been learning all about multiplying and dividing and have found that we need to work hard on remembering our times tables to help us to work smarter. We have also had some wonderful learning in the afternoons with Class 1 where we have been exploring the season of Winter, we designed and created windsocks and learnt all about the Beaufort Scale to measure the wind speed – Charlie commented that Wednesday's winds must have been at least a 9 on the scale! We have also investigated the different ways that animals adapt to winter too and enjoyed carrying out a blubber experiment to see how they keep warm in icy conditions. The children were keen to challenge themselves to keep their hand in the icy water the longest with the help of fat smeared inside a rubber glove to insulate our hands.

## Pupil Mental Health Champions

This week our Champions have been busy again organising 'mindful moments' and 'check-ins' in each of our classes. We are so proud of their confidence and developing leadership skills!

Here is a joke from Chloe to keep you feeling positive: What did one traffic light say to the other? *Stop looking, I'm changing!*

## After school Club

As you will be aware, today is Miss Maitchell's last day as out of school club leader. Emma has done a fantastic job of caring for the children and we are really going to miss her!

Mrs O'Reilly has been appointed to run breakfast club, but sadly we currently have been unable to find anyone to run after school club. We are re-advertising the post and if you know of anyone who might be interested, please do ask them to contact school.

## Barton – Dates for your diary

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Return to school Next Instalment payment due for Year 5 and 6 residential
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	KS2 Visit to Richmond – more information to follow
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Additional training Day – school closed
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 & 6 Residential visit to East Barnby

# Kirkby Fleetham CE School

## Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Esme, Fin, Beau and Luke	This week	70	87	62
	Total for year	1309	1205	1053

## Class News



This has been an extremely hard-working and fun-packed week across the whole curriculum. In art we finished our fabulous surrealist doorways, and mounted them as a vibrant display on a doorway in school (just to confuse people!). We also finished our marvellous book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman, which provoked much deep discussion about narratives, stories within stories, life, death, love, fate – the usual agenda for Class 2! Year 5 and 6 had a great trip to



Richmond School for a secondary school science experience about Chemical Reactions – we managed to leave with some excellent science knowledge (and not blow the building up!). We also completed another fabulous online hip-hop dance session – we certainly have some cool budding dancers in our cohort – and finally a rather emotionally intelligent circle time about 'sulking' in PSHE. All in all, a fantastic way to end the term.

## And in other news.....



Huge congratulations to Esme Fearnley for receiving a Blue Peter badge for the Christmas poem she wrote at school. Amazing achievement Es!

We also say a very sad goodbye to Oscar Ventham-Hebden who is leaving us today. We wish him all the very best in his new school and will look out for him on episodes of The Yorkshire Vet in years to come!



## Friends of School

There is a Friends meeting in school at 7pm on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All parents and friends of school are welcome. You don't have to participate, you can just hear what we are doing and we welcome your input/ideas. Please contact school or any member of the committee for a copy of the agenda.

We have had some fantastic support for Easyfunding and we are over £230 so thank you. Please remember from big things like booking trips, down to buying new socks or your weekly shop can all raise money for school FOR FREE, why not join up.

## Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school Next Instalment payment due for Year 5 and 6 residential
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Skip to be Fit – <b>please bring in PE kits to school</b>
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# East Cowton CE School

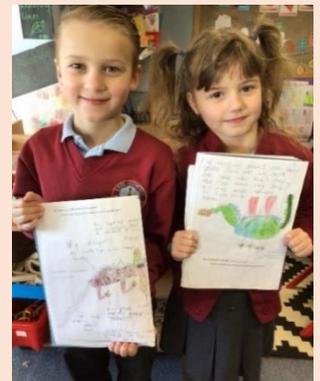
## East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
<b>Class 1:</b>	Thomas	Ted			<b>This week</b>	102	122	115
<b>Class 2:</b>	Tate		Jack	Daniel	<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>380</b>

### This week in Class One



This week we have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Adventures of an Eggbox Dragon*, making our own characters from the story and writing instructions for a friend, designing WANTED posters for our dragons and devising a list of questions we would love to ask.



Following on from some lovely poetry about telling your moans and worries to your pets, the Year Two children have been exploring some Dragon Poetry, discussing the features of a poem and explaining analysing some different types of poetry to discuss their preferences.

We have had some amazing discussions this term about history on our doorstep. We have been asking 'Why was there a castle built in Richmond?'. Ask your child about some of the amazing facts they have learned!

We have had lots of interesting stories sent to us as part of our alumni project, but if you, or someone in your extended family, has some fascinating stories or facts about the history of East Cowton and the surrounding villages then please share them with us so we can unearth some more detail in school after half term.

After six fantastic weeks of Phonics learning on our new Little Wandle scheme, the children have been doing some assessments this week to see how they are getting on. We have been amazed with the results and the progress all children are making in both their Phonics sessions and their reading. We hope to share these successes and give you more of an insight into our Phonics teaching at a workshop next half term. More details will be discussed at Parents Evening.

### Movie Night

A huge thankyou to the Friends of the School for another fantastic Movie night. The children loved the film and the hot dogs and pizza went down very well!

### East Cowton – Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Return to School after half term Next Instalment of residential payment due for year 5 and 6 Music lessons resume this week for brass, piano and guitar in school
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Skip to be Fit – please bring in PE kits to school</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Friends of School Disco
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 and 6- Science Taster Day at Richmond School (morning only) <b>Parents evening – appointment slots available by contacting Mrs White</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	KS2 visit to Richmond – more information to follow
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Friends of School Town hall Event – Cake and tombola donations welcome!

# Ravensworth CE School

## Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
<b>Class 1:</b>	Isaac & Louie	Henry & Eli	<b>Carpenter's Cup:</b> Lucy
<b>Class 2:</b>	Jackson & Phoebe	Freddie & Zoe	<b>Monkey:</b> Elizabeth
<b>Class 3:</b>	Samuel & Bobby	Poppy, Elizabeth & Melody	<b>Kindness award:</b> Elizabeth & Alfie

### News From Class 3

We've managed to finish our amazing class novel this week – what a cliff hanger! We had lots of fun debating who was to blame for the whole series of events; we had to agree to disagree in the end. The children are now writing their thoughts on the matter and justifying their choices. In maths the Year 6 children are working on algebra – it has tested the staff as well as the children. Children in Year 5 have just started their work on fractions and the children in year 4 are refining their understanding of written methods to multiply 3 digits by 1. The science this week is all about adaptations and how animals are



cleverly adapted for the environments that they live in. It is fascinating learning how clever the natural world is. Finally, as part of our computing lesson the children in year 4 have evaluating and refining their stop motion animation. Despite some frustrations with the technology, they have really worked hard to make some excellent animations. Children in Years 5 & 6 are continuing to draw some amazing work as part of their vector drawing. Every week we build on our knowledge of using the programme and are now even adding backgrounds to our edited pictures.

### Film Night

The children had a wonderful evening watching 'Encanto' on Thursday after school. They feasted on popcorn and enjoyed a drink of juice while relaxing with their friends. A good time was had by all. Thank you to the School Friends for organising it. We managed to raise over £100 which will be used to directly benefit the children.

### Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

<b>Thursdays</b>	Brass instrument lessons KS2 pupils please remember to bring your instruments to school
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	School re-opens. <b>Next instalment for East Barnby YR5 &amp; 6 visit is due today</b>
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	World Book Day – see details above
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Road Safety talk for all our pupils in school 1.15pm After School Science club 3.15 - 4.15pm for all who have signed up
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Tempest Photography for group photos 1.00pm
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Skip 2 Bfit day PE kits needed
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parent's evening 4pm – 7pm – 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](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](#)

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### 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:

[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/](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](#)



### 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/](http://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](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](#)