Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Courage

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

After initially feeling that we had managed to miss out on the forecast heavy snow, the weather had different ideas overnight! Making the decision to close a school is never an easy one and one that is difficult to make quickly as I am dependent on getting information from staff – often when they are attempting to drive to school. Hopefully all children managed to get some time to enjoy the snow today, even if they were at school; the sunshine has made it simply stunning everywhere. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by our closures – let's hope that's it for this Winter and Spring can commence.

Congratulations to the Y5/6 team from Barton who managed to achieve an outstanding 3rd place in the Archery, Kurling and Boccia competition at Richmond school this week. Well done team – what a super achievement for such a little school – it just goes to show what we can achieve with great team work.

Woodland Schools, led by Dr Vasby/Kat (depending on which school the children are in) are really getting into their woodland adventures now and achieving such a lot in each lesson. On top of having an excellent understanding of risk and assessing it to keep themselves safe, this week many of the children worked independently to make shelters – being extremely creative in their design and construction. Some of our youngest children are becoming adept in recognising signs of wildlife in the woods and have even correctly identified the skull of a badger! Well done woodland warriors!

*apologies for these photos only representing 2 schools – the pictures are all on iPads in our snowed in schools.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 95.4%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Freddie We	Daisey & Bailey	Freddie Walker	Daisy
Class 3:	Archie, Eva, Will, Fin, Poppy and Isla	Phoebe and Maci	William	Cole

News from Class Three

I am so proud of our Y5/6 team that competed in Richmond School's Archery, Kurling and Boccia competition this Wednesday. They competed with ten other schools, scoring points as a team through the three different events. They finished in third place! And got actual metal medals! They tricked us when they arrived back at school, by saying they came last, then class three went wild when they revealed their medals. I can't wait for the Tag Rugby competition next Tuesday; we've been practising in PE and competition to make the team has been very fierce – the bar has been set high for us after this week's great performance.

We had another terrific Forest Schools session where Y3 and 4s enjoyed marshmallows by the campfire they built after working hard building their own tents. We've been learning about constellations to help us to understand Sky Song, our class book, and created some amazing information pages about them. A brilliant week all round!

Parent Pay –Please can you ensure all your balances are in credit and debts cleared. Please note, ParentPay allows you to set up an alert if the account gets below a certain amount which can be very useful. Thank you

A message from Rev'd Alison

If your child is interested in securing a place at SFX next autumn, may I encourage you to attend one or more of our family friendly services at St Michael and All Angels church Middleton Tyas 9.30am on Sunday 26th March or 9.30am on Sunday 23rd April or 11am on Sunday 23rd May. I look forward to meeting you then.

If your child is interested in confirmation, then I will be running confirmation classes starting on Tuesday 18th April and the date of the confirmation service will be either Sunday 18th June or Sunday 16th July at Croft church at 11am.

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!
Tuesday 14th March	Tag Rugby
Wednesday 15th March	Parents Evening – Please see class teacher to book or email office
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief – Non uniform/ wear something red!
Tuesday 21st March	Friends of Barton Bingo & Bunny Drive
Thursday 23rd March	Easter Lunch
Friday 24th March	Easter Service in Church 2:30pm – All Welcome!
Mon 27th – Fri 31st March	Sports Week for All – See email sent 28th Feb with all the information
Friday 31st March	Break Up for Easter

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Isaac and Jorja		**Total for year**	686	672	812

National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 92.2%

Class News

In Class 1 this week we were VERY excited by the beautiful snow on Thursday! We've also loved exploring the big pieces of ice that keep forming in our water tray. We noticed that they look, sound and shatter just like glass, but our hands are freezing when we've finished playing with it!
We're really enjoying our class text this week, The Storm Whale. The Key Stage 1 children have continued their incredible writing- they wrote instructions for how to hide a whale from your parents, sequenced the story and thought about how the main character might be feeling. Our maths lessons have been focused around numbers to 50. The children are doing so well thinking about the tens and ones in these numbers and partitioning them into smaller parts, very impressive! And in science we're learning all about different animals and this week we thought about the features that we noticed on some of our favourite animals. Unfortunately, all our photos are on the school ipad – we will post some on Seesaw next week.

Breakfast Club

When staff arrive in school at the moment, they are faced with an increasingly complex maze of domino rallies to navigate in Class Two, thanks to the extremely ambitious efforts of our Breakfast Club team! It's certainly a fun and exciting way to start the day!

Wensleydale Tournament

As competition day looms ever-closer, children have been working really hard in brass lessons trying to perfect their pieces ready for the big day. All children have copies of the music and Mr Batty has challenged children to practice for 20mins a day at home. Unfortunately, I told children to leave their instruments in school yesterday as I was going to try and lead a practice myself today, but hopefully on Monday they will all bring them home so they can catch up. We completely understand that some children find it challenging to learn a brass instrument, however, if you could have heard the wonderful sound from the hall on Thursday you would all have been mighty impressed! It's always worth it in the end – especially if it's hard!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Forest school kit	Please remember to come in uniform and bring forest school clothes to change into each Wednesday
Brass lessons	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
Monday 13th March	Parents evening
Wed 15th March	Lion King performance at Aysgarth School
Fri 17th March	Comic relief – donations to be collected
Thurs 23rd March	Wensleydale tournament brass competition
Mon 27th March	Bike day at school
Tues 28th March	Horse riding at Catterick saddle club
Wed 29th March	4motion, gymnastics and Rof 59 – 4.15 pm finish
Thurs 30th March	Climbing wall and archery (archery KS2 only)
Fri 31st March	Ice skating – 4.15pm finish

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 95.8%

News from Class 1 and 2

On Tuesday our Year 5 and 6 children had an exciting afternoon looking through microscopes and making stinky explosions with a visit from a science teacher from Northallerton School. They mixed various ingredients together and observed the changes carefully – noting if it was a chemical reaction and what this means. The hall had an interesting smell once they had finished, which I was assured was the vinegar they had used! They also looked through microscopes at cells, something they will be doing more of once they get to secondary school – it was an exciting introduction to Key Stage 3 science and has certainly fired up the children who are now really looking forwards to their next step.

I had the pleasure, this week, of working in Class 1 to observe an exciting science lesson taught by Miss Noble. Miss Noble is a SCITT student, who has started to take over some of the planning and teaching in Class 1. I'd like to congratulate her on her fantastic lesson. The reception children could explain to me how polar bears keep warm and were wearing rubber gloves filled with air to experience insulation in action. They could really feel the difference that trapped air had on their ability to feel the icy water!

We have some lovely pictures of this, but they are in school – we will share them via seesaw next week.

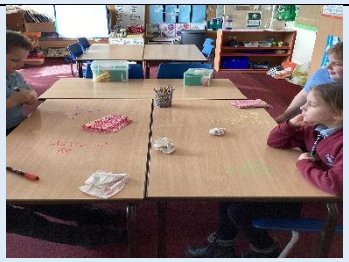
East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Friday 17th March	Comic Relief – non uniform, wear something red and crazy hair.
Monday 13th March	Class 1 parents evening – times have been confirmed by email.
Tuesday 14th March	Class 2 parents evening – times have been confirmed by email.
Thursday 23rd March	Wensleydale Tournament of Song for KS2.
Thursday 23rd March	Easter Service at 10.00am in the Church.
27th March – 31st March	Sports week – information emailed to parents. No after school clubs this week.
Thursday 30th March	Easter Lunch – information emailed to parents.
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter and return to school Tuesday 18th April.
Tuesday 18th April	Catterick Saddle Club – all school.
Tuesdays	Forest school – please bring your named kit – last session 28th March.
Wednesday	PM with ML Sports – please bring your PE kit.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 88.8%

News from Class 2



The children have been working really hard since coming back from half term and we have crammed in lots of fantastic learning; in English we have started reading the Sky song text. They have created our own tribal land and some cleverly crafted devices we can use against our enemies, writing explanation texts to excite and inform the reader. In maths we have continued and deepened our learning in multiplication and division, the children's instant recall is really helping to support their learning so please encourage them to practice this at home. In DT the children are exploring the use of pneumatics to create a monster with a functioning opening mouth, and they have been practising earnestly in brass lessons, for the upcoming Wensleydale Tournament of Song. In addition to all of this, we have begun our rehearsals for the Easter service, please support your child to learn their parts at home too. Alongside all this fantastic learning we have had lots of wider curriculum opportunities too, all the children have had great fun in Forest Schools with Dr. Vasby Burnie, they have made incredible progress in swimming lessons on Wednesday morning, and we have enjoyed a fantastic session of Skip2Bfit with Dave. Class 3 have begun to add a shake up, wake up session to the end of morning break where the whole school does 5 mins of exercise every day, we even did it in a snow shower yesterday. What a busy, fun few weeks we have had with lots more to come before the end of term!

Ravensworth School Friends

Ravensworth School Friends AGM will be held on **Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm at Kirby Hill Pub**. Please can all members/officers attend as we need members there to vote and appoint trustees and officers. The AGM is open to all, parents/grandparents and members of the community are all very welcome!

Exciting News – the friends of the school have organised a Spring ball to be held on Saturday 13th May 2023 at Dalton Village Hall. Tickets cost £38 per person with tables of 10 preferred. Dig those glad rags out and start filling up your table for a fun night and all for a good cause too. Please speak to Rachel for information on purchasing tickets.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mondays 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
Mon 13th March	**Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.30pm**
Tues 14th March	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Event at Richmond School
Fri 17th March	Comic Relief – Non uniform day – wear something red!
Tues 21st March	Easter Service at church – 10am
Wed 22nd March	Easter Lunch, **12pm to 1pm** – please confirm attendance via the online form sent home

Thurs 23rd March	Wensleydale Tournament of Song (KS2 only) – details to follow
Mon 27th March	Ice Skating – late return by approx 4.15pm – **no after school club today**
Thurs 30th March	4motion, gymnastics & Rof 59 – late return by approx 4.15pm – **no after school club today**
Fri 31st March	Break up for Easter – **no after school club today**

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON
School 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

KIRKBY FLEETHAM
School 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

EAST COWTON
Admin 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

RAVENSWORTH
Admin email address: admin

School 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

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