Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been! With lots of our children beginning their Woodland School led by the wonderful and passionate Kat Vasby-Burney. Kat has been preparing for the past few weeks by exploring the local areas around our schools as well as approaching local land owners to make sure the children get the best possible experience. Although some schools stayed on site this week, a great time was had by all, as you can tell from the pictures (and the amount of washing our parents had).

Swimming also started this week for many children, with our schools visiting both Darlington Dolphin Centre and the newly refurbished Richmond pool. It would seem Richmond have had a few teething problems with the temperature of the pool but it looks like this will be sorted by next week. Well done to all the children for showing 'courage' when embarking on something new. You are living our Christian value this term.

We have had some third year Durham University students join us this week at three of our schools (Barton, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham) These students will be with us every Tuesday until mid March, at which point they will be starting a 12 week teaching practice. Mr Clark from the SCITT at Carmel College in Darlington has joined us at Ravensworth. He and Miss Noble (previously based at Ravensworth) have swapped schools to broaden their experience while training. Miss Noble will be at Harrogate Hill in Darlington until half term at which point, she will join Class 1 at East Cowton to experience teaching Reception and Key Stage 1.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week:94.8%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Charlotte F	Freddie We & Daisy	Alice	Sophie Q
Class 3:	Thomas	Thomas and Phoebe	Oscar	Tom

News from Class 3

Our year five and six pupils had an amazing time in our first forest schools lesson of the year: they planted trees and repaired our forest area, built a camp, sparked fires with a flint and even got some hot chocolate! Thank you for sending in plenty of warm clothes to change into, next week we are hoping to go off site for some outdoor adventure up Back Lane so please send kit in again on Monday.
Also, thank you for all of the material that was sent in for eco-friendly re-purposing as part of our D&T project, we have been practising our sewing, measuring and cutting skills to create our pieces.
Our year fives are out at Richmond School next Tuesday morning for a science transition activity, last year our current year sixes loved it so I'm sure they will have a brilliant time.

- Please can you ensure that children have a water bottle with them at school – we currently have a number of pupils relying on cups from Mrs Luce (which inevitably get knocked over!)

Barton – Dates for your diary

Monday - PM	Yr5 and 6 Forest Schools – Please remember outdoor clothes
Wednesday's	Swimming up until half term – Please remember swim kits
Friday's	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Tuesday 17th January	Yr 5 Science Chemical Transitions at Richmond School
Thursday 19th January	Wood workshop visit – KS2 PM
Wednesday 25th January	Quick Sticks 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
Rollo and Chloe		**This week**	19	25	68
		Total for year	425	438	511

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 95%

Class News

Unfortunately, the wind prevented us from having forest school in the woods this week but we made the best of staying on site! The children first learnt how to make string from reedmace and then tested it's strength by seeing if they could pick up different sized bottles of water – we were amazed at how strong it proved to be. The garden was then spruced up with work being done on the willow screen, hedgehog homes being renovated and decorations being made out of willow to adorn the trees. Please remember to send your children with more layers, hats and gloves next week as there were some rather chilly folks about today!

We also had our first swimming lesson this week and although the water was a bit chilly, the children showed great enthusiasm and effort. Please could the top group remember to bring pyjamas for next week.

In class 1 we have designed and made an igloo to support our topic of 'Frozen Lands'. We thought about how igloos are made and how they keep people warm and safe.

Friends news

Last year the friends were fortunate enough to receive £1000 from a charity called Movement for good and they need your help to nominate us again in order to be put into the draw for donations this year. Please visit https://movementforgood.com/ and enter either 1198259 for the charity number or Friends Of Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School. Other information required will include the category which is education and skills and whether you are a volunteer or supporter, please then follow the prompts and vote! Your help is very much appreciated, thank you.

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
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term
Monday 20th February	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Star of the week Class 1	**Maddie**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Noah**	This week	56	52	35
Listening Cup	**Faye**	Total for the year			
Achievement Shield	**Daniel H**	Team star	Ted	Daniel	Kasper

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

News from Class 1

What a fabulous start to the Spring term we have had in Class one. The children have returned fully rested and very excited to be back in school with their friends. Quite appropriately, despite having a rather mild week, we will be learning about cold places this half term- in particular Antarctica. It does make it easier to move away from the Christmas conversations when we are talking about the South Pole rather than the North Pole! Kasper shared a great book today about the explorer Ernest Shackleton, all the children listened in awe of his Antarctic adventures. If any of the other children have anything related to our topic: penguin toys, games or indeed stories they would like to share, then we welcome them in the classroom. In Art this week, we have also embarked on an 'Under the Sea' theme, so similarly if they have any sea creatures that they would like to bring in, then we can display them around our setting.

It was great to start swimming lessons again this year. Richmond Pool is looking a lot fresher and the staff welcomed the children back ready to start their tuition. The school swimming lessons follow a different scheme to the private lessons some children may be attending. This provides a range of water activities and safety skills to be explored. Well done to both our experienced swimmers, and to our very new, nervous swimmers. Great fun was had by all. I think one missing sock after the first session, must be a school record!

We have continued learning about the seasons in science by focusing on the weather. We were excited to see that we are due some colder weather next week and maybe even some snow! If you are out and about with the children over the weekend, have a look out for some signs of Winter- maybe you could post them om to your child's seesaw platform.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	Swimming – please bring your named swimming kit.
Wednesdays	Forest school in the afternoon.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Other awards	
Class 1	Mia & Benjamin	William, Isaac & Art	**Monkey**	Marharyta
Class 2	Carter & Kit	Carter & Nathan	**Carpenter**	Ellie
Class 3	Holly & Noah	Florie & Chloe	**Kindness**	Florie & Samuel

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 97.7%

News from class 1

Our new topic 'Frozen Lands' has definitely been a hit with the children this week. They are so engrossed with their learning and are eager to learn more and more! ❁

Within the provision areas, children have been busy constructing and painting igloos, writing sentences to describe penguins, following a set of instructions to draw penguins, playing with the small world polar animals and even taking on the role of polar explorers!
In English this week, the year 1 and 2 children wrote some wonderful frozen lands descriptions using lots of interesting and exciting vocabulary as well as things like expanded noun phrases and similes! The reception children had lots of fun adding polar animals to their frozen lands artwork and looking at the initial sounds of these words. We have also started a class reader 'The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out' and even the youngest children are so engrossed and continually wanting to find out what Otto the chick gets up to next! 🐧
Please keep reading with your child and recording it into their planner. It is so important to be reading at home as well as in school and we appreciate the support! P.E. remains on a Monday ☺

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Class 3 Forest school** – please remember to bring school uniform into school in a separate bag **P.E. all children**
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
Tues 17th Jan	Year 5 to Richmond School for a science transition morning
Weds 25th Jan	KS2 Quick Sticks Hockey Festival at Richmond School – 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

BARTONSchool 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
Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

KIRKBY FLEETHAMSchool 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 form
Newsletter: 4 School newsletters link
Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

EAST COWTONAdmin 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**Covid 19 Risk Assessments:** click here

RAVENSWORTHSchool Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term dates 2022-2023
Wraparound care: Afterschool Club

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - smile.amazon.co.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: school/uniform/

Parent pay: click

Newsletter: 4 school newsletters link

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

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

Summer Football Holiday camp

j.lofthouse@jameslofthousefootball.com

Summer reading challenge
For this year's summer reading challenge, the Science Museum and the Reading Agency have joined forces. And children are invited to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them.
The reading challenge is for children aged 4 to 11, and encourages them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. The challenge starts on Saturday 16 July and finishes on Saturday 10 September.
To take part children need to sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful fold out poster showing the setting for this year's challenge - an imaginary community centre. We strongly recommend that children take part and keep reading over the summer.
Certificates are sent to schools in September and are presented in celebration worship.