



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton
and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



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Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Red Nose day 22

Next Friday is Red nose day and we are inviting the children to 'Wear Something red' in exchange for a contribution to Comic Relief. We have lots of plans for a day of fun activities with the children, and will have a focus on laughter to promote well-being and mental health.

Science Week

Next week is Science week and the children will be taking part in a range of science investigations and activities throughout the week. The aim is to raise the profile of science amongst the children.

Parent worship

Every Friday we hold a special assembly in school, where we reflect on the week and give out certificates for a range of achievements. We are so pleased to have been able to welcome parents back into school for these sessions. If you haven't been before, please do come along and join us to celebrate the children's achievements.

Cricket

We have been contacted about two cricket initiatives that will be running at local cricket clubs throughout the summer months. See the information at the bottom of the newsletter if you think this is something your child will be interested in.

Talking to children about Ukraine

The events in Ukraine are worrying and concerning for all of us. Some children have seen a variety of graphic or distressing images or footage of the conflict and this is reflected in the questions they are starting to ask. As teachers, we are well placed to help our pupils talk about what they are seeing in the news in an age-appropriate way, and to offer reassurance. Guidance on this has been shared with all staff. There are also some excellent resources giving advice that you could use at home with your child if you feel it is appropriate to them.

[How to Talk About War and Conflict with Kids, According to a Child Counselor | Save the Children](#)

[Childline](#)

[BBC Newsround](#)

Ofsted

Well done to the children and staff at East Cowton school who went through an Ofsted inspection this week – the second of our four schools in less than a month! They were supported by leaders from all four of our schools – a fabulous team effort!

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:	Peaches	Ivy	D'arcy and Tommy	Freddie	Bea
Class 2:	Flo	Tom	Oscar and Tom	Thomas	Maci
Class 3:	Willow	Chloe	Cayleb and Heath	Reef	Oscar

News from Class 2



We have had a busy start to this term and have enjoyed lots of fun learning. In English we have completed our book *The Boy who grew Dragons* and think it would be awesome to own a dragon but also very messy! In Maths we have completed our learning in Multiplication and Division and have just moved on to learning about Fractions. We have been super investigative scientists in our science lessons. First, we explored the best materials to use for making a new umbrella to keep Ted dry and had some unexpected results but in the end, we agreed that plastic material is best, we have also been examining our teeth and remind ourselves why it is important to keep them clean we enjoyed having a little practise too. We are just finishing off our topic on What Christians believe God is like in RE and enjoyed exploring the story of Jonah and the whale, discussing how God forgave Jonah and gave him a second chance to do what he asked and how this made Jonah feel. In PE we are learning about Dance this term, can we please ask that the children bring in their PE kits each week, we have lots of children forgetting or not having all their kit, particularly socks for the girls and a water bottle to help keep them hydrated. We also had a visit from Reverend Alison this week it was lovely to meet her, and she informed the children she is looking forward to doing some Easter activities with them soon.

Pupil Mental Health Leaders

Our mental health leaders have been very busy again this week, leading our 'mindful moments' and 'climbing mountains' breathing activities. Here is a joke of the week from Eva-Grace:
 "I had a joke to put here about TVs.... but it isn't remotely funny."

Vacancies

We are still advertising for an **After school club leader**. The post is for After school club, 3:30-5:30pm Monday to Thursday. **Please could we ask parents to share the link on our facebook page** so we can reach as wide an audience as possible! The details of the post can be found on our website [Vacancies](#) We are also advertising for a **school administrator**, the details of which can also be found on our website.

Barton – Dates for your diary

Fridays	Please join us for Collective Worship – 9.05am
Mon 14th March	Skip2Bfit day - PE kits needed for all pupils
Weds 16th March	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Event at Richmond School - selected pupils only
Weds 16th March	Parents Evening – please see your child's teacher before/after school for an appointment time
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day 22 – wear something red
Wed 23rd March	KS2 Visit to Richmond – more information to follow
Fri 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26 th April
Friday 27th May	Additional training Day – school closed

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
William, Lucas and Niven	This week	64	63	52
	Total for year	1459	1353	1169

Class News

We are very excited that we've been able to resume our joint afternoons with East Cowton on Wednesday afternoons! We are once again joining them for PE with a specialist coach, as well as Music for Class 1 and French for Class 2. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to socialise with others as well as use the facilities and resources available at East Cowton. We are preparing for all sorts of upcoming sporting competitions, including netball for years 5 and 6 next week.

Please can we ask that the children remember to bring to school with them everything that they need each week. Water bottles are sent home on a Friday and need to be brought back into school on a Monday along with their PE kits which need to stay in school all week. Brass instruments need to be in school on a Thursday and a Friday for those children having extra private lessons, thank you.

Brass Band

The children are making such tremendous progress in their brass lessons this term. Learning to read notation, master an instrument and play in ensembles are essential parts of the music curriculum and we're really lucky that every pupil to take part in this. Mr Batty is a fantastic teacher and it's great for the children to learn from an expert in their field. Learning to play any instrument can be challenging, but the sense of achievement when its mastered is positive and significant. Please support us by encouraging your child to practise at home – just 10 mins of the noisy stuff would be a real benefit to them! Please let us know if this is problematic, and we can arrange some additional practise sessions at school. We are really looking forward to performing for you at the end of the year!



Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Fridays	Please join us for collective worship on Friday afternoons at 3.05pm
Every Thursday morning	Brass Lessons with Mr Batty – 9.30am
Thurs 17th March	Parents evening
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day – wear something red
Wed 23rd March	KS2 Visit to Richmond – more information to follow
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26 th April
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:	Kasper	Dan			This week	68	63	50
Class 2:	George		Lucy		Total	514	488	470

This week in Class One



What a fabulous couple of weeks we have had in Class One. On behalf of myself and all of the children we want to say a huge thank you for all of your kind and generous contributions to 'Granny's House' We have a cupboard full of curiosities and the children are embracing learning about the past and comparing to life today. Granny has a wall full of cute baby pictures too, I wonder who they are?

We have enjoyed sharing our photographs and making our own class timeline, discussing who is the oldest and who is the youngest. The teachers have even got involved too! Each day we have had some lovely artwork contributions displaying other events within the children's memory and beyond. We have learnt about when motorbikes were invented, when WW2 took place and when dinosaurs were wiped off the planet. Thankfully, the children agreed this was slightly before Mrs Bartley was born!

We continue to enjoy both Little Red Riding Hood and The Boy Who Grew Dragons books in English but also this week to mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day we have been sharing some of the 'Little People Big Dreams' series. This week we have read about Rosa Parks and Mary Anning. We are also exploring 'Great Women who made History' by Kate Pankhurst, another inspirational text.

In maths this week Reception have been doing lots of work on number recognition beyond 5 and we have enjoyed some Forest Maths. Year Ones have been comparing numbers and Year Two embarking on some multiplication challenges. As a homework challenge over the next few weeks I would like them to practise their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. There are some fun games on www.ictgames.com and www.topmarks.com. The BBC Supermovers also have some catchy videos.

For the rest of the Spring term up until Easter we will be having a PE session on a Tuesday afternoon in place of Swimming, please can the children have their kits in school next week.



East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Parent Worship	Please join us for collective worship on Friday mornings at 9:05am
PE Kits needed:	Tuesday afternoon – PE sessions for both classes – PE kits needed in school Wednesday for whole school PE session with Kirkby Fleetham
Brass: Class 2	Don't forget your brass instruments on Thursdays
Tuesday 15th March	Year 5 and year 6 Netball tournament 12:30 – 3pm – parents please respond to the email providing consent.
Wed 23rd March	KS2 visit to Richmond – more information to follow
Saturday 26th March	Friends of School Town hall Event – Cake and tombola donations welcome!
Thursday 31st March	Friends of School Disco
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26 th April
Friday 27th May	Additional training day – school closed

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Isaac	Henry & Eli	Carpenter's Cup: Teachers
Class 2:	Ellie & April & Phoebe	Carter & Dexter	Monkey: Miss Noble
Class 3:	Chloe & Elliot	Florie, Effie & Elizabeth	Kindness award: Melody

News From Class 2



It has been a brilliant start to the new half term for Class 2. We are very close to the end of our book; The Boy Who Grew Dragons, and we are very excited to find out whether Grandad will discover Thomas's secret! We have been role playing Thomas, the main character and also his Grandad, as well as letter writing.

In Maths, both year groups have been pushing on with multiplication and division and year three have demonstrated some excellent eight times tables skills! We are looking forward to using these number skills in our 'Money' topic next week.

In PE, we have been having lots of fun developing our superhero dance routine with Matty and have begun to bring separate elements together. With Mrs Stanwix, the children have been learning about axels ready to design and create their chariots as part of our DT unit.

Please could I remind parents that children can bring in their own water bottles if they wish. Lots of children like to have a drink throughout the day so it would be great if they could do it from their own water bottle.

International Women's Day



Some very passionate young ladies in Years 5 and 6 wrote and delivered an engaging collective worship this week all about inspirational women, to mark International Women's Day. The girls worked incredibly hard researching courageous women in history as well as some more modern examples. However, the most impressive thing of all was the fact that it was driven completely by themselves. The girls were inspired by an RE lesson where they learnt about Malala and Rosa Parks and took it upon themselves to find some more examples of strong and powerful women. Well done Alanna, Elizabeth and Lucy.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	Brass instrument lessons KS2 pupils please remember to bring your instruments to school
Fridays	Parent worship – 2.40pm all welcome
Tues 15th Mar	Skip 2 Bfit day PE kits needed for all pupils
Wed 16th Mar	Dodgeball competition at Richmond School – selected pupils, letters e-mailed today Parent's evening 4pm – 7pm – on line form e-mailed yesterday
Fri 18th Mar	Red Nose Day – please see details above Mrs Richmond's last day at Ravensworth leaving at 1.30pm
Wed 23rd Mar	KS2 Visit to Richmond – see letter e-mailed yesterday
Wed 30th Mar	Messy Church to be confirmed Final instalment for YR5&6 Residential is due today

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:

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

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

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](#)

[Parent Zone](#)

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.northyorkshiremusicclub.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](#)

Cricket

Happening at a local club near you for 8 weeks! Find your local cricket club at:

All Stars cricket for 5-8 year olds <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Dynamos cricket for 8-11 year olds: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamocricket>