Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Respect

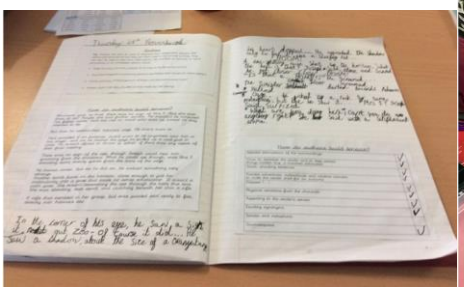
Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sound of Christmas is beginning to fill the schools already as the children begin to work on their Christingle services and Nativities. There really is no nicer place to be than a primary school in the run up to Christmas: the singing, the craft and the excitement makes for happy (if excitable) children. The calendar is rapidly filling up with Christmas events, so please make a note of the important dates for your school so you are able to join us wherever possible. You may well be asked for donations, costumes or help with learning lines for nativities – thank you for all your support.

Wonderful work

Despite it beginning to feel a little festive, of course the hard work doesn't stop with wonderful writing based on the class novels, sewing in DT, stunning poetry based on the work of famous wartime poets and exciting experiments in science. Most of the children are showing a real pride in their work; they are keen to share with me what they have been doing when I pop into classes. Keep up the good work everybody; you should all be very proud.



Flu season

Winter bugs are beginning to take their toll on our children, staff and even visitors, with regular cancellations for activities planned. The most up-to-date advice on the dreaded covid is: if a child tests positive, they must stay at home for three days. If they are still unwell, obviously it would be wise to keep them at home until they feel better. For upset tummies, we ask that they stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode. Let's hope this latest sore throat and nasty cold beats a hasty retreat as soon as possible.

PUPIL PREMIUM/FSM CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

Have you had a recent change in circumstances? You may be eligible for your child to receive free school meals. For any queries, please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 95.1%

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	JJ	Dylan & Hunter	Tommy	Alice
Class 3:	Bear	Finley and Thomas	Oscar	Phoebe

News from Class 1

This week we had a visit from Susie at Dogs Trust who taught us how to stay safe when we meet dogs for the first time. Susie told us to speak to the owner first and then stand still to see if the dog would like to sniff us; don't stretch out a hand towards their face. If the dog approaches and takes in our scent, we then need to look for a waggling tail as a sign that the dog would like to be stroked. We must stroke the dog on its side, making sure we start nearest the head so that the dog can see what we are about to do. Only stroke for 3 seconds to see if the dog likes it. After that, if the dog is still close and wagging its tail, the dog is clearly happy to be stroked some more! We loved all the role-play activities and really enjoyed talking about our own pets too. ☺

Friends of Barton

Lots of upcoming events – Non-uniform for colour hampers, Santa Fun Run, Bottle tombola- contributions welcome, Christmas Raffle and lots of exciting things at the Christmas Bonanza on Saturday 10th December 9:30-1:30pm. We welcome any baking donations either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning!!

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 1st December	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a coloured item for the Hampers – info to follow
Friday 2nd December	Friends Santa Fun Run – 1:15pm
Tuesday 6th December	Class 1 Nativity – 2:30pm
Friday 9th December	Christingle 2:30pm in the Church – All welcome
Saturday 10th December	Friend's Christmas Bonanza @ Barton Village Hall, 9:30-1:30pm
Tuesday 13th December	Christmas Community Lunch – Turkey & all the trimmings followed by a Festive Pudding. Wear your Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 15th December	Childrens Christmas Parties

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Lucas, George and Beau		**This week**	**34**	**12**	**37**
		Total for year	**347**	**334**	**386**

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Class news

It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Duffield into school this week to help us learn Silent Night in German. The song will be part of our nativity this year, which is all about the story of how the song Silent Night came to be written and known so well. The children listened in awe as Mrs Duffield spoke German and taught them the correct pronunciation of the lyrics - we certainly have some budding linguists in the room!

We're LIVE!!!!!

We are VERY excited to announce, that our school song and video has gone live on The Friends of the School new Youtube channel! The Friends have been working incredibly hard on this over the last week, trying to get our song entered for a competition. As and when this is confirmed, we shall let you all know so that we can spread the word and VOTE VOTE VOTE! Our song and video is just wonderful and could be a very worthy winner of this competition, but we can't do it without votes. Thank you so much to the dedicated team of highly skilled and determined parents who have been working so hard on this. Please click on the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VD0ycyY3tGI to watch!

Out of school club

Our sports club with Jonnie on Monday was rather action packed - the children completed various tasks against the clock with some even managing to beat the coach himself! Well done to all those who came and worked so hard.

Thank you so much to all the children who came to our Christmas craft club this week, as you can tell from the picture, they have created some gorgeous decorations to sell at the forthcoming village Christmas fair! Let's hope next week is just as productive.

Toddler group

Kirkby Fleetham Toddler Group is back up and running on Tuesday mornings 9.15 – 11.00am. 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
Tuesday 29th November	Dogs trust visit
Friday 2nd December	School Christmas lights switch on 3.30pm
Saturday 3rd December	Kirkby Fleetham village Christmas Fayre at the village hall
Sunday 4th December	Christmas carols around the tree at the village hall
Monday 5th December	Skip to be fit
Tuesday 6th December	Flu immunisations
Monday 12th December	School nativity performance 6pm
Tuesday 13th December	School Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christingle 6pm

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Leon **Star of week Class Two: Chalie** **Listening Cup: Dan M** **Achievement shield: Thomas**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	51	54	38
	Total for year	412	375	392
	Team Star	Jack & Evelyn	Maddy & Dan	Kasper

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 95.9%

News from the class one

We have had another fabulous week in Class One with some very excited children; dare I say it, the Christmas preparations have begun!

We have started rehearsing for our special Nativity service which promises to be a tear-jerker, so get the tissues at the ready. The children have each been allocated a part and those with speaking parts, should have brought home some lines to practice. Please try and leave them in their bag, as we will be working on these in school.

In English, we are reading a wonderful text called 'Lost in the Toy Museum,' which links closely to our history topic 'exploring toys through the generations.' We are setting up our very own toy museum in the classroom and have asked the children to bring in some of their old toys (or indeed those of parents/grandparents) to show and display. We promise to look after them and will follow the museum rules of 'looking but not touching!'

In DT, we are continuing with our unit on puppets. We have designed our very own Superhero hand puppet, which we will be making over the coming weeks. We hope to use these in a puppet show at the end of term.

In science, we all took part in an investigation to find out what would be the best material for an umbrella. Goodness knows, we have needed one this week! They used water in a very controlled way and have improved so much in how they work together to support each other. They were brilliant at making predictions and using all their knowledge about materials to reason.

Christmas Dates

Please save the following dates for our Christmas activities:
Christmas Wreath making event – Friday 2nd December, 7pm at the Village Hall.
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December.
Christmas Lunch – Friday 9th December – please see the letter attached to the email.
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	
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	William & Sophie	Isabelle, Jess & Rose	**Monkey:** Louie
Class 2	April, James & Thomas	April & Nathan	**Carpenter:** April
Class 3	Max	Charlotte & Effie	**Kindness:** Nathan

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 90.2%

News from Class 1

We have had another successful and fun couple of weeks in class one 😊
A few weeks ago, we had a fabulous visit to Bowes Museum where we learnt all about how toys have changed over the last 100 years. We got to play with spinning tops, puppets and wind-up toys and we even saw the Silver Swan and how it was made. The children had so much fun and were so grateful for the opportunity. A highlight was being able to make our own peg dolls – something that has inspired many children to do the same in class one this week 😊
The visit lends itself well to our history topic where we are looking at how toys were different in the past to those we play with today. The children have enjoyed examining old and new toys and looking closely at the differences between them - focussing more specifically on the materials they are made from, how they move and how they are made. We have also started our new English text this week 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and the children have been busy making predictions, writing lists as well as writing descriptions all about their favourite toys!
Thank you to those who are continuing to read at home with their children. We have lots of children progressing through our reading challenge and earning their certificates/dip in the box. Reading for just 5 minutes per day can make a massive difference 📚

Friends of Ravensworth

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Great North Air Ambulance Service bag collection last week, we raised an amazing £244 for both the Air Ambulance and school!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Thursdays	KS2 Brass Lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Mon 5th Dec	Christingle Service at 5pm in the church – **after school club will finish at 4.30pm this day**
Thurs 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
Fri 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Tues 3rd Jan	**Non-pupil day** – staff training day
Weds 4th Jan	Children return to school

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