Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Respect

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the start of advent this week the children have been busy learning Christmas songs and have enjoyed thinking about the nativity story and the birth of Jesus. The Christmas trees have been going up and there is an air of excitement bubbling in school. Please keep an eye on the calendar for the events happening in school – we have a busy few weeks ahead!

Pupil absence

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we are required to follow up any child that is not in school by 9:15am if we haven't heard from parents. Our staff are spending increasing amounts of time chasing families who have not let us know that their child is off sick. Please could we ask that you send a quick email or ring the office by 9am if your child is not coming into school. We do appreciate this is sometimes inconvenient, but we have a responsibility to make sure that each child is safe. We need to know they are at home, and not somewhere in between home and school. This is particularly the case for children who walk on their own.

ParentPay accounts

Our administrators need to balance the accounts by next Tuesday, please could everyone ensure that their ParentPay accounts are up to date and have enough credit on them to last until the end of term. Thank you.

Friends of the Schools

Can we take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers that run our four 'friends' committees? They are working tirelessly at the moment organising exciting events and activities for the benefit of our children. We cannot thank you enough for your time and efforts - it is greatly appreciated by us all, but especially by the children.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.5%

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Daisy	Bea and Peaches	Freddie Wa	Arnie
Class 3:	Oscar	Davey and Maci	Archie	Florence

News from Class 3

We have worked really hard on our end-of-term tests this week: I am really proud of all of the effort and super attitudes that they have shown. Our English books are bursting from all of the amazing writing that we have been doing about 'When The Sky Falls'; this week we wrote some playscripts based on the shocking scene that we read. To become more familiar with script layouts and features, we practiced acting some out – hopefully you've had chance to watch the videos on Seesaw as they are terrific!
It was lovely to end the week with a non-uniform day where we had loads of lovely generous donations for our colour hampers; to feel festive in decorating the school Christmas tree and to keep fit in our Santa Fun Run on Friday.

Next week it is our Christingle service in church on Friday - the singing has been amazing in worship as we prepare for it – we hope you can join us and hear how amazing we are next week!
Rather than bring in Christmas cards for each other this year, we would love it if you could help us in supporting the Influence Church by donating Christmas presents for our Santa Sack that go to families in need this Christmas. The sack will be available in reception from next week. Thank you for your support in showing love for others!

Friends of Barton

Lots of upcoming events – Santa Fun Run this afternoon, 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
Tuesday 6th December	Class 1 Nativity – 2:30pm
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
Thursday 15th December	Childrens Christmas Parties
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Return to school for Spring Term!

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Jorja, Lucas, Esme and Tilly		**This week**	**Roll over to next week**		
		Total for year			

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 94.98%

Class news

It's beginning to look a lot like.....! Yes, it's that time again, and despite having our heads down and working hard on our tests as part of assessment week, the Christmas spirit and excitement has been gradually creeping in. Today, the children in class one starting setting up a Santa's workshop in class and have been getting very busy with the elves making toys ready for Christmas. We also put the stage up this afternoon, ready for some serious rehearsals of our play. Thank you so much to Mr Duffield who erected our Christmas garland and lights at the front of school this week. It looks beautiful and festive.

Christmas Carols on the Green

We're looking forward to taking part in the carol singing on the Green this weekend and would love it if all children could attend. The singing starts at 5.45 at the village hall, but we are asking if children could be there at 5.30pm.

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
Saturday 3rd December	Kirkby Fleetham village Christmas Fair 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
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4th January	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Maddie **Star of week Class Two: Theo** **Listening Cup: Serenity** **Achievement shield: Wilbur** **Caring Bear: Ted**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	108	94	89
	Total for year	473	365	360
	Team Star	Tommie Lee	Nathan	Gracie

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

News from class 2

I always enjoy the happy faces that the 1st December brings- there were some excited children with naughty elf and advent calendar stories shared with staff from the minute they arrived at the school gate!

The Christmas tree is up and is twinkling away in the school hall. All the children have enjoyed adding a bauble or two; for many, the tree going up is the beginning of Christmas!

This week, the children in school have been completing assessments in reading, writing and maths. I've been impressed with their positive attitudes and even more impressed with the progress each child has made.

A big well done goes to the children in Class 2 for taking part in the 'Times Tables Rock Star' battle against Miss Greggory's class in Ravensworth. On this occasion we lost, but George and Tate were in the top 5 for the whole week! Well done to Class 3 for beating us- they won't next time!

We have noticed a higher number of cuts, bumps and grazes occurring on the school yard- even I had a go at falling up the steps! The yard surface is a bit on the slippy side now that it is wet. We think it would be a good idea for all the children to bring in their wellies from home (please write names in them) so we can allow the children to play on the top part of the field. We'd rather see muddy trousers than bloody knees.

Poppy Appeal – Thank you to everyone who donated to our Poppy Appeal, we raised £64.52 for the Royal British Legion. Your support will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

Christmas Dates

Please save the following dates for our Christmas activities:
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8th December. Wear your favourite Christmas jumper with your school trousers/skirt.
Christmas Lunch – Friday 9th December
Christingle Service & **Nativity** – Tuesday 13th December in the Church at 2.00pm
Christmas Party – Friday 16th December in the morning, followed by a film in the afternoon. Children to come to school in their party clothes/festive clothes.

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
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	Isaac	Jessica F & Dasha	**Monkey:** George
Class 2	George, Thomas & Freddie	Carter, Phoebe & Eli	**Carpenter:** April
Class 3	Lucy & Poppy	Noah & Max	**Kindness:** Phoebe

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 90.8%

News from Class 2

Over the last couple of weeks, Class 2 have been busy and this week they have worked really hard on their end of term assessments, they have impressed us all with the resilience shown. In English we have enjoyed exploring The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, the children have been learning how to make their writing more interesting by varying their sentence openers and using their senses to describe Lucy's journey through the wardrobe; it is wonderful to see how well their creative writing is developing. In maths we have been applying our adding and subtracting skills to problem solving and have loved using the times table rockstars app to practise our recall of facts. The children have also been honing their sewing skills in DT, they have designed a bag and are stitching together recycled materials to make it, just as people had to do during WW2. They have also extended their knowledge of the world identifying continents, and the countries that were involved in WW2. In RE we have been exploring Islam and have learned the importance of the five pillars of Islam to Muslims - even taking a virtual look inside a mosque. In science we have been learning all about electricity and have enjoyed discovering how a series circuit works and which materials make good conductors.

This week we have also began our change over to using Seesaw platform to share our learning and to communicate with families if you haven't done so already, please follow the link on Dojo to join the platform, Dojo will only be accessible until 9th December, anyone who has not connected by then will be sent a login in paper form.

Cauliflower Group Christmas Artwork

We are all impressed with the quality of the Christmas merchandise purchased through the Cauliflower Group, the children's artwork looks amazing and the variety of merchandise on offer is wonderful. We hope you all enjoy these fantastic, personalised keepsakes and are equally happy with them.

Gayles Quarry

As many of you may know, there is currently a planning application to reinstate a quarry at Gayles. This will have a considerable impact on the local area, not just Ravensworth. Anyone can object, and many more could be affected if they travel into/from or through Richmond. Should you wish to object, you still have time. Please follow the link below: https://onlineplanningregister.northyorks.gov.uk/register/
NY/2022/0103/FUL

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 – 12.00-1.00pm, **please bring cash for Christmas cake raffle!** Christmas Jumper Day Friends Christmas Disco from 5.30-7.00pm
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Nativity – 5.00pm - **after school club will finish at 4.30pm this day**
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Party – **school lunch will be party food this day**. Children to bring party clothes into school with them
Fri 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas. Children return to school Wednesday 4th January 2023

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