Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Perseverance

Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Celebrations

What a wonderful week of celebrations we have had! We have been thinking about why Easter is important to Christians and have celebrated in a number of ways. Barton and Ravensworth Schools both performed the Stations of the Cross as part of a walk to church, with a final celebration in church. East Cowton were unable to use the church at the very last minute and carried out a service in school, and Kirkby Fleetham had a very special service in church led by Reverend Jenny.

It has been wonderful to see the creativity of the staff and also to see the confidence of the children flourish as they performed in front of parents and visitors.

Covid-19

Our provision is still being heavily affected by staff and pupils testing positive for covid. As you may be aware the guidance changed again last week. The latest guidelines say that children should stay at home if they have symptoms of a respiratory illness like covid-19. Children who test positive are now required to stay at home for **3 days**, but should not come back to school until they are well enough to do so.

2022/23 Term Dates

A number of parents have asked about the term dates for next year. These can be found on our website here: Academic calendar 2022/23 . Please may we remind parents that we will only authorise holidays in term time in exceptional circumstances. Children's schooling has been significantly disrupted over the past few years and it is essential that they are in school regularly. **Please could we ask that you do not book holidays in term time** as it is unlikely to be authorised. Even a few days out of school can have an impact on their learning.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. I hope you have a restful break, and look forward to seeing you back in school for the start of the summer term on **Tuesday 26th** April.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman

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:	Ivy	Sophie	Alice	Ivy	D'arcy
Class 2:	Florence	Maci	Maci and Oscar	Bear	Tom
Class 3:	Eva-Grace	Chloe	Chloe and Heath	Finley & Poppy	Finley

News from Class 3

This week in Class Three we had 'the best forest schools' session ever!' according to Fin and Oscar. I was so impressed by their organisation and team working abilities as they built hedgehog houses, created a fire pit, made bird feeders, and cleared and repaired flower beds and compost bins. As always, they were happy to roll their sleeves up and get a bit muddy! Our school field looks terrific and they're doing an amazing job for the environment, what a super way to show our school vision of 'Building Futures with Love'! We read a few more stories from 'Tales from the Inner City' by Shaun Tan and wrote our own heart-wrenching versions based on the orca story. In maths we showed terrific perseverance in our approach to tricky decimal problem solving and reasoning. They have worked so hard this term; they have definitely earned a lovely Easter break.

Easter Service

We loved being able to perform our Stations of the Cross service for parents in church this week. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the service, it was a super turn out. All of the children were amazing and sang 'When I Think About the Cross' and 'Risen' beautifully. An extra special well done to those who showed extra bravery and resilience by taking on the roles of others' who were off school ill, it's hard enough to learn and act out a script but they were willing to change roles and step up at the last minute. Class One stole the show at the end with their brilliant singing and dancing to 'Spring Chicken'! Abig thankyou to Mrs Whittle for the fabulous costumes.

Half Moon Egg Decorating Competition

During the Easter holidays, it's the Half Moon Easter Egg Competition on Sunday 17th April. There are three egg-type categories to enter and it's open to ages 0-7, 8-14 and 15+ groups.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Monday 25th April	Training day – school closed
Thursday 28th April	FS & KS1 visit to Richmond Castle – letter to follow
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
Fin, Hollie, Isaac and William		**This week**	38	31	27
		Total for year	1676	1570	1315

Class News

Thank you so much to all the parents who came to be a supportive audience for our brass players this week. After a stressful start with a poorly Mr Batty, Ms Coxon from East Cowton came flying to the rescue with her trumpet and managed to whip the children into shape in just half an hour before the performance. We are all so proud of the journey they have been on with this challenging instrument. Well done class two – you have proved yourselves to be masterful musicians!

This week we also took part in an Easter Service with a difference. The fabulous Rev Jenni Lane planned four stimulating activities around the church, exploring the themes of Integrity, Respect, Forgiveness and Love. It was so lovely to do something different and meaningful, and share these experiences with parents.

Friends Litter pick

A big thankyou to the fabulous Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School for organising this event last Sunday. Not only did they manage to get lots of litter removed from the road sides and green spaces around the village but they also served up some very delicious home made cakes! This was a lovely community event and it was great to see so many people there.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 25th April	Training Day – no children in school
Tuesday 26th April	Children return to school
Thursday 28th April	Class One Visit to Richmond castle
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

Pebble Award for Perseverance	House Cup Winners
Congratulations to **Daniel Harding**	Congratulations to **Bolton**

News from Class One

We have had a super start to the week in Class One and on Monday we enjoyed an Easter Eggstravaganza...

The children were busy all morning making Easter cupcakes, cards and preparing our wonderful Easter Garden for the service on Tuesday which I will come to in a moment. We were also treated to an Easter themed maths trail around our beautiful school grounds during which the children collected some yummy treats to share at home.

The **Easter Service** in school on Tuesday, I think you'll agree was delightful. All of the children worked extremely hard to remember their lines, song words and music but we were particularly impressed with our smallest children in the school joining in so passionately with their lovely singing voices. It was great to finally have parents back in school on Monday for parent's evening to meet with Mrs Whent and I face to face. Thank you all for attending and sharing in your child's successes.

Egg-cellent Easter Activities

The children demonstrated their egg-straordinary creativity to a very high standard in this week's egg decorating. Congratulations to: Faye, Millie, Serenity and Ruby for their cracking entries. It was a very close competition this year so well done to everyone!

The egg rolling and egg bash is always a favourite and it was great to see everyone cheering and willing the eggs to go further. Congratulations to Claudia for being the egg bash winner and Theo for being the egg rolling winner.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Parent Worship	Please join us for collective worship on Friday mornings at 9:05am
PE Kits needed:	**Wednesday** for whole school PE session with Kirkby Fleetham **Friday** afternoon – PE sessions for both classes – PE kits needed in school
Brass: Class 2	Don't forget your brass instruments on Thursdays
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – **return Tuesday 26th April**
Thursday 28th April	Class One Visit to Richmond castle
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 <u>return after half term on Monday 6th June</u>
Wed 8th to Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential to East Barnby

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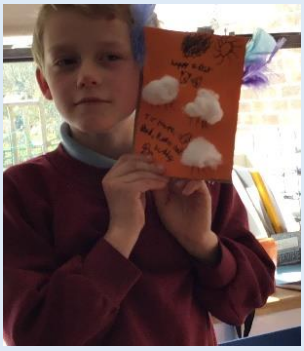
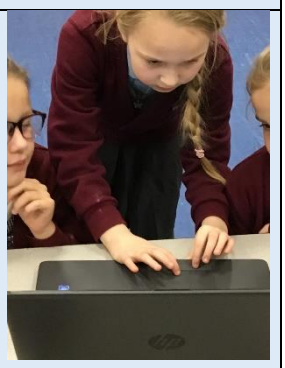
Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the Week	
Class 1	Lily-May & Louie	Isaac & Eli	**Carpenter's Cup:** Jackson
Class 2	James	Carter & Amber	**Monkey:** Bobby
Class 3	Melody, Lucy, Alanna & Chloe	Joe, Elliot & Effie	**Kindness award:** Elliot, Samuel, Florie & Charlotte

News From Class 3





Class 3 have had a really egg-citing week! Having worked hard to understand an incredibly challenging text in English (Tales from the Inner City by Shaun Tan) we hit the jackpot this week with stunning poetry created using a beautiful picture and an uplifting story. The quality of the language and creativity amazed me – we are inspired to create a class poetry book with the work. The whole class are now doing battle with fractions (although Year 6 children are focused more on linking them to decimals and percentages) It is not easy, but the children have shown great resilience and as a result are making great progress. We've completed our work on local history too this week. We've all learnt such a lot about the local area, but also how historians work and draw conclusions based on evidence. Make sure you quiz the children, next time you are in Richmond, about the strange railway tracks hidden down the side of the Georgian theatre or the previous life of the village hall in Ravensworth (the clue is on the roof).

Finally, we bid a tearful goodbye to Melody and her family who are moving away this Easter. We are so grateful that we got to meet you and spend a term getting to know you Melody. Good luck with your move.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

What an amazing display of decorated eggs we had in school this week – they were truly egg-cellent!! Well done to all the children who took the time to make their creation and then struggle into school with it. Many thanks to Mrs Bateman for judging (a near impossible job) and the Friends for supplying the delicious prizes.

Mr Irons

Today we bid a fond farewell to the wonderful Mr Irons. I'm not sure we can really say how much the whole school will miss his PE lessons, his exciting science and entertaining collective worship every Monday. He is such an important part of our little school and has often been the one to step in to fix a problem when nobody else could. However, it is Class 2 who will miss him the most of all. They have loved his lessons and never-ending patience! We would all like to wish him the best of luck in his new role and hope that he will stay in touch and maybe even call in for a visit once in a while.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter – return Tuesday 26th April
Monday 25th April & Friday 27th May	TRAINING DAY
Thursday 28th April	FS & KS1 visit to Richmond Castle

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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