Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year Musical Celebration

Well, what a stunning way to end the term! It was wonderful to see all the children from all four schools performing on stage together for a fabulous musical extravaganza on Wednesday night at The Forum in Northallerton. After a full-on day of rehearsals and preparations, the children pulled off an impressive show including singing, dancing and playing instruments. Highlights included the amazing four-school brass band, led by Archie Batty. Along with some impressive brass band pieces, they also bravely attempted some impromptu jazz improvisation. The dance troops from each school, who had only ever practiced separately, managed to choreograph some wonderful and challenging dances all together, and even our very youngest pupils took to the floor, following some very tricky moves! There were also poignant moments where we said goodbye to our fabulous Year 6, and also Mrs Dudman 'This is She!'. By far the biggest thrill of the evening however, was hearing the voices of every child at Cornerstones, singing their hearts out and pulling together as one. Each school brought with them their own unique little piece of magic, but together they sounded sensational. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for pulling together to make this happen.

A Final Goodbye to Year 6

The Year 6 children in all four schools took part in Leaver's Services in their own schools this week. They have been a fabulous cohort, both collectively and individually and we wish them all the very best in the new directions they are forging in September.

On a personal note, I just wanted to say a huge Thank you to all parents, staff, governors and children for their support over my many years at Kirkby Fleetham and East Cowton, and more recently at Barton and Ravensworth. I have been completely overwhelmed by all your lovely messages and generous gifts this week, Thank you so much - I will miss everyone enormously.

Each of our four schools is unique and has its own very special character, though as we saw at the show on Wednesday, they are now also making the most of all the benefits of working as part of the partnership of Cornerstone schools. We have a very strong staff team across the four schools and I'm sure that under the excellent leadership of Mrs Petch for the next two terms, the schools will continue go from strength to strength.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday filled with fun and sunny days!

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week:

Class News

We have had to overcome lots of challenges this week, from the intense heat, to performing in a theatre then working in school most of the day without electricity and the children have blown us all away with their endurance, determination and courage. To help us cope in the heat we have taken some lessons outside and spent some time cooling ourselves down by playing in and sitting with our feet in iced water, we even had ice-pops during lessons!! We have received some amazing new large soft play items which we really enjoyed exploring in PE. We are also reaping the fruits of our labour from the fruits and vegetables we planted at the beginning of term, we have some tomatoes coming through and we thoroughly enjoyed tasting the cucumber we have managed to grow too! We are so proud of all the children in our schools, and we are sure you will agree they were absolutely tremendous at Wednesday night's performance, and they loved putting on the show as much as many of you have told us you loved watching it. Heath said that he was very proud of how good the brass ensembles were and never thought that it would have been as good as it was! Thank you for coming along to our Sports day too, the children once again performed brilliantly and there was lots of great sportsmanship been shown too. Well done everyone! Happy Summer holidays to you all.

'Goodbye's and 'Thank You's

Mrs Harris and Mrs Allan-Hooks will both have their last day at Barton on Friday. During their time here Mrs Harris and Mrs Allan-Hooks have taught almost every child currently in our school! They have both been key parts of our Barton team and we will miss them both. We presented them with gifts and cards from parents and staff in Thursday afternoon's collective worship. We wish Mrs Harris all the best in her new role at Ravensworth and hope Mrs Allan-Hooks has a wonderful time in her retirement. Hopefully they'll both come back and visit us for a catch-up!

Updates

Parent Pay – Please make sure all debts in Parent Pay are cleared for the end of term.

Barton – Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd July	No morning Celebration Worship today Year 6 Leavers' Lunch – 12:30 for Y6 parents Year 6 Leavers' Service – 1:00pm all welcome

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
All of the children for their excellent performances on Wednesday!		**This week**	37	35	24
		Total for year	2331	2188	1799

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 94.4%

Class News

What an incredible last week of term! We've had to contend with record-breaking, sizzling hot temperatures, along with huge preparations for a big show, all whilst managing a multitude of emotions as we say some fond goodbyes to some very special people! The highlight of the week was most certainly our amazing performance at The Forum in Northallerton, where Kirkby Fleetham children sang, danced and played instruments alongside all our four Cornerstones Schools. We were all so proud of our Kirkby Fleetham children, who conducted themselves impeccably both on and off stage. Their two songs were a big hit, and it's always a proud moment to share our wonderful school song film, which we put together this time last year. Gosh, so much has happened since then!

We also managed to turn the boiling heat into rather a lot of fun, ending in a hilarious half an hour, where Mrs Hume and Mrs Wheatley decided to douse the children in water! The internet had melted, nothing was working, so really there was nothing to do other than have a good old-fashioned water fight!

It was also wonderful to have a proper leaver's service again after Covid put a stop to proceedings. Some very special awards were given out for some marvellous achievements this year including: The Endeavour and Improvement Award which went to Hollie Sherwood, The Vernon Plate for Creativity and Kindness which went to Lucas Holme Pearce, The Mrs Wyatt Award for Endurance and Determination went to Edward Hilyer, The Excellence Award went to Rollo Sinclair, and the new 'Watch Us Grow' Award which went to William Hilyer.

Friends news

We are enormously proud and pleased to share that the Friends managed to raise a staggering £1021 from the Bedale car boot sale at the weekend! Please may we send our enormous thanks to everyone who helped with this event, it couldn't have been possible without your support.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Friday 22nd July	Break up for summer holidays
Monday 5th September	Training day
Tuesday 6th September	Children return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Well done to Team Bolton for winning the house cup this year. They won by six points, with a total of 1741.
The following children earned an owl for their headteacher awards: Millie (bronze,) Ruby and Lissy (gold)
Pebble award for 'Truthfulness' was awarded to George Reed

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 91.9%

News from Class

Well, we've made it the end of another school year- it has been fabulous! It is so lovely that we have managed a proper school year after the pandemic.

What a busy and hot week- the children put on a fabulous show on Wednesday night. The rehearsal day was fun and in equal measures chaotic, but the behaviour of the children was exceptional, and they had a wonderful time making new friends with children from across the Cornerstone schools. They worked hard to learn lines, practised their music for the brass band and performed with beautiful singing and rhythmic dancing. As a staff, we blown away by their confidence and enthusiasm.

Yesterday, we had our leavers service in church. The Year 6 shared their memories and said such lovely things about their time at East Cowton. The artwork displayed some individual personal qualities about each of our Year 6 leavers, whom we are extremely proud of and going to miss. Mrs Dudman was also presented with artwork and thoughts from the children- it was emotional saying our goodbyes. We hope they will be happy and successful in their new chapter next year.

All the staff at East Cowton School would like to wish you a restful and fantastic holiday. Stay safe children, and we look forward to seeing you all back (with some new additions joining us) in September.

Autumn Term Clubs

After school clubs will continue to run in September:

- Tuesdays - Mrs McAneary will run a history themed craft club
- Wednesdays - Matty will continue with sports
- Thursdays - Mrs Tongue will run a film club

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd July	Last day of school, break up for the summer holidays
Tuesday 6th September	Pupils return to school

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:			
	Stars of the Week	**Writers of the Week**	**Other Awards**
Class 1	Lily-May & Jess	Henry & Eli	**Monkey:** Samuel
Class 2	Thomas	Tilly & Phoebe	**Carpenters:** Rose
Class 3	Alanna, Elliot & Alfie	Florie, Chloe & Elizabeth	**Kindness:** Chloe

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 85.2%

News from Class 2

As another school year draws to a close, we definitely haven't slowed down here at Ravensworth. In Class 2 we have had lots of fun and exciting opportunities happening including performing at the Northallerton Forum for our end of year show. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we hope this is something we can continue with the other Cornerstones school in the future.
We also enjoyed bringing our bikes to school yesterday and learning all about being safe and steady on them.
We also held the Grand Final of our Stanwix Cup Tennis Tournament. It was a close match with both players putting up a hard fight to the end.

We also say a huge Good Luck to 3 members of staff today as Mrs Petch, Mrs McAneary and Miss Noble go on to further their teaching careers. Mrs Petch takes up the role of Interim Headteacher, Mrs McAneary is going to East Cowton and Miss Noble begins her teacher training here at Ravensworth.
We therefore say hello to Mrs Harris and Miss Gregory who will be teaching Class 2 and Class 3.

Gayles Quarry

We have heard from a number of you about your concerns around the proposed Gayles quarry. Our Governing body have submitted an objection and expressed our concerns for the safety of children walking to and from school.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Friday 22nd July	Break up for the summer holidays
Monday 5th Sept	Training day
Tuesday 6th Sept	Pupils return to school

Quick Links for Each School

BARTONSchool 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 FLEETHAMSchool 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 COWTONAdmin 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

RAVENSWORTHSchool 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-101930341769707https://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

Summer Football Holiday camp

j.lofthouse@jameslofthousefootball.com

Summer reading challenge
For this year's summer reading challenge, the Science Museum and the Reading Agency have joined forces. And children are invited to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them.
The reading challenge is for children aged 4 to 11, and encourages them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. The challenge starts on Saturday 16 July and finishes on Saturday 10 September.
To take part children need to sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful fold out poster showing the setting for this year's challenge - an imaginary community centre. We strongly recommend that children take part and keep reading over the summer.
Certificates are sent to schools in September and are presented in celebration worship.