Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Respect

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festivals

Our celebration of Harvest has continued this week with the Barton service last Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents and the local community in attendance, continuing the traditions established many years ago. Your donations, as always, were generous and are on their way to Influence Church Foodbank. Our final two Harvest Festivals take place next week – Ravensworth on Tuesday and East Cowton on Thursday. Please join us.

Open Evenings

This week we have held open evenings in all four schools for potential new starters next September. Many thanks to parents who have promoted our school either via word of mouth or by sharing our posts on Facebook. We have been really pleased by how well attended they have been and have hopes of a bumper year for applications across the collaboration.

World War II Topic

Whenever I walk into a school at the moment, I am greeted by fascinating family heir looms that families have very generously let children bring into school. What a wonderful way for children to learn about history, by holding it in the palms of their hand! The stories behind the artifacts really bring history to life. We are incredibly grateful to you all for supporting us in this way – it will hopefully spark a passion for history that will last a lifetime.

Holiday Requests

As a parent myself, I fully understand the lure of booking a holiday during term time. Prices are often doubled during school holidays which makes the affordability, even of holidays in this country, a real challenge. However, the government have tightened up guidance on schools being able to authorise a family holiday during term time and as such, it is unlikely that I would be able to authorise it. The government guidance states:

"As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday"

Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 95.2%

	Star of the Week	**Writers of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**Values Award**
Class 1:	Tommy H	Freddie Wa & Sophie	Bea	Peaches
Class 3:	William	Isla and Cayleb	Tom	Davey

News from Class 1

This week we walked into class to find that Traction Man, the hero of our English book, had been having adventures in class and had photographed them on the class I-pad. He'd watered our plants, played skittles outside and even ventured down to the hall to read in the prayer tent! The reception children then took photos of what he got up to next whilst the Year 1 and 2 children wrote wonderful sentences using time connectives to sequence his adventures.

As artists, the Year 1 and 2 children have been investigating tone, shade, line and pattern and as theologians we have been discussing the importance of saying sorry and forgiveness.

Afterschool Club

The Afterschool Club is up and running and available for the following times; Monday and Tuesday 3:30-5pm and Wednesday and Thursday 3:30-5:30pm. It is now chargeable in 30-minute slots so 3:30-4pm, 3:30-4:30pm, 3:30-5pm and 3:30-5:30pm to accommodate all parents with wraparound care. Each 30 minutes is charged at £2.50 and will be put on ParentPay each Friday.

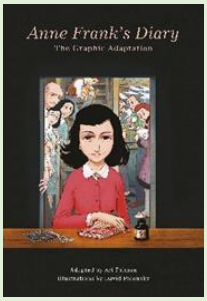
Barton – Dates for your diary	
Friday's	Collective Worship 3 –3:30pm – All Welcome!
Monday's	Multi Skills Sports 3:30-4:30pm R-Yr6 children
Wednesday 19th October	Friends AGM 3:30pm in school
Friday 21st October	Break up for Half Term **Return Monday 31st October**
Monday 24th October	Catch up Clinic for Flu immunisation @ Friary Hospital, Richmond 9:30-1:30pm
Tuesday 1st November	Tempest School Photographs - PM
Tuesday 8th November	Parents Evening – Details to follow
Thursday 10th November	KS1 Trip to Bowes Museum – Details to follow
Friday 11th November	Yr5/6 Young Playleader Training – Details to follow
Tuesday 13th December	Christmas Community Lunch – Details to follow

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Ollie, Jorja and Niven		**This week**	29	28	46
		Total for year	176	169	177

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

Class News



Heroes

Our over-arching learning question this term is 'Who were the real heroes of the early 20th Century?' and we have been keeping a class log of people we come across who have 'heroic' qualities. It is becoming very clear that not all heroes wear capes! We have added 'mothers' onto our list this week, after learning about the terrible decision-making women had to face about whether to send their children to the countryside, never knowing if they would see then again. We've also added Rose Blanche to the list – the main character from our English text, and also Anne Frank, whose experiences during the war have made us think really deeply about the realities of war.

Black History Month

This October we are celebrating Black History Month and today we listened to a live story reading of 'The Cowfoot Prince' from Settle Stories as part of Yorkshire Festival of Stories. The children loved this engaging session and took part in some lively African drumming and dancing, as they travelled with a spider and a prawn across African lands! Throughout next week we will listen to a full variety of stories that celebrate black authors and culture. The links to the stories are on Class Dojo so you can listen to them again at home.

Class 1

We have been loving reading our class text, Traction Man, for the last few weeks and today we had a surprise visitor! It looks like he had been playing in some of our areas and getting up to some mischief and we found all sorts of photos of his adventures on the iPad. We've used this exciting story to learn about different sentence types, about nouns, verbs and adjectives, and about different types of writing such as letters and character descriptions.

Mrs May

We are thrilled to be able to share the news with you that Mrs May has been appointed to cover Miss Follon's maternity leave. Since the start of term, she has proved to be a very valuable addition to our team and we are all very pleased she applied for the role.

Friends news

Please note that the Friends AGM will be held at school on Wednesday 19th October at 7pm followed by a general meeting afterwards. Please feel free to come along and get involved with the amazing and invaluable work that they do to support our wonderful little school – all are welcome!

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
Tuesday 18th October	Years 5 and 6 tag rugby
Friday 21st October	Break up for half term
Monday 31st October	Return to school
Tuesday 6th December	Flu immunisations

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Minni **Star of week Class Two: Lucy** **Listening Cup: Kasper** **Achievement shield: Noah**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	117	100	95
	Total for year	289	225	222
	Team Star	Ted	Minni & Isobelle	Wilbur

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 96.9%

News from Class 2

What was it like to have food rations during WW2? Well, this week we found out! We were surprised at how little meat was allocated to one person each week, but we learnt we could make it go further by adding lots of vegetables- some of which would have been homegrown. However, what they lacked in meat, was made more exciting by what appeared to be a huge amount of milk and sugar!

The children set to work following war time recipes to sample some of the culinary delights. We had 'Trench Stew' made from vegetables, stale bread and corn beef; the Irish soda bread had a 'Marmite' effect on the class. The favourites (that we'd all eat again) were the shortcake and eggless sponge!

I'm looking forward to seeing some brilliant recount writing in our English sessions next week.

Whole school notices:

Harvest Festival 20th October 2:30pm at East Cowton Church. From Monday, we are collecting tinned and packet food for the food bank which is run by the Influence Church in Richmond. If you would like to donate, please send it in with your child for the class teacher to store.

As staff, we have noticed that many of our children are finding using cutlery at dinner time challenging. Although we endeavour to teach and show children how to do this, some help from adults at home would be beneficial. By the end of Reception, children are expected to have this fine motor skill established. The 'Early Learning Goal' is as follows: *Fine Motor Skills ELG: Children at the expected level of development will use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. There are a lot of children in KS2, who also need reminding how to use cutlery to eat as some rely on fingers to eat all meals- including gravy!* A little bit of practice each day, for all children, will soon have the skill mastered- we are on the lookout to reward those trying with Dojos. Thank you for your continued support.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

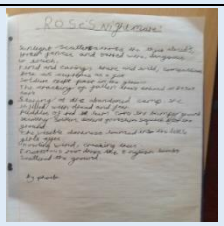
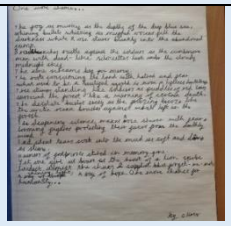
Tuesday 18th October	Tag rugby tournament for some Class 2 children- separate email to parents of those attending.
Thursday 20th October	Harvest Festival: 2.30pm at East Cowton Church
Friday 21st October	Break up for half term
Wednesday 9th November	Parents Evening: details to follow
Wednesday's	Afterschool club: Sports with Matty
Thursday's	Afterschool club: History themed craft club with Mrs McAneary
Friday's	Parent collective worship, from 9.00am - everyone is welcome

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:			
	Stars of the Week	**Writer of the week**	**Other awards**
Class 1	Isabelle & Lily-May	Jessica, Dasha and Rose	**Monkey:** Amber
Class 2	Oliver, Nathan, Phoebe	Oliver and Ellie	**Carpenter:** Henry
Class 3	Florie	Samuel and Effie	**Kindness:** Florie

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 91.8%

News from Class 2

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks of learning in Class 2; all the children have become really engaged with the English text Rose Blanche and have written some wonderful descriptive pieces and awesome poetry; it has been such a pleasure to share such enthusiastic learning. We have completed our learning on place value in maths and will move onto addition and subtraction over the next few weeks. In science, we have had great fun exploring light - investigating which materials are most reflective; how mirrors work and why we must protect our eyes from the sun. All the children were very impressive in their sportsmanship and support for each other during the Cross-Country event we attended last week at Richmond School, we even had a heat winner and third place finalist from our class – well done to Zoe! We are very grateful for the wonderful memories and artifacts that have been shared to support our learning about WW2 helping to bring our learning to life, the children have been very enthusiastic to share all the things they learned about their relatives and family friends. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Open Evening last night and to welcome some new visitors, thank you very much for your support.

Harvest Festival

It is our annual Harvest Festival on Tuesday 18th. It is our intention to walk to church, however, if the weather is unkind (or a herd of cows appear in the field overnight!), we will relocate to school. As always, parents are very welcome to join us on the walk to church. We will be leaving at 8:45am; if you'd prefer to meet us at church, the service is due to start at 9:30am. We would recommend wellies and coats for the walk, especially for the children. Fingers crossed the sun shines on us!

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child(ren) will be bringing home their Cauliflower Cards Christmas artwork next week. If you would like to help raise funds for the school and order some Christmas gifts or cards, please order your products online as detailed on the form and return the form to school. We kindly ask for all forms to be returned to the school no later than 1pm Friday 21st October 2022. Should you have any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact the school office.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Thursdays	KS2 Brass Lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Tues 18th Oct	Harvest Festival in church – 9.30-11.30am, Parents welcome!
Thurs 20th Oct	Ravensworth School Friends Film Night – see email
Fri 21st Oct	Break up for October half term
Mon 31st Oct	Pupils return to school FLU IMMUNISATION – please remember to complete online consents
Tues 8th Nov	Parents Evening – 4.00 to 6.30pm
Thurs 10th Nov	KS1 Trip to the Bowes Museum – details to follow
Fri 18th Nov	School Friends & Great North Air Ambulance Collection – details to Follow

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON

School 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

KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School 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 via APC

Newsletter: 4 School newsletters link

EAST COWTON

Admin 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

RAVENSWORTH

Admin email: admin@ravensworth.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term dates 2022-2023

Wraparound care: Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - smile.amazon.co.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: school/uniform/

Parent pay: ParentPay Login

Newsletter: 4 school newsletters link

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