Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks, most of our schools have enjoyed a wood workshop. The children had a wonderful time with Russel from JP Developers making bird boxes for the school grounds - learning how to hammer, screw, saw and work as a team. Hopefully some of our creations will have some visitors in the spring.

A message from the Chair of Governors

On Thursday 26th January we will be interviewing for the permanent appointment of Executive Head Teacher of Cornerstone schools. The process will include representatives from the trust board, the local governing body, staff and children.

Strike Action

As you will do doubt be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its members and they have voted in support of industrial action consisting of strike action. We are currently assessing the impact of this on our schools and will communicate this with parents for each individual school as soon as we can.

Tik Tok

It has come to our attention that some of our children are accessing inappropriate content on this app. I would urge parents to supervise children's use of this app and check what they are watching. It is very easy for innocent content to quickly change to quite shocking videos with little warning. It may be worth parents reassessing if it is appropriate for their children to have this app on their devices. Tik Tok has a guidance age of 13 and above.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

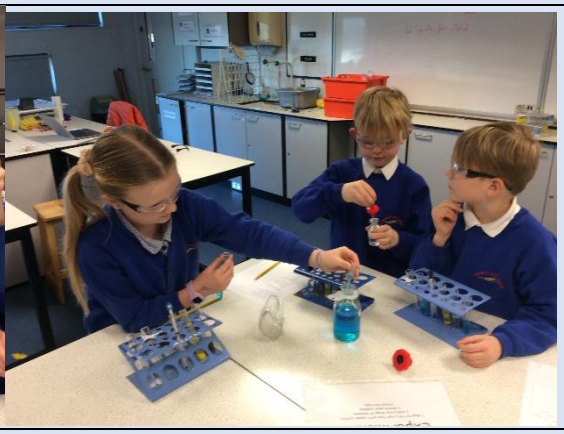
Barton CE School

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

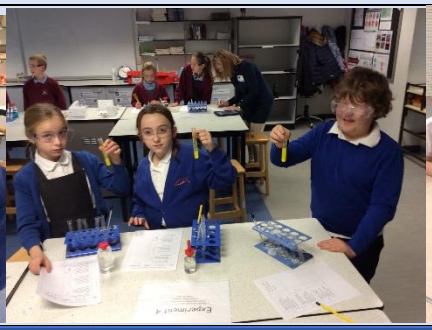
Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Freddie Weighell	Alice & Sophie	Dylan	Riley
Class 3:	Eva-Grace	Florence and Charlie	Charlie	Riley

News from Class 3



Our Year Fives have had a particularly exciting week this week! On Tuesday they visited Richmond Secondary School for a science lesson transition visit with pupils from Ravensworth. They tested chemical reactions and had great fun seeing lots of colour changes, hearing some pops and bangs and feeling some hot and cold fizzes. On Thursday afternoon, Class Three had a visitor from JP Developers who taught us about joinery, and we built some bird boxes to enhance our outdoor eco-area. They worked really hard, and the bird boxes look terrific – I can't wait to get them up outside. Behaviour was excellent and I am really proud of how everyone in Class Three represented our school.



Barton – Dates for your diary

Monday - PM	Yr5 and 6 Forest Schools – Please remember outdoor clothes
Wednesdays	Swimming up until half term – Please remember swim kits
Fridays	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Wednesday 25th January	Quick Sticks Hockey tournament at Richmond School – info to follow
Friday 3rd February	Candlemass Service in church at 2:30pm – All Welcome!
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

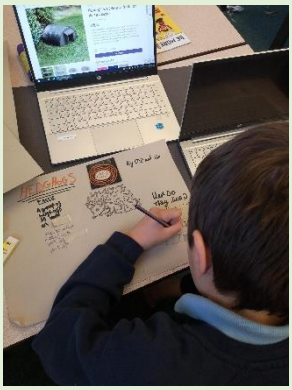
Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Edward, Esme, Fin and Beau		**This week**	**54**	**50**	**37**
		Total for year	**479**	**488**	**548**

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 91.2%

Class News

We were thrilled to be able to visit the woods this week in forest school, taking our nursery children with us for the first time! Although it was bitterly cold, the children were well wrapped up and we all managed to stay nice and warm. We discovered that several trees had fallen down across our old camp and that there were lots of signs of life including nibbled pine cones and woodlice burrowing into logs. Our youngest children built an amazing home for 'soggy moggy' whilst the others explored, making repairs and adjustments to various dens throughout the woods.

Unfortunately, two of our planned events were cancelled this week at the last minute. The swimming pool was unexpectedly closed, and the man from the woodwork workshop was unwell and couldn't come. It was a great lesson in managing disappointment, and in true Kirkby Fleetham style we managed to turn it all into a positive learning experience, including a fabulous whole-school morning developing some creative, interactive posters about the wildlife we were supposed to be making homes for! We seized the opportunity for our older children to work collaboratively with some of our younger children and a wonderful time was had by all.



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	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term
Mon 20th February	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Star of the week Class 1	**Isobelle**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Jack**	This week	37	27	14
Listening Cup	**Ollie**	Total for the year	493	454	376
Achievement Shield	**Maddie**	Team star	Millie	Nate	Tate
Caring Bear	**Wilbur**				

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

News from Class 2

If you go down in the woods today... you'll have found some very excited children and staff exploring! It was lovely to see teamwork going on; children risk assessing their activities but for me, the sight of snowdrops and buds forming on trees shouted, 'Spring is on its way!' Please can we remind everyone that the woods are privately owned; school have special permission to use the woodland with our qualified forest school leader. Children and families should not use the woods during weekends or in the evening. Thank you.

Following on from our work based on British garden birds, we welcomed Russell from JP Developers based in Northallerton. He did a presentation with the mascots Bell and Bob about joinery skills. He then worked with groups of children to build bird boxes. They used, screws, screwdrivers and physical strength to create our birds some fabulous homes- look out for them being put up in Bluebell woods soon.

In art we have been exploring hot and cold colours. They have created works using water colour paints and collage from magazines to show our understanding of what's hot and what's not! We worked whilst listening to music from the band ELO to relax us and to remain focused.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	Swimming – please bring your named swimming kit.
Wednesdays	Forest school in the afternoon.
Thursday 26th January	FOS – school disco 3.30-5pm.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Other awards	
Class 1	Jessica F, Benjamin & Louie	Mia, Jessica W & Rose	**Monkey**	Carter
Class 2	Nathan & Freddie	Nathan & James	**Carpenter**	April
Class 3	Elliot	Samuel & Effie	**Kindness**	Chloe

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 96.5%

News from Class 2

Class 2 have really embraced their learning in our topic of Frozen Lands and are enjoying the new text Ice Palace by Robert Swindell that we have begun to read in English. We have written some super character descriptions and are now working on a newspaper report to tell the news of Starjik the child taker!!
In maths we are continuing to work hard on multiplication and division so please keep encouraging the children to increase their rapid recall of their times table facts to support our learning. The lesson we are enjoying the most though is science, we are discovering lots of facts about states of matter and have carried out investigations to see if gas weighs anything and at what temperature chocolate will begin to melt. We had the opportunity to apply our knowledge when we had unexpected snowfall on Monday too! The whole school enjoyed some time out in the snow and Class 1 are showing us how penguins keep warm by huddling together.
Can we kindly request that the children bring in a change of shoes in case of rain/snow so that we can still go outside, using PE shoes is not suitable and we do not want to spoil their school shoes. Thank you.

End of day arrangements

Thank you so much for keeping changes to the end of day arrangements to a minimum, this week there have only been 14 changes. This has helped with the calm and organised transition to the bus and after school club. Thank you.

Friends of Ravensworth School

We are going to be holding an Easter raffle and are looking for prizes which we can use to help raise funds. If you can donate any items, they would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

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
Weds 25th Jan	KS2 Quick Sticks Hockey Festival at Richmond School
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.