Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Respect

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nativities

This week our festive activities have started in earnest. Children have been busy rehearsing their Nativity plays, and staff and parents have had the challenge of finding costumes! The Nativity is such a traditional part of primary school life, which we had to do differently during Covid, so it is wonderful to be back to our tried and tested traditions. A big thank you to everybody involved from children and staff to the parents who have helped learn lines and encourage the 'big voices'. We all look forward to seeing you in school, if we haven't already, to watch the children in action.

Christmas Lunch

This week two of our schools have had their Christmas lunch, with the other two planned for next week. It always amazes me how our wonderful cooks manage it. Thank you Brenda, Diane, Sara and Laura – we appreciate how much work it is, both on the day but also prepping for it beforehand. You are all superstars!

Christingle

Christingle is such a special service, one of the highlights of the year for many. Both this week and next week our schools will be holding their Christingle services in their local churches. Please join us if you are able – dates are included in the 'Dates for your diary' section on your school's page.

Scarlet Fever

You have all received a letter today from the UK Health Security Agency regarding scarlet fever. Please do not be alarmed, it is information sharing so parents, and staff, are fully informed about the symptoms to watch out for. In school we will be increasing our cleaning, much like we did during Covid and ventilating the rooms to allow for fresh air to flow. We will be continuing to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes. Let's hope our schools continue to be free from this nasty virus.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 95%

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Lucy	Tommy & Sean	Daisy	Sophie
Class 3:	Archie	Eva-Grace & Cole	Maci	Thomas

News from the classrooms

What an exciting and Christmassy week in school! At the beginning of the week, the children put on a wonderful performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. They sang their little hearts out and remembered all their lines – true professionals! Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch. We have filmed the performance which will be made available as soon as possible.

Our Santa Fun Run was a great success last week and we were amazed by the amount of money raised! Thank you so much for your support! It was lovely to see so many Santa's being kind and showing love for each other as they ran lots of laps. We've been busy making decorations to sell at the Christmas Bonanza on Saturday, it was lots of fun, and the finished products are amazing! We hope you can make it along to buy some.

This afternoon we have had a fantastic time making Christingles for our service in church. We've learned what all the parts represent – why not ask us to explain them to you?! We then used our Christingles to help us worship and remember Jesus, God's gift to the world at Christmas time.

Friends of Barton – Christmas Bonanza tomorrow!

The hampers are ready! The raffle prizes are exciting – donations from all the businesses attending, Penleys of Richmond, The Little Drummer Boy, Cross View Tearooms, The Black Lion, Ken Warne, AutoClean, Edinburgh Wollen Mill and other various donated prizes. The children have been busy making decorations for you to buy and we have surplus collection of books to sell! The Festive Café is coming together, so be sure to grab yourself a treat!

We welcome any baking donations or anything in a bottle for our bottle tombola!

A very important man is due to visit too between 11-1pm, come and see him in his Sleigh!

ParentPay

Please can you make sure all accounts are up to date and in credit. We do have a lot of afterschool sessions unpaid so please check these. Afterschool club is not automatically provided by pupil premium unless this is agreed by the school; therefore, every child is expected to pay for this wraparound care.

Barton – Dates for your diary

Friday 9th December	Christingle 2:30pm in the Church – All welcome (NO COLLECTIVE WORSHIP)
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 12noon. Wear your Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14th December	Foodbank/Storehouse Visit – Please can all donations be in!
Thursday 15th December	Children's Christmas Parties
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Return to school for Spring Term!
Wednesday 11th January 2023	First swimming lesson at the Dolphin Centre, Darlington – letter sent this week with all information.

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Wesley, Niven and Isaac		This week	Roll over to next week		
		Total for year			

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

Class news

Our week got off to an energetic and bouncy start, with Skip2bfit on Monday. The fabulous Dave put the children through their paces with an hour of lively skipping, followed by an hour of box2bfit on the playground. Much fun was had by all, and I think we even had our neighbours bopping away to the loud tunes belting across the village!

Despite being plagued by coughs and colds, we have also pressed on with our Christmas preparations with gusto! This week the children set about designing and painting the scenery for our play 'Silent Night'. We had a marvellous, creative afternoon, working collaboratively on ideas and thinking about how professionals consider staging and set design.

Village Events

It was wonderful to take part in the community carol singing in the village at the weekend. We had a great turn out of children and families at the beautiful tree outside the village hall. Thanks to everyone who attended. The Friends of the School also organised a FANTASTIC stall at the Kirkby Fleetham Craft Fayre at the weekend and made a truly wonderful £218.50! Thank you so much for your tireless support – you are all amazing.

Smiley Awards!

We are very excited to announce that our school song and video has been entered for the Smiley Charity Film Awards! This has taken huge amounts of work on behalf of the Friends, but now it's your turn! We need as many people as possible to vote for our gorgeous song and little school. Please go to https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/videos/friends-of-kirkby-fleetham-ce-primary-school-watch-us-grow Please spread the word to everyone you know!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

PE kits and water bottles	Every Monday - to be left in school for the week
Monday 12th December	School nativity performance 6pm
Tuesday 13th December	School Christmas lunch and Christmas party. Come in party clothes!
Thursday 15th December	Christingle 6pm
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Minnie **Star of week Class Two: Sebastian** **Listening Cup: Kasper** **Achievement shield: Millie** **Caring Bear: Jack**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	**45**	**50**	**43**
	Total for year	**400**	**275**	**314**
	Team Star	**Evelyn**	**Isabelle**	**Kasper**

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 95.8%

News from class One

This week we had a visit from 'Skip to be fit Dave'. The children always enjoy this and love a good bit of healthy competition against each other.

The classroom is looking festive, and the children succeeded in their challenge to make a paper chain the length of the classroom, even managing a repeating pattern!

A school is a lovely place to be, especially in the run up to Christmas. This week the children have enjoyed dressing up in nativity costumes and retelling the story. The excitement in receiving a card written with care to them is a special thing. This was evident as the children opened their cards and thanked each other.

East Cowton Christmas dinner

Firstly, a BIG thank you to Mrs Raw. She makes an amazing dinner for the children, no easy thing for that many children and staff! This year we decided to not have crackers but to make hats to wear. This was fun and a lovely opportunity to get the glitter and sequins out! Mrs Raw and Mrs Garner judged these in secret off the children's heads and awarded a winner from Class One and Class Two.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January	Inset day – school open for staff training
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Tuesday 10th January	Swimming lessons start for 5 weeks.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other awards
Class 1	Benjamin & Eli	William, Lily-May & Art	**Monkey:** Marharyta
Class 2	Marharyta, Phoebe & Oliver	Harvey & Kit	**Carpenter:** George
Class 3	Charlotte	Lucy & Chloe	**Kindness:** Mrs Harris

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 90.7%

News from Class 3

Wow – what another busy week we have had. Our new Class 3 play leaders are showing great care and maturity leading others in games such as throwing and catching, mini tag rugby and penalty shootouts. It has been lovely to see them throw themselves into their new roles.

In English this week, we have been studying a video called The Piano, which documents the life of a WW2 hero through music. We have been using the video to gather amazing vocabulary and extend our sentences, ready to write our own war story next week. This will be a great end to our topic this half term and we look forward to sharing them with you on Seesaw. In Maths, our Year 6s have been looking at equivalent fractions and our Year 5s have been busy learning about square and cube numbers.

We completed a great activity yesterday in PSHE, where we all set ourselves short-term, mid-term and long-term goals. We had to make sure these goals were SMART: Specific, measurable, achievable realistic and timely. We had fantastic ideas – from walking the dog more to getting a pen licence. We are all hoping to keep each other accountable for the goals we have set.

And, finally, thanks so much to everyone who came to our Christmas Dinner on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed spending time with your children in school. It was super to see so many families, and I think you will agree that Brenda did us all proud with such a magnificent lunch.

ParentPay

Please could parents/carers ensure that you have no outstanding debts on your child's ParentPay accounts and that there is sufficient credit on them to last until the end of next week. Many thanks

Brass Session next Thursday 15th December

We thought it might be nice, to invite parents and carers into school next Thursday to hear what we have been learning in our brass lessons. If you would like to join us, please come to school for **9.40am** where the students will perform a musical rendition for 15 minutes.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	KS2 Brass Lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Wed 14th Dec	Class 1 Christmas Nativity – 5.00pm - **after school club will finish at 4.30pm**
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Party – **school lunch will be party food** Children to bring party clothes into school with them
Fri 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Tues 3rd Jan	Non-pupil 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