Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Respect

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I trust you had a restful Christmas and did not succumb to the dreadful round of bugs that seem to have caused chaos in the country. The children seemed eager to come back to school (once they got here, I'm sure) and I've seen lots of happy faces around this week.

Our Christian value for this half term is **Courage**. *"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1.9 *"Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it"* Mark Twain

This term's learning

This term's whole school topic is 'Frozen Lands'. Experience tells us that this is an incredibly popular topic with exciting books to read, fascinating facts to find out and, with some luck, a chance to experience some frozen playgrounds and even snow possibly! This week has seen the children launch their topic in their classrooms with David Attenborough documentaries and art activities to get their excitement going. I look forward to sharing some of their work with you as we begin our topic in earnest.

Radio Stars

Well done Kirkby Fleetham staff, children and parents for braving live radio this week! We were special guests of BBC Radio York's Breakfast show on Thursday morning to talk about our school song and its entry in a national competition. It was an exciting morning – although a little scary.

Royal Mail

And finally – it isn't every day we get mail from the palace. East Cowton children received this exciting letter in the post this week after writing to the King after the death of Her Majesty in September. This really is something to treasure and will go on display in school for visitors to admire.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.6%

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Freddie Wa	D'arcy & Dylan	Bea	Hunter
Class 3:	Oscar	Eva-Grace and Cole	Will	Florence

News from Class Three

We launched into our new topic as geographers this week by teaming up and searching for information on climate change and Arctic lands. Our animal lovers enjoyed watching some clips from Frozen Planet and we started reading our new class book 'Sky Song'. In science we are learning about states of matter and changes in materials and their properties, to start us off we turned some gooey liquid cream into a sticky solid butter then enjoyed it on some toast! We are waiting to see what happens to our salty solution that is currently soaking in class. In place of PE this half-term Y5 and 6 have Forest Schools on Monday afternoon and all of Class Three are swimming on Wednesday afternoons.

Class Three Reminders

- For this half-term, starting this Monday we have Forest Schools for Y5 and 6 pupils. Please ensure that they have warm clothing and appropriate footwear to be outdoors getting muddy.
- Wednesday afternoon is swimming for all Class Three pupils, please bring a towel and swimwear, goggles are optional.
- Our D&T topic is upcycling and repurposing: if you have any old clothing (of any size), old material, sheets, curtains etc. that we could cut, sew and give new life, please send it into school.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Monday - PM	Yr5 and 6 Forest Schools – Please remember outdoor clothes
Friday's	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Wednesday 11th January	First swimming lesson at the Dolphin Centre, Darlington – for 5 weeks up until half term. Please remember swim kits.
Tuesday 17th January	Yr 5 Science Chemical Transitions at Richmond School – info to follow
Wednesday 25th January	Hockey Tournament at Richmond School – info to follow
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Hollie, Luke and the Friends of the school		Total for week	59	79	57
		Total for year	406	413	443

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Class news

Well what an incredible start to the new year! Not many schools will begin their term being interviewed by local radio for a whole morning, but as usual, the children of Kirkby Fleetham like to keep raising their heads above the tallest branches and making themselves known. What a truly wonderful celebration Thursday was, of all the things we know and love about our school community. To have our school, song and video endorsed, and so deeply admired (quite repeatedly!) on the radio was a special moment indeed. Thank you so much to everyone who managed to make this happen. Plans are already afoot for an album – watch this space!

In between the excitement of media demands, the children have also made an exciting start to their new topics this week. Children in both classes will become adventurers in 'Frozen Lands' this term – Class One have been having a fabulous time in their 'igloo tent', whilst children in Class Two have been getting very vocal about the threat to ice caps and polar bears. A term of courageous advocacy about climate change awaits.

Fantastic Funds!

Please can we say an enormous thank you to the friends of the school for their amazing fundraising. They have managed to raise a staggering £1536.45 in the past few weeks, made up of £265.50 from the Christmas fair, £118.50 from last night's pub quiz and £1152.45 via Mrs Duffield who managed to secure match funding from Microsoft! This is a fantastic achievement and we must pass on our huge appreciation to all the friends for what they do for us behind the scenes. Many many thanks!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Swimming kit	Please remember to bring every Tuesday for pm lesson until half term
Forest school kit	Please remember to come in forest school clothes and bring uniform to change into
Brass lessons every Thursday	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
Friday 20th January	Wood workshop

East Cowton CE School

AWARDS				
Star of Week Class One: Nathan **Star of week Class Two: Oliver** **Listening Cup: Lilly** **Achievement shield: Minnie**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
	This week	**Roll Over due to the 3 day week**		
	Total for year			
	Team Star			

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News from class 2

Happy New Year- hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday full of fun and family time!

It's great to be back and we've had an exciting few days. It's not every day you receive a letter with the Buckingham Palace post stamp on it and CR clearly stamped in the corner! What a lovely letter we received from King Charles to thank the children for their messages of condolence. It was a lovely example of purposeful writing with a real audience; all the children were greatly moved by his words.

We are starting to think about the frozen parts of the world we live in. Before Christmas, we learnt about robins and birds that migrate to England because their climate is too harsh in the Winter months. Using a 'Wildlife Trust' video, we made our own fat ball feeders to hang at school and in our gardens at home. The children have investigated the features of instructions and are in the process of writing some to explain to others how they too can help the birds. We are hoping that we get many garden birds visit the feeders and the children are going to try and get some photos of them in use to upload on to our new learning platform 'Seesaw.' We will share the photos and get some displayed in the hall on our 'Coming Home' display. If you're in school, please take some time to have a look at the children's work as we like to feel proud of our efforts.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	Swimming starting 10th January for 5 weeks
Wednesdays	Forest School in the afternoon for the whole term
Fridays	Parent Worship at 9.00 - everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:		
	Stars of the Week	**Other awards**
Class 1	Isabelle & Lily-May	**Monkey:** George
Class 2	Ellie & James	**Carpenter:** Samuel. Charlotte, Lucy & Elliot
Class 3	Samuel	**Kindness:** Samuel & Charlotte

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 99.0%

News from all classes

Class 1 - We have had a lovely start to our new term and had some thrilled faces as we returned to school on Wednesday! 😊 We had lots of fun launching our 'Frozen Lands' topic this week and used atlases, globes and iPads to research and find out where the North and South Poles are located as well as the types of animals that can be found there. It was especially fun painting ice cubes and smashing the ice apart to rescue the polar animals! As we had fun with the ice, we thought about how animals survive in the icy conditions...

Reminder – P.E. is on a Monday so please ensure P.E. kits are in school. Please try and read with your children every day and note this down in their planner. Thank you!

Class 2 – Have returned to school with great enthusiasm for learning and it is lovely to have everyone in class, well rested and over all the ailments they endured before Christmas. We loved our time together with Class 3 launching our new topic of Frozen Lands where we used media to research why it is so important to protect our Polar Regions. In science we have begun to explore States of Matter by discovering the properties of materials and how the particles within them behave.

Class 3 – We've had a great first few days back to school. In science, we have begun looking at properties of materials. We planned and completed an investigation on testing various objects for magnetism, transparency, thermal conductivity and electrical conductivity. In English, we have been introduced to our new class text, Skysong, and we have spent time using the front cover to predict what we think the book is about.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Class 3 Forest School - please remember to bring school uniform into school in a separate bag
Mondays until 4.15pm	After school sports club with Matty
Thursdays	KS2 Brass Lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Fridays until 5.00pm	After school art, craft and games club with Mrs Dobinson
Tue 17th Jan	Year 5 to Richmond School for a Science morning – details to follow
Wed 8th Feb	KS2 Swimming Lessons start for 7 weeks
Fri 10th Feb	Break up for half term

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