Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Forest schools has been a big success again this week. Although Barton and Ravensworth were defeated by the wind to a certain extent and had to work on site, this didn't stop their endeavours. Some fantastic shelters were made by the children, using all of their skills learnt over the last few weeks. East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham were more fortunate with the wind dropping later in the week and were able to get to the woods. Just a quick reminder, children really need hats and gloves for their work outside, as well as wellies – cold children are much less fun to work with!

Mental Health Week

Next week is mental health week. Mrs Hume has sent out some leaflets with this newsletter for families to have a look at together and this will be followed up in class through discussion. Mental wellbeing is something we take seriously at Cornerstone Schools and our children's mental health champions work tirelessly in school. Please could all children come to school on Friday dressed in bright coloured clothes.

Some housekeeping reminders

There are lots of bugs around at the moment, however attendance at school is so important – as is punctuality. The first 10 -15 minutes of the school day are often used for phonics, maths fluency and spelling – the key basic skills that all children need continual practice at. Children who are only 10 minutes late may well miss this vitally important practice/input. Please ensure you arrive on time every day to take advantage of this teaching.

Uniform

- Children should wear strong, waterproof black shoes that are appropriate to the time of year.
- Long hair should be tied up and nail varnish removed
- Please name jumpers – or re-name if they have been passed on.

Equipment

- Children should bring a water bottle to school every day – preferably named
- Planners and books should go between home and school daily

Thank you for your support. 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%

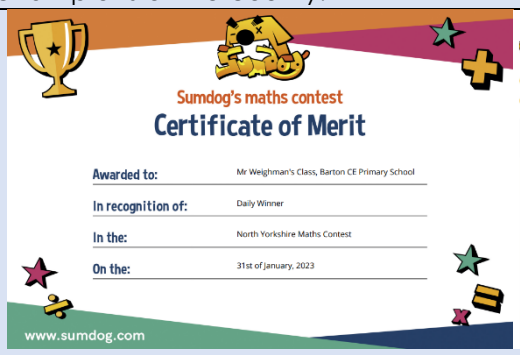
Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	JJ	Alice & Riley	Hunter	D'arcy
Class 3:	Davey	Poppy and Eva-Grace	Thomas	Isla

News from Class Three

We had an amazing time at the hockey competition at Richmond last week! Our year three and four team finished in fourth place in their competition with eight points from five matches, our year five and six team came sixth in their competition with eleven points from eight matches. Our teams showed great courage, lots were a bit nervous before we went, but once they got there, they loved it and wanted to play even more matches! This week we had our second to last swimming lesson, I am so impressed with how much both our groups have progressed, they were swimming lengths for their assessment and were speeding from end to end. Next week is the last session of Forest School for year five and six, after half-term year three and four will be having their sessions every Monday afternoon instead.

Our competitions aren't all sporty though, we've been busy filling any spare minutes answering questions on the Sumdog app in the North Yorkshire maths contest... and we won it! I loved seeing them urging each other on to boost us up the leader board – an amazing team effort for our small school to be champions of the county!



TOP 10 CLASSES

Overall class scores are the average number of correct answers out of the students in that class. At least 5 students from the class must have played in order to get an average score.

Position	Class name	Score
1st	Mr Weighman's Class, Barton CE Primary School	544
2nd	Class 3 Yr6, Dacre Braithwaite Church of England Primary School	357
3rd	Wensley, Richmond Methodist Primary School	333
4th	Nidderdale, Richmond Methodist Primary School	319
5th	Dentdale, Richmond Methodist Primary School	317

Barton – Dates for your diary

Monday 6th February - PM	Yr5 and 6 Last Forest School session – Please remember outdoor clothes, especially hats and gloves!
Wednesday 8th February	Last Swimming Session - Please remember swim kits
Fridays	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Friday 10th February	Mental Health Non-Uniform Day – Wear Bright colours! 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
Wesley and Isaac		This week	24	32	37
		Total for year	558	568	619

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 87.5%

Class News

This week in the woods the children were set 3 challenges: to build a den big enough for all their team, to make a drey for soggy moggy 60cm off the ground and to camouflage a high viz vest within 10 steps from their dens. The results were varied but all amazing; soggy moggy was very impressed! We also re-visited how to light the kelly kettle safely and consequently enjoyed warm juice before returning in time for lunch!

On Wednesday afternoon we were thrilled to have a visit from Russel from JP Developers who helped the children construct fabulous bird boxes and a 5* hedgehog hotel. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and possibly might be tempted to 'help' you all at home with a bit of DIY in the future! We hope all the hard work encourages some little feathered and spikey visitors very soon.

Friends news

We are finalists!!

We are so thrilled to be able to confirm that we have made it through to the next round of the Smiley Charity Film awards! We could not have got this far without all your votes so we want to pass on our huge appreciation to everyone for helping so far. Watch this space to hear about what happens next…

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	**Tommie**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Thomas**	This week	Roll over due to supply teacher		
Listening Cup	**Ted**	Total for the year			
Achievement Shield	**Wilbur**	Team star			

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 95.6%

News from Class 1 and 2

Class 2:

Miss Atkinson, our third-year teaching student from Durham, taught her first English lesson on Tuesday. The class have responded well to having a new adult in class; her lesson was lovely! On Monday, we'd watched an Eagle clip and came up with some fabulous examples of figurative language, powerful verbs and adjectives. They have used these to write a transcript and performed them- in the style of David Attenborough-alongside the running video. Keep an eye out on seesaw as we are hoping to get them uploaded on to the platform today. Miss Atkinson will be doing a block placement with us in the summer term and will become a familiar face around the school.

Class 1:

This week, we found a lost penguin in class one and have been asking it questions to find out where it has come from. Tobias was adamant it came from his mum; we were all very confused! Then, later in the day, an exciting parcel arrived in school; it was indeed a penguin from Tobias' Mum! The children were thrilled to learn that we have adopted our very own penguin living in Antarctic- thanks to Beth for arranging this through the WWF charity. We have named him 'Pootie,' as this was Nathan's suggestion and was picked out of a box.

After doing some fantastic English work based on 'The Emperor's Egg, we have moved onto our new text 'Lost and found.'

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Friday 10th February	Non-uniform day - wear bright colours to school to raise awareness for Children's Mental Health Week Break up for half term.
27th March – 31st March	Sports week – more information to follow. No after school clubs this week.
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 & Isaac	Jessica F, Dasha & Art	**Monkey**	Thomas
Class 2	Zoe & Jackson	Harvey & Kit	**Carpenter**	Rose
Class 3	Noah	Poppy & Chloe	**Kindness**	Rose

National attendance figure: 94.21% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 88.6%

News from Class 1

The children in class one have worked so hard over the last couple of weeks and totally immersed themselves in our topic of 'Frozen Lands', whether that be through their work or through their play!
Our class story 'The Emperor's Egg' lent itself wonderfully to the topic and the children are now experts in all things Emperor Penguin! They were able to use this knowledge to write some impressive and informative fact files all about Emperor Penguins… I think the most interesting fact (for all children!) was that you can spot Emperor Penguin poo from Space! In science, we are focussing on animals and have had lots of fun over the last couple of weeks naming and identifying lots of different types of animals! Last week, we were super scientists and sorted lots of different animals depending on the type e.g., reptile, bird, amphibian etc. It was an interesting afternoon, and the children were eager to learn more and more! This week, we focussed more specifically on polar animals and used secondary sources to research how these animals keep warm in the cold conditions that they experience ❄ We also took some time out to look at Chinese New Year and why/how it is celebrated and to spend some time with Russel from JP Developers to build some brilliant, wooden bird boxes!
Thank you to those of you who are continuing to read with your children at home - it makes a massive difference! Please continue to read every day for 5 minutes (if possible) and record this in your child's reading record 😊

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 11 changes. This is making a real difference to the end of the day organisation. 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	After school art, craft and games club with Mrs Dobinson
Wed 8th Feb	KS2 swimming lessons start for 7 weeks
Fri 10th Feb	Non-uniform day - wear bright colours to school to raise awareness for Children's Mental Health Week Break up for half term
Mon 20th Feb	Children return to school
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