Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Courage

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's Mental Health Week has been all about looking after ourselves in mind as well as body. At Cornerstone Schools, we pride ourselves on the high priority we give to mental health; the children can all talk about how they look after themselves to keep a healthy mind. Over the course of the week, children have taken part in activities to help them relax as well as activities that make them happy. It was a wonderful view all over school this morning with the rainbow colours evident everywhere. Well done to the mental health champions for helping to organise this.

Forest Schools

The children are loving their woodland schooling this term with lots of the focus being on team work. The behaviour across the four schools has been excellent and Dr Vasby-Burney/Kat has been thoroughly enjoying working with all of the children. For some schools it will be a swap of classes next half term, and for others more of the same.

Governor spot

Our governors have been hard at work as usual. Over the past couple of weeks, the full governing body has met. Mrs Bateman has also been into Ravensworth to observe Collective Worship and was impressed by the children's contributions *"The questions they asked and their responses showed that they had listened to the theme of courage and how fear can be overcome by God's love"*.

Enjoy your half term break from the routine and we will welcome the children back on Monday 20th February.
Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

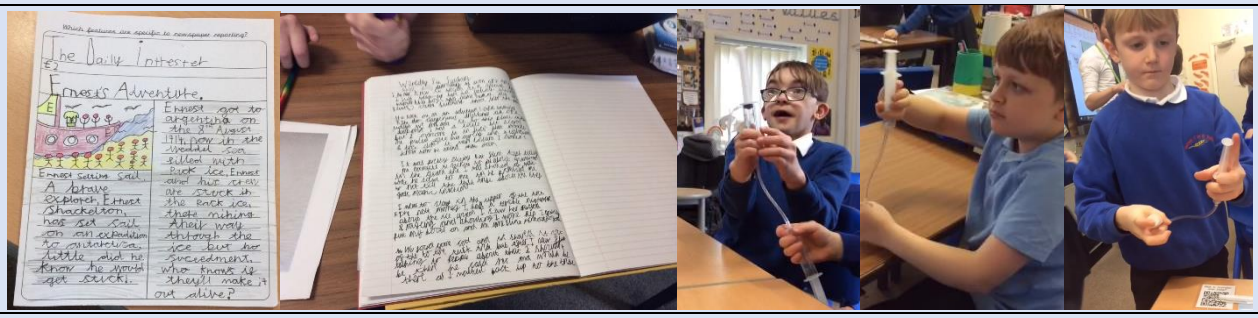
Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 93.5% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.5%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	D'arcy	Bailey and Arnie	Alice	Sean
Class 3:	Maci	Florence and Tom	Eva-Grace	Oscar

News from Class Three



Class Three have finished off the term with another week of brilliant hard work! I am so impressed with the amount of writing (and how neat!) we are doing at the moment - seeing how far we've come, even since September, is amazing. In maths, year six are starting their new 'measurements' topic and have been sorting out and using different units of measure, both metric and imperial. Our new D&T topic is all about pneumatics and we had lots of fun using syringes to see how air could travel and be manipulated. It was year five and six's final session of Forest School this week and they were lucky enough to have marshmallows toasted on the campfire! Year three and four children will be taking part in Forest School from the first week back after half-term. It was also our final swimming session this week – I have loved seeing them develop so much over the sessions, Ken, the instructor from the Dolphin Center, said that he wanted to have our class all day because they are such a great bunch! Well done to all of our swimmers!

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Monday's	As from Mon 20th Feb – Yr 3 & 4 Forest Schools – Please bring in waterproofs, hat, gloves, warm clothes etc
Fridays	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Monday 20th February	Return to School
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 8th March	Yr 5 & 6 Archery, Kurling & Boccia – Details to follow
Tuesday 14th March	Yr 5 & 6 Tag Rugby – Details to follow
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief
Friday 24th March	Easter Service in Church 2:30pm – All Welcome!
Mon 27th – Fri 31st March	Sports Week – Details to follow

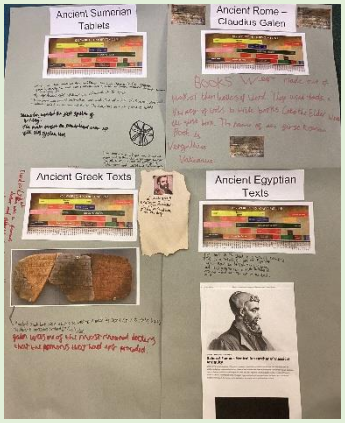
Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Chloe, Hollie and Luke		**This week**	18	15	42
		Total for year	576	583	661

National attendance figure: 93.5% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 91.2%

Class News

Well our youngest pupil 'King Ollie' got a royal ride up to Forest School this week in his special carriage, pulled by his loyal courtiers. He ceremoniously arrived at the Forest, where Mrs Hume charged him a reasonable £45 for his return fair. We were met with many smiles from passing dog walkers, and enjoyed a fabulous afternoon together, den building and toasting marshmallow by the camp fire. School doesn't get much better than this!



Class two have also done some fabulous work in history this week, continuing our in depth study on the chronology of books. We explored the work of Claudius Galen, a physician and philosopher from Ancient Rome who wrote some of the first medical books based on his theory of the four humours – phlegm, yellow bile, black bile and blood – delightful! We also experimented with dying paper using the classic teabag method!

As part of mental health week we've also been exploring ways to calm down and relax, as well as learning some new songs to uplift us. A fabulous final week of the half term.

Friends news

We are overjoyed to have had enough votes to be finalists in the Smiley Charity Film Awards. A massive thank you to those who voted.
The last round of votes starts on Monday 13th February and runs to 10th March. We need as many votes as possible and would love everyone to spread the news far and wide on social media so that we get the most votes possible. The link is https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/videos/friends-of-kirkby-fleetham-ce-priamry-school-watch-us-grow
We find out who the winners are and they have their films played on the big screen at the Odeon Luxe in Leicester Square on 21st March.
You might want to listen into Radio York on Monday too as we could well be appearing once more! (Time unknown as yet)

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
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
27th-31st March	Sports week - more details to follow

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Star of the week Class 1	**Minnie**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Theo**	This week	Roll Over		
Listening Cup	**Tommie Lee**				
Achievement Shield	**Millie**				

National attendance figure: 93.5% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 95.7%

News from Class One

Just like that we are at the end of another half term. We are hopeful that by the time we return to school we will be spotting some more obvious signs of Spring.

In celebration of Children's Mental Health Week, we began on Monday discussing the different ways we can be kind to ourselves. On Tuesday, we had a go at a children's yoga session to help us relax our minds before we enjoyed a little chocolate cupcake treat at the end of the day. We all agreed that cake makes us feel good! Some other self-care ideas that the children came up with were: meditating, dancing, going on bike rides and hugging ourselves. We all agreed to look in the mirror more often and say out loud, "You are amazing!"

This week we have embraced the lovely crisp mornings and enjoyed an early session of Forest School. Dr Vasby joined us in Bluebell Woods, where we were lucky enough to build large dens and sculptures using only natural materials. We were also set a 'No String Allowed' challenge to make something to transport a tennis ball from one side of the playing field to the other. We were only allowed to use willow branches and other natural debris found in the woods. It's certainly true what they say...fresh air and a little glimmer of sunshine is great for the soul- smiles all round!

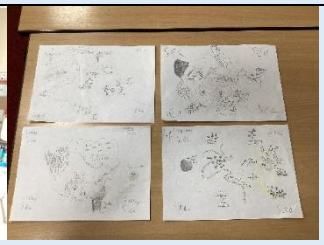
East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
27th March – 31st March	Sports week – more information to follow. No after school clubs this week.
Wednesdays	Forest school in the afternoon.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Other awards	
Class 1	Sophie & Art	William & Benjamin	**Monkey**	Samuel
Class 2	Thomas & All of Class 2	Marharyta & Phoebe	**Carpenter**	Samuel
Class 3	Chloe & Holly	Elliot & Effie	**Kindness**	Lucy

National attendance figure: 93.5% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 96.9%

News from Class 2



We can hardly believe that half term is upon us already, we have done some super learning over the last few weeks supported by Mr Clarke, who will now return to his original school, we appreciate all the help he has given us and wish him well in his teacher training. We have moved on to a new text in English, called Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone and the children have become really engaged with the author and practised her style of creating a story by drawing an imaginary land then building a plot around it. In maths we have been making good progress in learning multiplication and division strategies, please continue to support your children to learn their times tables. We have nearly completed our science topic on states of matter, the children have loved the investigations they have carried out in this topic and really enjoyed the Kahoot quiz bringing all their learning together. This week we had our first swimming lesson; the children all enjoyed their time out of the classroom and showed great tenacity, the instructors were very impressed by the effort and progress made in their very first session, well done everyone! We have also raised our awareness of children's mental health - the children look amazing in the bright clothes today and we have enjoyed many activities that share our connections with one another. We hope you all have a lovely half term.

End of day arrangements

Thank you so much for keeping changes to the end of day arrangements to a minimum, this week there have been 14 changes. Thank you for helping to keep changes for emergencies only.

Friends of Ravensworth School

We have a school Friends meeting on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm at The Shoulder of Mutton in Kirby Hill, new members are always welcome so please do feel free to come along!

Shoe boxes

Next half term, children in KS2 will be making pneumatic toys. They will need to bring in a small shoebox, or lidded box of a similar size, in order to create a moving creature. If you have more than one box to spare, that would be great. Please send boxes in ready for the first week back. Thank you.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mondays after half term	**Class 2 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	Puzzle and Games Club – more details to follow
Mon 20th Feb	Children return to school **Friends Meeting** – Shoulder of Mutton at 7.30pm, all welcome!
Wed 22nd Feb	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Wed 22nd March	Easter Lunch - more details to follow
27th – 31st March	Sports week – more details to follow
Fri 31st March	Break up for Easter – **no after school club today**

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