Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Courage

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our schools have been incredibly busy, as often happens towards the end of term with sporting events, practice for the Wensleydale festival and forest schools as well as trying to fit in teaching and learning among it all. Luckily our children are resilient and hard working so manage it all with joy and enthusiasm.

Comic Relief

This year we let the children decide how they wanted to raise money for Comic Relief. We've had lots of exciting activities planned by our super creative teams such as: a nose hunt and 'Whose noses are those?' quiz at East Cowton; Red Nose and Spoon race and Make a Child smile construction at Ravensworth, wearing red and fun activities all around. The children at Barton, decided they wanted to raise their money for the charity 'The Lewy Body Society', who support people with Lewy Body Dementia and their families and caregivers and promote scientific advances, after Poppy made a special request. She also created her own presentation and video for parents and children to help to raise awareness. What a wonderful idea to raise money for a charity so close to their heart.

Watch Us Grow – The Song that brought the community together and took them to London!

It's been an exciting week for the parents and children of Kirkby Fleetham School, as members of staff and the Friends prepare to represent the school at a prestigious awards ceremony in Leicester Square, London. The school song and film has made it through to the finals of the Smiley Charity Film Awards, and on Tuesday evening comedian Tom Allen will present awards at a star-studded red carpet ceremony at the Odeon Luxe. We are already winners having got so far, but the children have still had fun in class writing an acceptance speech! If you would like to take part in the excitement, the ceremony will be live-streamed on YouTube on Tuesday evening from 6.30pm. Link here: https://smileymovement.org/charity-film-awards-2023/

Sports week

Staff are busy finalising plans for sports week – including staffing for the trips as well as the inhouse sporting activities that will be taking place. We'd like to thank all the parents who have volunteered to come along and support with some of the more technical activities, especially the horse riding which requires some experience with horses. The staff without that experience are particularly grateful!

Polite reminder

Could we remind you that messages to school should, wherever possible, go through the admin email addresses between 8am and 6pm. Some messages via Seesaw are not getting through, this seems to be a technical hitch, so the admin email should always be the first choice. Could we also ask that staff are not contacted via social media in the evening regarding school matters. Thank you for your support in this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.6%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writers of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Dylan	Freddie We & Hunter	Arnie	Alice
Class 3:	Florence	Finley and William	Davey	Davey

News from Class Three

We had a great time at the tag rugby competition at Richmond School this week. Our team of ten players played eight matches (back-to-back with no rests!) against other schools from our area, we had a slow start and lost our first three matches but then got into rhythm and stormed through the rest of them. We finished in 6th place, the highlights were a nail-biting 5-4 win against Croft, and ending on an epic battle against Mrs Stevenson and Richmond Methodist which finished with a last second try to make it 7-7! Well done to all our players, they have practised so hard in PE this term to prepare for it. Special shout outs to our captain, Davey, who was a whirlwind; Isla who scored loads of tries with her smooth moves; William who kept driving us forwards; and Flo who nipped through the smallest of gaps in their defence. Our small school definitely had big hearts to do so well against schools that have whole classes of year sixes to choose from.

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 21st 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 20th March	Last session Yr 3 & 4 Forest Schools – Please bring in waterproofs, hat, gloves, warm clothes etc
Fridays	Collective Worship @ 3pm – All Welcome!
Tuesday 21st March	Friends of Barton Bingo & Bunny Drive 5:30-7pm
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
Niven, Lucas and Fin		**Total for week**	26	35	37
		Total for year	712	707	849

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 93.1%

Class News

We were treated to a fabulous performance of The Lion King at Aysgarth School on Wednesday. The school kindly arranged transport for us and gave us a warm welcome to their wonderful show, which was full of fabulous costumes, lighting, music and dancing. It was a inspiring show!

Smiley Charity Awards Ceremony

In our English lesson today the children have been writing an award acceptance speech, in the very unlikely event we win an award! We have more radio interviews lined up next week and everyone is very excited about our film being announced by comedian Tom Allen! We hope you will all be able to watch the awards on the live YouTube stream on Tuesday night. Link is here: https://smileymovement.org/charity-film-awards-2023/

Wensleydale Tournament

Children have been putting in lots of extra practice for the Wensleydale Tournament, which is taking place next week. These wonderful boys even out in some extra rehearsals at playtime – that's dedication!

Friends news

The friends have been lucky enough to come out of the draw to do the Bedale car boot sale again on Saturday 1st April, however we need your help!

Please can anyone help out with shaking buckets, collecting car parking fees or with the litterpick at the end? Last year we raised over £1000 at the same event, so it really is worth the effort! We would really appreciate any offers of help from anyone who is able to do so. Please contact Fran or Verena to offer your services, thank you.

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
Thurs 23rd March	Easter service10am at St Marys Church, Kirkby Fleetham – all are welcome
Thurs 23rd March	Wensleydale tournament brass competition in the afternoon
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: 93.4% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 87.7%

News from Class One

This week in Class One, we have been exploring measurement from Reception through to Year Two. The Reception children have enjoyed using non-standard units of measure to compare objects around the classroom. Wilbur told us that the cuddly tiger is 10 cubes tall. He also completed his own little challenge whilst working at home; he managed to count independently to 100! Wilbur earned himself a Sam Turner's treat from Daddy! We certainly have a budding mathematician in the making.

In Year One, the children have been measuring objects in centimetres with a ruler, whilst the Year Twos have been finding and comparing larger objects that would be measured in metres.

After our amazing re-enactment of The Great Fire of London last week, in history we have moved onto learning about the life and times of Grace Darling. Over the next few sessions, we will find out why she was famous and why she is still remembered today.

Thank you to Dr Vasby for another invigorating Forest School session. This week, the children were in their element making natural crafts in the woods. Maddie made a lovely star mobile by joining together tree branches and Isabelle made a fabulous stick lady called Stella, who enjoyed a dance by the campfire!

Well done also to Isabelle for achieving her Stage One swimming badge. It's great when the children share their out of school achievements with us in school- we're very proud.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd March	Easter Service at 10.00am in the Church. WTS competition for Class 2- Children will perform at 1pm. Parents are invited, and we have space on the bus- small cost to enter the hall.
27th March – 31st March	Sports week – information emailed to parents. No after school clubs this week. No parent worship this week.
Thursday 30th March	Easter Lunch – we still have some spaces if you'd like to join us for dinner. Payment to be made via Parent Pay by Monday 20th March.
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter and return to school Tuesday 18th April.
Tuesday 18th April	Catterick Saddle Club – whole school.
Friday 5th May	Coronation celebration and afternoon tea- parents invited- more information to follow.
Tuesdays	Forest school – please bring your named kit
Wednesday	PM with ML Sports – please bring your PE kit.
Fridays	**Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.**

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Other awards	
Class 1	Henry	Isabelle, Louie & Art	**Monkey**	Lucy
Class 2	Ellie & Carter	James & Oliver	**Carpenter**	Amber
Class 3	Poppy	Lucy & Chloe	**Kindness**	Louie

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 95.5%

News from Class 3

Here we are again after another busy week! This week, we have finished our Sky Song stories and they are amazing! Look out for them being posted on Seesaw. We definitely have some budding authors in our class; it is fantastic to see their love of writing grow, as well as their love of reading. We have enjoyed Sky Song so much that over the next couple of weeks we are going to write to film studios and production companies to persuade them to make Sky Song into a film!

In maths, we have been working really hard this week – year 6 have been delving into algebra and year 5 have been revising division. In RE, we had a 'last supper' this week. We shared unleavened bread and 'wine' (juice!) and talked about Judas' betrayal, leading to a very entertaining 'conscience alley' activity, where the children had to give Judas advice about what he should do!

Our highlight of the week has to be the tag rugby competition we attended on Tuesday at Richmond School. As always, I was so impressed by the behaviour and sportsmanship of the class. They played so well as a team, encouraging and taking care of each other. It's such an achievement to hold their own against schools who have 30 children in a class to make a team! Well done all.

Thank you to everyone for wearing something red today and for all your donations towards Comic relief, we raised an amazing £50!!

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** – last session before Easter is **Mon 20th March** due to Sports Week **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
Tues 21st March	Easter Service at church – 10am
Wed 22nd March	Easter Lunch, **12pm to 1pm**
Thurs 23rd March	Wensleydale Tournament of Song (KS2 only) - parents welcome
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 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