Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Respect

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first two weeks back after half term have flown by with children super busy both in classrooms and outside at events. The children have been full of their adventures at the weekend, watching firework displays and enjoying the festivities.

Remembrance

All children and staff took part in a minute's silence as an act of remembrance. As always in our schools, this was observed perfectly with all children showing respect and taking the time to reflect, even the very youngest children. Last week, myself and Mrs Bateman (one of our governors) took three of our service children to Ripon Cathedral. It was a spectacular and moving service which culminated in a piper playing a lament. George said, "What I liked best was not being the only person in Cornerstone schools whose dad is in the military".

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday, we will all be wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. The theme for this year is 'Reach Out' which is all about encouraging children to speak out against bullying and not being the idle bystander. Children will be doing work around this next week, so be sure to quiz them! Further to this, I've attached some information about **Roblox** for parents – this is a very popular game but there are some safety issues that it may help you to be aware of.

Children in Need

Finally, a reminder. Next Friday is Children in Need and all children will be invited to come into school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation which we will send to the charity on your behalf.

Sickness bug

Unfortunately, we appear to have a sickness bug beginning to rear its ugly head this week. In order to try and stop it rampaging through our schools, I'd just like to remind you to keep children at home for 48 hours after their last episode of either sickness or diarrhoea. With any luck, this will keep it at bay as much as possible.

On that note, I hope you all have a lovely, sickness free, 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:	Bea	Sophie and D'arcy	Dylan	Arnie
Class 3:	Riley	Eva-Grace and Poppy	Davey	Tom

News from Class 1

We had such a wonderful time at The Bowes Museum yesterday. The children enjoyed learning about how toys have changed over the last 100 years and even got to play with some spinning tops, puppets and wind-up toys. We saw the beautiful automaton swan and learned about how it was made. The best part of the day for many was making our own peg dolls which we will bring home at the end of our history topic this half term. We were so tired by the end of the day that some of us fell asleep on the way back! We were so incredibly proud of the children for showing everyone at the museum their passion for learning and excellent behaviour. Don't forget to log onto Seesaw to see lots more photos of our fantastic day. ☺

The Great SPOTacular Coffee Morning

On Friday 18th November we will be holding a coffee morning in school to raise funds for Children in Need. The event will run from 9.15am until 10.30am. Come along and enjoy refreshments and cake with other parents – children will join you in the hall during this time. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.
Children are welcome to come into school in their own 'SPOTTY' clothes for a small donation.

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 for **every child**, 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
Thursday 17th November	Friends Autumn Disco 5:30-7pm
Friday 18th November	Child in Need Coffee Morning 9:15-10:30am
Thursday 1st December	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a coloured item for the Hampers – info to follow
Friday 2nd December	Friends Santa Fun Run - pm
Tuesday 6th December	Class 1 Nativity – 2:30pm
Friday 9th December	Christingle – Details to follow
Saturday 10th December	Friend's Christmas Bonanza @ Barton Village Hall, 9:30-1:30pm
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
Esme, Fin and George		**This week**	26	36	48
		Total for year	262	261	294

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 89.4%

Class News

On Tuesday our year 6 children joined East Cowton and Osmotherley schools in Northallerton for a play leaders training session. The children took turns leading various games, building communication, creativity and confidence skills to bring back to the playground!

Class 1

It's been a busy week in Class 1! We have started learning how to programme a robot, we created artwork and poems about fireworks and we began to learn the Nativity story. Have a read of these amazing poems:

People looking up

Out of the black

night sky

Purple, yellow,

blue fireworks cracking.

by Luke

Sizzling, sparkling fireworks.

Noise banging in the sky.

All the people were looking up.

Pop went the rockets!

by Beau

New Clubs!

Please note that we will be starting a special sports club in preparation for the Ultimate Warriors Competition which involves challenging yourself with speed bounces, shuttle runs, step ups and star jumps. The club will be run by a specialist sports coach and starts on Monday 21st November 3.30-4.30pm. If you would like your child/ren to attend, please complete the out of school club booking form in the usual way.

We are also holding 2 special Christmas craft clubs in order for the children to create some amazing things to sell at the village Christmas fair. These sessions will be free, however you must book your child/ren in in the usual way using the out of school club booking form, many thanks.

Toddler group

Kirkby Fleetham Toddler Group will be back up and running on Tuesday mornings 9.15 – 11.00 starting on 15th November. Please spread the word!

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 18th November	Children In Need Day – non uniform day
Friday 18th November	Height and weight checks for year 6
Tuesday 6th December	Flu immunisations

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Tobias **Star of week Class Two: Nate** **Listening Cup: Isobelle-** **Achievement shield: Lilly**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	Rollover	Rollover	Rollover
	Total for year			
	Team Star			

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News from the classes

Look what Lilly has been working on during her time in breakfast club. She has shown both patience and resilience in building this awesome 'Snowman' out of Polydrons- I wonder what she will be building next!

In Cass One, on Monday, we were extremely lucky to welcome the 'Dogs Trust' into school. Our children listened to our visitor so beautifully and asked some important questions. Some children were selected to help us remember the 5 'Happy Dog Rules.' We hope they have shared this information with you at home.

We have also shared our Bonfire Night stories- year one & two produced some fantastic acrostic poems. The reception children exploded colourful paints onto their firework pictures!

We did a special history lesson this week and talked about the importance of Remembrance Day. We listened to stories such as' Mark's First Poppy' and 'Where the Poppies used to Grow.' I wonder if the children can remember the poem, we shared in the session too…

We wear a poppy in November,
To show that we're proud,
And that we remember.

The children throughout the school have created a beautiful memorial wreath that was laid on the War memorial at church. If you find the opportunity, please do pop along over the weekend to take a look at their work; you may like to reflect on the lives lost in the wars.

In Class 2 some of us had a good cry whilst watching a video story about two soldiers in WW1. We learnt about 'The National Remembrance Arboretum;' the unmarked graves of unknown military personnel; and of course, we reminded ourselves of why we wear poppies with the leaf at 11am and close to our heart. Ted, Charlie, Nate and Daniel shared some heart-felt prayers they had written.

Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6, who took part in the 'Play Leaders' training at Northallerton Leisure Centre. Although the session was cut short due to a very long bus journey, they still managed to learn some new skills and games to play on the yard with all the children.

Christmas Dates
Please save the following dates for our Christmas activities:
Christmas Wreath making event – Friday 2nd December, 7pm at the Village Hall – please see the poster attached to the email for more information.
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December.
Christmas Lunch – Friday 9th December.
Christingle Service & **Nativity** – Tuesday 13th December in the Church – more details to follow.
Christmas Party – Friday 16th December in the morning, followed by a film in the afternoon.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 16th November	Friends of the school AGM
Thursday 17th November	Film night – Friends of the school event – please complete the consent form if your child is attending.
Friday 18th November	Children in Need – non school uniform – donations welcome!
Tuesday 29th November	School Photos – younger siblings can have photos from 8.30am in the hall.
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	**Writers of the week**	**Other awards**
Class 1	All of C1	Art, Sophie & William	**Monkey:** Holly
Class 2	Zoe, April & Carter	Jackson & Kit	**Carpenter:** Poppy
Class 3	Max	Florie & Max	**Kindness:** Nathan

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 96.8%

News from Class 2

It was lovely to meet you all for the Parents evening on Tuesday and to share with you all the fantastic learning we have been doing in Class 2.
In English we have moved on to a new text; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe where the children have been exploring how to make fantastic descriptive phrases using similes, metaphors and synonyms and to use a variety of sentence openers to make their writing more interesting.
In maths we have been learning how to be more efficient in adding and subtracting, the children are enjoying learning how to work smarter rather than harder!
We have had lots of fun in the afternoons too, in geography we are extending our learning about the continents, the children are enjoying singing the Continent song to consolidate their learning, in RE we had a visit from Rev. Anthony who helped us to better understand why people believe in God, the children had lots of interesting questions to ask.
Last week we also enjoyed a visit from Skip2Bfit's Dave who was super impressed with the progress the children have made in their skipping and the effort and positive attitude they showed during the sessions.

Can we just remind you that the children have PE on Monday and Friday afternoons and must bring in PE kits each week, with warm kit such as hoodies, leggings/joggers and socks for the girls if they are wearing tights? Thank you!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Thursdays	KS2 Brass Lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Fri 18th Nov	Children in Need – non uniform day, donations welcome!
Fri 18th Nov	School Friends & Great North Air Ambulance Collection – see attached flyer
Mon 5th Dec	Christingle Service at 5pm in the church – **after school club will finish at 4.30pm this day**
Wed 8th Dec	Christmas lunch – 12-1pm – please see email and book your lunch by 23.11.22 Christmas Jumper Day Friends Christmas Disco from 5.30-7.00pm
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Nativity - **after school club will finish at 4.30pm this day**
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Party - children to bring party clothes into school with them

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