Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After last night's sad news, the children have been marking the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in an age-appropriate way with their teachers, from writing prayers to watching some of her remarkable achievements over her long reign. We will continue to reflect on her life over this period of national mourning while also taking the opportunity to learn more about our monarchy and the changes this will bring. If there are any updates effecting school, we will let you now.

After a glorious summer of warm sunshine, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school with happy, smiling faces. An especially warm welcome to our new reception starters, getting to know both the children and their families has been a pleasure this week. We've had some new faces in older year groups too and even some long-lost friends returning for afar. September is always an exciting time of year for children and staff as we begin the year with high expectations for the year ahead of us.

Upcoming events

Autumn term is always a busy one. Staff are working hard to get dates in the diary for Harvest festivals, open days, Christingles and nativities. Please keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and we will let you know as soon as we have the dates booked in for these events.

Staff wellbeing

At our schools, we pride ourselves in making sure staff are available to parents - using class dojo or emails to message teachers directly is an important part of this. I would ask though, that parents are mindful of when they message staff. At Dales Academies Trust, we have a policy to email only between the hours of 8am – 6pm to ensure that staff can have that all important work/life balance. I'm sure you would all support us to achieve this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 100%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:				
	Star of the Week	**Writers of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**SEAL Award**
Class 1:	Arnie	Daisy & JJ	Freddie Weighell	Bea
Class 3:	Davey	Phoebe & Archie	Eva	Eva

Class News

We have had a wonderful first week back at school! It has been lovely seeing everybody back together with such terrific attitudes and lots of smiling faces. We have been getting used to our new classes and making friends with new classmates. In class everyone has come back ready to learn and school has been busy with hard workers. It has been lovely welcoming our new class one teacher Mrs Long and our new teaching assistant Mrs Godfrey to our school team. We are looking forward to welcoming parents back in for celebration worship on Friday afternoon again so that they can find out about everything we have been up to.

This term PE sessions will be on Monday and Friday afternoons for both KS1 and KS2, please make sure that children bring in a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and suitable footwear. As the weather continues to get wetter and colder they will also need joggers or tracksuit trousers and a hoodie or jacket to wear too. Planners and reading books have been sent out this week and we will be re-starting our reading challenge – please sign whenever children have read so that they can complete their stages. Homework will be sent out on Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact class teachers on Class Dojo, through email via the school admin email or in person on the playground at the start and end of the day.

Updates

ParentPay – Please ensure all debts are cleared from the previous school year.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Friday's	Collective Worship 3 –3:30pm – All Welcome!
Monday's	Multi Skills Sports 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 21st October	Break up for Half Term

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
William, Ollie and Isaac		**This week**	**34**	**23**	**26**
		Total for year	**34**	**23**	**26**

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 100%

Class News

What a wonderful start to our new school year! It was so lovely to see all the children after the summer break – they all seem to have grown up so much! We've already made a great start on our new topics, including 'Heroes' in Class 1 and World War II in Class 2. We've also made some changes to some of our school routines, such as collective worship and roles and responsibilities in school. Everyone in KS2 now has an important job description in our new 'Junior Management Team' including our wonderful Year 6 cohort who have stepped into Leo and Oscar's shoes with ease! The highlight of our week though has been welcoming our new pupil Oliver Pitcher, who started in nursery on Tuesday. He has made a fantastic start on his journey at Kirkby Fleetham and we can't wait to be by his side has he grows and flourishes. Oliver has been joined by new-starter Mrs May, who is currently covering Miss Follon's maternity leave. After just one week, Mrs May has been won over by our special little school and already feels part of the family! All the signs suggest a wonderful, positive and happy year of learning ahead.

Friends news

The Great Big Green Week

Please keep Sunday 25th September free in your diary as the friends are organising another litter pick in the village followed by delicious refreshments back at school afterwards. All equipment such as litter pickers and bin bags will be provided- they just need helpers! If you have any queries please contact Verena on 07500480232.

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
PE kits and water bottles	Every Monday - to be left in school for the week
Brass lessons every Thursday	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
Friday 21st October	Break up for half term
Monday 31st October	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Star of Week Class One- Leon **Star of week Class Two- Millie**	**Caring Bear- Nate Raw** **Please could you all look for the Achievement Shield and Listening cup at home!**

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 97.5%

News from Classes 1 & 2

What a wonderful start to the school year we've had in classes 1 and 2. The children have come in raring to go and excited about being with their friends again.
In Class 2, work has begun using the picture book Rose Blanche. This is such a powerful picture book based on a child's experience of World War II that they haven't got beyond the front cover yet! In maths they've been working on Roman numerals – this is quite a challenge but such a great life skill for when out and about. Our history learning this term is all based on World War II – what a fascinating topic that I know the children will absolutely love learning about.

This week in class one, there has been many special moments…Watching our Year 2 children support and care for their peers. They have risen to the challenge, being the oldest in the class and have enjoyed the roles of responsibility.
Watching our year one children, recall learning from last year and encourage each other has been wonderful see. They have settled back in and been busy exploring and playing with their new EYFS friends.
Watching the developing friendships blossom with our new children, as they find out about each other. They are a fabulous bunch and already have bonded well together!

Our new topic has started on heroes. They've loved dressing up and role playing as part of the topic, although the dreaded rain has stopped playing outside on a few occasions. Phonics and maths lessons have started, as well as starting our new text 'Incredible you'. We have been using lots of positive words to describe ourselves and how unique and special we are!

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Flu Immunisation	Monday 3rd October 2022 – please see the attachment on the email with instructions to give consent.
Clubs starting next week	Tuesday – History craft club, Wednesday – Sports club, Thursday – film club.
Harvest Festival	Sunday 24th September at 4.00pm, St Mary's Church, South Cowton – all are welcome to attend. Contributions of non-perishable food are always welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:	
	Stars of the Week
Class 1	All of reception & Dasha
Class 2	George, Harvey & Thomas
Class 3	Charlotte

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 99.2%

News

What a wonderful first week we have had back at school, with a real mixed bag of weather, everyone has settled in well and are enjoying being back with their classmates both old and new, the reception children are a welcome addition to the Ravensworth family, as is George who we are very glad to welcome back, it is also lovely to have Mrs Harris and Mrs Gregory join us too. We are looking forward to sharing all the exciting learning we have planned over the coming term as we explore our topic - We Could Be Heroes in all our classes.

This term PE sessions will be on Monday and Friday afternoons, please make sure that children bring in a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and suitable footwear. As the weather continues to get wetter and colder, they will also need joggers or tracksuit trousers and a hoodie or jacket to wear too. Planners and reading books have been sent out this week and we will be re-starting our reading challenge – please sign whenever children have read so that they can complete their stages. Homework will be sent out on Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact class teachers on Class Dojo, through email via the school admin email or in person at the start and end of the day.

Brass Lessons for Key Stage 2 will commence next week, day to be confirmed.

Friends

The Friends of Ravensworth School are looking for new members; if your child has just started this term or if they were already at school but you are now looking to get more involved, please do let the school office know. It is great fun and very rewarding raising funds for the school towards things that benefit all our children. We look forward to hearing from you!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Fridays (from 16th Sept)	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Monday 12th Sept	After school sports club with Matty starts
Thursday 6th Oct	Tempest Photography in to take individual photos
Fri 21st Oct	Break up for October half term

Quick Links for Each School

BARTONSchool Lunch Menu: School Lunch information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term dates 2022-2023

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 2022-2023

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 2022-2023
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 2022-2023
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.