Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were so excited to have a return visit from Drumba! Drumba is a high energy work out including drumming to music. It's fast paced and exciting and the children work really hard to keep to the beat. The children and staff absolutely love it and it's a brilliant way to keep fit. We seem to have some budding drummers amongst us too – well done everyone!

Primary Assessments for years 2,4 and 6

After two years of national assessments being cancelled, this summer term we are back in the cycle of SATs and other statutory assessments. Our children take assessments termly and are used to them. We endeavour to keep these as low key as possible to keep any pressure off them. Given the disruptions caused by school closures and online learning, we feel it is more important than ever this year that we do not cause any undue anxiety for the children, and ask that parents support us with this. If you have any concerns or worries, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Please be aware that the dates the Department for Education have provided are as follows:

Y6 SATS: 9-12th May

Y2 SATS: The window for taking the tests is the whole month of May.

Y1 Phonics screening: Week beginning Monday 6th June

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC): The window is between 6th and 24th June

We will share specific dates for our schools nearer the time.

Easter Service

We look forward to welcoming you to our Easter Services next week. Please see the diary dates below for details

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman
Executive Headteacher

Barton CE School

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:					
	Star of the Week	**Rainbow Leaners**	**Writers of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**SEAL Award**
Class 1:	Daisy	Hunter	Peaches and Freddie	D'arcy	Ivy
Class 2:	Cole	Charlie	Cole and Maci	Tom	Oscar
Class 3:	William	Isla	Poppy and Archie	Eva-Grace	Eva-Grace

News from Class 1

Easter is well under way in class 1. As you can see from this week's Discovery Area photos, we are all very eggcited by it all. Our focus has been strengthening our fine motor skills and we have found some fun ways to do this. Fine motor movement is important in early development because it encourages creativity, improves hand-eye coordination, develops good writing and drawing skills, fosters independence and builds confidence. We love using tweezers, playing with small world figures, tracing lines, using scissors, manipulating playdough and much more.

One of the best things about our small school and our mixed classes is how well the children support each other and how much they love playing together regardless of them being big or small. Class 1 have shown a keen interest in writing and reading together this week. It has been so lovely to be able to capture some of these lovely moments and be a part of them. As the year has progressed reading and writing seems to be one of our favourite things to do together and the children are showing a real passion for sharing books, learning and sharing new vocabulary and writing and drawing together.

Richmond KS2 Tennis Competition

Our tennis team showed great courage and sportsmanship on Thursday afternoon, they played six games each against other schools from the Richmond cluster. A special mention to Faith, who won 3 out of her 6 games! Mrs Percival was extremely impressed with their excellent behaviour and even though they were nervous at first, they got into the swing of it all and had a great afternoon.

Rainbow Laces

Next week our Mental Health Champions will be selling rainbow laces for £1 a pair. The money raised goes to anti-bullying charity Stonewall whose iconic Rainbow laces have become a signal of LGBTQ+ inclusion across sport and fitness

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Fridays	Please join us for Collective Worship – 9.05am
Tues 5th April	Easter Service 10-12pm, at school and church
Fri 8th April	Drop Everything and Play session - Class 1 9:30-10:30am Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26th April
Friday 27th May	Additional training Day – school closed

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Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Leo and Jorja		**This week**	37	60	33
		Total for year	1638	1539	1288

Class News

What a wonderful Drumba session we had this week! The children all did an amazing job, no matter what their age, and they were all positive and determined to take on all of the challenges. They kept it up all afternoon and were exhausted by the end!

In Class 1 we have focused our English lessons on the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel. We have written descriptions of characters, made predictions, created trails of objects for others to follow, created a role-play house of sweets, wrote a diary entry and wrote letters. We were very relieved when the children found their way back home in the end!

Brass Performance in School

A really important part of the music curriculum is performance and sharing music with others. The children have been working really hard in their brass ensemble this term, but what would help them to progress further is an opportunity to perform to an audience. Next week Mr Batty is hoping some parents might like to come and watch the second part of the brass lesson at 10am to give children the experience of performing the two pieces they have been working on to a friendly audience. We recognise this might be awkward timing, but if even just a couple of parents came, it would give that sense of occasion that the children are needing. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

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
Thursday 7th April	Easter service 2pm
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26th 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:	Evelyn	Millie			**This week**	58	57	52
Class 2:	Claudia		Serenity		**Total**	**686**	**657**	**660**

News from Class Two

This week East Cowton took part in a Drumba session. The children from Class 1 and Class 2 enjoyed this thoroughly! They went through a rhythmic journey by drumming to fast paced songs. They then incorporated Zumba moves-such as how to squat with good technique- and various drumming beats and rhythms.

Today, Year 5 and 6 children have been learning about Darwin's theory of evolution and how Finches' beaks have evolved to adapt to their habitat. From this we have found that when Finches only had small seeds available to eat, their beaks evolved to be sharp and pointy. They discussed fair testing, variables and learnt how to work out mean averages. The children found the lesson exciting and are looking forward to moving forward with this topic!

Class 2 children have shown courage and resilience this week whilst doing the Spring term assessments. They have all made us proud! However, the majority of the class failed to read the instructions on an 'April Fool' assessment Congratulations to Claudia and Daniel, who did not fall for this and to Nate, who made the best cow noise! It was nice to have some fun and la laugh at the end of a busy week!

Friends of School

Thank you to the Friends of School for organising a brilliant disco for the children on Thursday night. Everyone had a fabulous time. **Reminder for donations for the Chocolate Bingo.**

Easter Eggstravaganza Events

Egg decorating – Each year our children decorate a hard-boiled egg to enter into our competition which will take place on Thursday 7th April. Children can pick any theme they like, whilst the eggs are decorated in school, children are welcome to bring a small back-drop to help display their eggs which can be prepared at home.

Egg rolling and Egg bash – Children will need to bring 2 hard boiled eggs to school on the last day of term Friday 8th April to participate in the egg rolling and egg bash events.

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
Monday 4th April	Class One parent's evening
Tuesday 5th April	Easter Service in church at 2pm
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26th April
Tuesday 3rd May	AM: Year 5/6 Science session at Richmond School - PM Years 1/2 Multi Skills Comp
Friday 27th May	Training day – school closed return after half term on Monday 6th June
Wed 8th to Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential to East Barnby

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1:	Benjamin & Henry	Jess & Rose	**Carpenter's Cup:** Thomas
Class 2:	Carter & Nathan	Tilly & Kit	**Monkey:** All of the year 6s
Class 3:	Samuel, Florie, Alanna	Noah, Joseph & Chloe	**Kindness award:** Oliver

News From Class 2

It has been another exciting few weeks in class 2. We are very deep into our topic of money and all children have enjoyed counting their coins. We have been looking at the true story of the 3 little pigs and we found out that the 'big bad wolf' was very misunderstood! In our foundation topics, the year 2s have looked into their own pasts and interviewed family members and friends as part of their homework. Similarly, the year 3s loved learning about Willance's leap and their trip to Richmond was a great success.

Church School

A wonderful time was had by all on Wednesday night with the return of Messy Church with the theme of Easter. 27 children stayed after school to enjoy card making, colouring and word searches – even pre-school joined in. The highlight, of course, was the delicious food and the amazing cake. All the children had a wonderful time. "I liked the colouring in" Lily-May. " I really liked when we were given the crosses" Phoebe
Our Easter service will be at Kirby Hill church next Friday (8th). We will be walking to church and including some stops to perform the stations of the cross on the way. Parents are welcome to join us for the walk up – leaving around 9am or meet us at church for 10am. The more the merrier!

Year 5/6 Tennis

Some children from year 6 visited Richmond School on Thursday to take part in a tennis tournament. They played singles matches against a number of opponents and even made some new friends. As always, they represented the school beautifully and managed to win some matches between them too. Well done everybody.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Friday 8th April	Easter service in church 10am (Replaces Parent worship at 2.40pm)
Monday 4th April	Deadline - Order class photos online by Monday 4th April for free delivery to school
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26th April
Monday 25th April	TRAINING DAY
FRIDAY 27th May	TRAINING DAY

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.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

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/dynamoscricket