Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are loving our 'Frozen Lands' topic this term. In every school I visit, I find penguins waddling or children amazing me with fantastic information they have found out about the polar regions. I know the staff are really pleased with the quality of work the children are producing too – here are some highlights

Quick sticks Hockey

Another week over and so much achieved. Barton and Ravensworth KS2 teams took part in the Quick Sticks Hockey tournament this week with some real success – a wonderful time was had by all and a newly invigorated desire to play hockey now back in school too. Well done teams!

Christian Value

This term our Christian value is **courage**. The children have been learning what the bible tells us about courage – such as Moses' courage when faced with God's message from the burning bush. We've also been learning about courageous people more recently and how often we use our courage to get us through tricky situations.

"I don't like balloons when they pop so I didn't want to make my papier mâché igloo. I showed courage and carried on!"

"I went in the big pool for the first time this week and I really enjoyed it!"

"We were all courageous at the hockey tournament this week as we competed against some tough teams!"

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.7%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:				
	Star of the Week	**Writers of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**Values Award**
Class 1:	Freddie Wa	Freddie We & Bea	Bailey	Sophie
Class 3:	Oscar	Eva-Grace and Isla	Phoebe	Florence

News from Class 1

What an amazing few weeks we've had in Class 1! We are really enjoying our Frozen Lands topic and have written wonderful penguin fact files, investigated why ice melts and we are now building our own papier mâché igloos! This week, we have been learning all about Chinese New Year and have enjoyed writing Chinese numerals, using chopsticks, and constructing dragons from a range of materials including playdough, 2D shapes and our pin and hammer boards. During discovery time, our youngest children have shown a keen interest in constructing buildings and vehicles and using them in their small world play.

What superstars you all are!

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!
Friday 3rd February	Candlemass Service in church at 2:30pm – All Welcome!
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

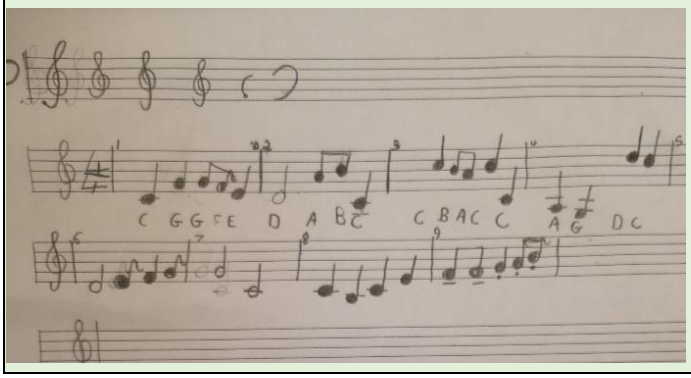
Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Lucas, Jorja, Niven and Tilly		**This week**	55	48	34
		Total for year	534	536	582

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

Class News

It was wonderful to have more children for sports club on Monday this week, it makes the games with Jonny so much more fun! If your child/ren would like to come along next week, please remember to send in your out of school club booking form before Friday, thank you.

In forest school this week the children were very industrious and helped to make some new raised seating for our camp. They also searched for signs of spring and Dr Vasby taught them all about a very strange looking fungus which had been growing underneath the bark of a tree.



In brass lessons this week the children have been composing their own brass music! Mr Batty taught the children some of the basics of notation, and then the children set about writing their own music on a stave. It was a delight to listen to Mr Batty bring them all to life when he played everyone's compositions on his trumpet. The aim this term is to combine all the children's musical ideas in one big original piece of brass music for them all to play and perform.

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
Wed 1st February	Wood workshop
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	**Dan**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Theo**	This week	33	41	37
Listening Cup	**Nathan**	Total for the year	440	495	413
Achievement Shield	**Noah**	Team star	Tommie	Maddie	Wilbour

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

News from Class One

We have had another wonderful week in Class One. Although the temperatures outside have been a little milder, the vast collection of polar creatures that have been brought in by the children have certainly given a sense of the Antarctic around the classroom. The children have been so enthusiastic with our text 'The Emperor's Egg' and are showing such an interest in the non-fictional texts we have available to read too. They have continued to explore the fake snow inside, but we are still hopeful that some real white stuff will fall within the next few weeks.

To celebrate Chinese New Year on Monday we immersed ourselves in some lovely Chinese activities. We read 'The Great Race' as a shared class text and had the opportunity to re-enact the traditional story of the Chinese Zodiac. The children each learnt their zodiac animal and we discussed whether the traits of their personality matched that of their creature. The children all had a go at some traditional Chinese dancing and to top off the day, we learnt how to count to 10 in Chinese. The children then carefully painted each number in Chinese for a colourful school display.

We were disappointed this week to miss the swimming session due to the learner pool being out of action, but instead we continued the animal theme in PE and moved our bodies to represent large and small zoo animals. We most certainly had some intricate and somewhat scary facial expressions/sounds on display. Most importantly the children had great fun. We will keep you updated on the pool situation for the rest of the half term- thank you for your continued support.

This week in science, the children have been developing their classifying and grouping skills. We have been thinking about the different ways we can sort animals. The children thought of some great ways.

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	William & Dasha	Isabelle & Henry	**Monkey**	Elliot
Class 2	Thomas & Harvey	Jackson & Marharyta	**Carpenter**	Phoebe
Class 3	Florie & Sam	Charlotte & Max	**Kindness**	Elliot

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 97.2%

News from Class 3

We've had another very busy week this week in Class 3. On Monday, the children showed excellent problem-solving skills when making rope swings in Forest School. Their hard work was rewarded with a campfire and a yummy hot chocolate. On Wednesday, we attended a hockey competition at Richmond School. I was delighted with the children's teamwork and sportsmanship skills. They really did Ravensworth School proud! In English this week, we have been writing explanation texts to go alongside our distraction devices. A visitor to our school yesterday remarked on how brilliant and individual each child's work was. Keep a look out for them popping up on Seesaw!

This week we had a visit from JP Developers who helped us to build bird boxes for our school grounds. After a discussion about why we need bird boxes all the children worked together in small groups to build their own, we now have lots of boxes to put up around school and would appreciate any help that can be offered to do so.

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 9 changes. This has helped with the calm and organised transition to the bus and after school club. Thank you.

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 (excluding 27th Jan 2023)	After school art, craft and games club with Mrs Dobinson
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.