



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week our EYFS children have been learning about Lunar New Year, a festival celebrated by Chinese communities around the world. They have been fascinated to learn about how the festival is celebrated and amongst other things, they have enjoyed the story of 'The great Race', they have worked on their dexterity with chopsticks, and have formed some Chinese numerals and text with paint.

Parents evening

Spring term parents evening dates are in the school diary dates below. We intend to hold face to face meetings in school, however it is really important to us that all parents can attend so if anyone would prefer a Teams meeting we can organise that too. Information about booking a slot will come nearer to the time.

UK Safer internet day

Next Tuesday is Safer internet day and we will be leaning about ways of keeping safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre have put together some simple tips for parents to strike up conversations with **children aged 3-11**. These are specifically for Safer Internet Day but they can be used at any time that you want to discuss these issues with your child. You can find the tips [HERE](#).

Phonics

Mrs Whitely our phonics lead has visited all four of our schools this week to see how our new phonics programme, 'Little Wandle' is being embedded in our schools. Even though we only introduced it at the start of this term we are already seeing good results in the children's reading progress. Some parents have asked questions about the scheme, unfortunately we needed to postpone the parents information evening due to the high covid rates at the start of this term, but we hope to run one straight after half term, where we can share the new resources and explain our whole approach to teaching early reading.

School Uniform

Please can I remind all parents that we have high expectations of presentation in terms of school uniform, including school shoes and PE kits. If you are not sure about any aspect of the uniform please see our website (please see useful links section below) or speak to your child's class teacher. Please can I also add a reminder that for health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied back at all times during the school day.

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:	Hunter	Alexis	Peaches and Ivy	Peaches	Bailey
Class 2:	Bear	Maci	Tom and Maci	Florence	Maddison-Lea
Class 3:	Thomas (C2!)	Chloe	Phoebe and Faith	Isla	Archie

News from Class One



We have been so excited by the provision in Class 1 this week. The theme has been dragons and the Lunar New Year. Ferocious roaring can be heard from all corners of the classroom. We have loved our dragon masks, building dragons with loose parts, manipulating the playdough into dragon shapes and drawing dragons. This has all been because we have been thoroughly excited and absorbed in our class text 'George and the Dragon'. We have had some great discussions on what makes us scared - Is it something small or something large? The dragon in the story was scared of a mouse!

Numbers have also been an exciting theme this week. The EYFS children have enjoyed learning how to recognise, write and count the numbers 6, 7, 8. We went on a number hunt and found so many numbers around our school. Year 1's have moved their learning forward and are learning how to recognise, write and order numbers to 20. We need to work hard to have quick recall of these numbers because we will be learning how to add and subtract with them next week.

Pupil Mental Health Champions

Here is a joke from our Mental Health Champion Will:
Why did the cow cross the road? *To get to the udder side!*

Staffing update

We are currently advertising for a new out of school club leader. The information is available on our website, please do share with anyone who you think may be interested. [Vacancies - Dales Academies Trust](#)

Storm damage

You may have noticed that we have had some work taking place on our roof to remove loose tiles damaged by the storms last weekend. For the time-being the area directly in front of the school will remain out of bounds until all work is complete.

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
Tues 15th February	Year 5 Transition Visit to Richmond School - am
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28th February	Return to school
Tues 8th March	Parents Evening
Friday 27th May	Additional training Day – school closed
Wed 8th - Fri 10th June	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
Chloe and Jorja	This week	44	41	44
	Total for year	1116	1008	922

Class News



In Class 1 we have had another exciting week! In science we are thinking about seasonal change and weather and how animals adapt to the different seasons. We did an experiment to see how they can keep warm when it's very cold outside. When we put our fingers into ice water they were so cold! But when we wore a plastic glove covered in fat (butter), it was much warmer. We learned that some animals migrate in winter, some hibernate and some adapt to the weather and stay where they are.



In our English lessons we have been focussing on the story of George and the Dragon. We have done a lot of writing, describing and sequencing of this lovely story out a dragon who is terrified of a little mouse. In maths we are continuing our focus on number and measurement and in our PSHE lesson we thought about the very important steps we would take if we ever got lost.

Local History

Children in Class Two have been pouring over some wonderful old photographs of Kirkby Fleetham dating back to the early 1900's as part of our local history topic. It was fascinating to see children playing on the Green in boater hats and girls in long dresses at the



Feast. Next week we plan to go on a walk around the village and try to recreate the photos in the exact spot in present day. If anyone has any old photos of their own we would be delighted to take a look at them in school.



Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Tuesday 8th February	Whole School swimming lessons – last lesson of swimming lessons. Children in the top swimming group – please bring pyjamas this week
Fri 18th February	Break up for half term
Mon 28th February	Return to school
Thurs 17th March	Parents evening
Friday 27th May	Additional training Day – school closed
Wed 8th – Fri 10th June	Years 5 and 6 residential to East Barnby

East Cowton CE School

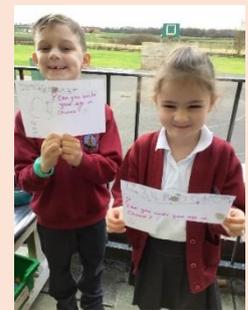
East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	Caring Bear	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Tobias	Sebastian			This week	59	53	54
Class 2:	Jack		Lissy	Jack	Total	239	226	213

This week in Class One



We have had a super week in Class One celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have been perfecting the art of using chopsticks and tweezers in the water tray, making some scrumptious noodle soup (for role play purposes of course!) They have tried their hand at forming some numbers and writing their age using the corresponding chinese symbol. We also read the story of 'The Great Race' and learnt about the different zodiac animals. The children retold the story and used masks to act out the different animal parts. Maybe ask your child which animal is symbolised in 2022?



Time is flying and it was our penultimate week at the pool this week. It is amazing to see how much the children have grown in confidence and independence. We seemed to have mastered the art of changing 12 Class One children in around 10 minutes, that must be a record! The pool staff have commented how far the children have come in a matter of weeks and following their last session next week will be presented with a certificate to celebrate their achievements.

We have been informed that next week there are some road closures around Richmond. Please be aware that we use Class Dojo to inform of any delays in returning to school.

Friends of School – Forthcoming Events

The Friends of School have an action packed schedule of events for which they would be really grateful for your support and to help publicise please! We are really keen to update our Early Years outdoor area and to update some of the outdoor area in the playground. The fundraising from these events will help us to achieve this.

Thursday 17th February – **Film Night** after school

Monday 7th March – **School Disco!**

Wednesday 16th February – **Bags to school**

Saturday 26th March – Northallerton **Town Hall Event** – bacon butties, tea and coffee, cake stall and a tombola. Cakes on the day much appreciated along with any tombola items please!

Friday 8th April – **Chocolate Bingo** – Chocolate donations will be very welcome nearer the time please!

Sunday 17th April (Easter Sunday) **Easter Trail** in Horton's wood (where the children do Forest Schools)

Sunday 22nd May – **Sponsored Walk** – start from school grounds in the morning.

Saturday 4th June – **Jubilee Event** in school grounds 11am-3pm. The Friends would be very grateful for as many helpers as possible to help supervise stalls or to help set up – any amount of time gratefully received! Please contact Melba.

Sunday 3rd July – **Car Boot Sale** 8am to 12noon in Steve Watson's field opposite the Beeswing.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Tuesday Swimming	It's the last week of swimming - please bring your kit on Tuesday. Older children in the top swimming group please bring pyjamas for your last swim – thankyou.
Tuesday 8th March	Parents evening
Year 5 and 6 Parents	Payments for East Barnby are due at the end of each month with the final one due on Friday 29 th April.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Art	Rose & Lily-May	Carpenter's Cup: Joseph
Class 2:	April, Tilly & Carter	James & Dexter	Monkey: Key Stage 2
Class 3:	Max & Poppy	Melody, Florie & Bobby	Kindness award: The teachers

News From Class 1



Last week we were shocked to find that a dragon had entered class one overnight! We were left with so many questions – how did he get here? Who recorded him? What does he want? We then realised that he had left us with a copy of the book 'George and the Dragon' which we are enjoying reading in our English lessons. We all made predictions as to what we thought the dragon would be scared of and were shocked to find out that he was scared of a tiny mouse! I wonder what he will get up to next...

This week we have been busy learning all about Chinese New Year!

We have explored what Chinese New Year is, how it is celebrated and the significance of the zodiac animals. It was fun finding out what year we were born and looking at what animal represents our year! We even had our own 'great race' with the 12 animals in our outdoor area. 😊 In addition to this, the children have had lots of fun creating Chinese dragons, lanterns, creating delicious Chinese meals, forming numbers, eating Chinese sweets and even receiving a fortune cookie!



Coronation Lunch



Once again, Brenda has made a day to remember for the children with her red white and blue Accession day lunch! This Sunday, 6th February marks 70 years since the Queen's accession to the throne at the death of her father King George VI died. The Queen usually spends accession day at Sandringham house reflecting. We will be seeing many more celebrations in the summer term With the Queen's jubilee on June 2nd.



Admin Information

A big thank you to everyone for keeping changes to our bus loading list to a minimum as this really helps staff at the end of the day. Wherever possible to save confusion, please allow us to put your child on the bus as normal.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	Brass instrument lessons KS2 pupils please remember to bring your instruments to school
Tues 8th Feb	Woodland Schools for Class 2 (pm) – outdoor clothing & wellingtons needed
Mon 14th Feb	Valentine's Lunch – all pupils are welcome to join us
Tues 15th Feb	Year 5 Visit to Richmond School (am) details to follow
Thurs 17th Feb	Movie night – 3:15 – 5:15 – more details to follow
Fri 18th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 28th Feb	School re-opens
Wed 16th March	Parent's evening 4pm – 7pm.

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](#)