Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Courage

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

School was a very strange place on Thursday with all of the staff and children dressed in their PJs! Everybody looked super snuggly and cosy while working and they still managed to work really hard despite being dressed differently. All children enjoyed a bit of relaxation with a hot chocolate and a good book – perfect for a chilly March day. All this, of course, was with the aim of encouraging reading for pleasure – something we are passionate about at Cornerstones.

Governor spot

This week the curriculum sub-committee has met to look at how governors can best support curriculum and attainment across the schools. The main topic of discussion was how best to monitor provision for pupil premium children and finding evidence of the teaching of diversity across the curriculum. Mrs Whittle has also been in to look at the finances so governors are fully informed and are ensuring that I am held to account. In a bid to assess readership of our newsletter, could we ask that if you have read this, could you reply to the email with simply 'read' so we can gauge how valuable the current format is. Thank you.

Sports Week

Thank you for the positive feedback about sports week – we are all excited about trying out these new, and rather different sports. Please remember to complete the form emailed with the details for each activity on and most importantly permission for your child to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.8% 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:	Sean	Riley and Freddie Wa	Charlotte	Dylan
Class 3:	Cole	William and Isla	Tom	Eva-Grace

News from Class Three

We have had such a fun week in Class Three! It turns out that our year threes and fours are amazing at forest schools: they've rebuilt our willow den, fixed our forest of the future and got very dirty with lots of digging. In music we have been exploring Chrome Music Lab, creating our own tunes and songs – watch out because there is definitely a lot of talent in our class! We're also practicing for our Easter performance of The Three Trees, some children already know the words to the songs by heart and are beginning to master their lines. World Book Day was super fun and very cosy: we enjoyed lots of biscuits, lots of hot chocolate and lots of amazing books. It was so lovely to see so many of our older children reading to and listening to our younger children.

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!
Monday 6th March	Friends Meeting – 7pm in school
Wednesday 8th March	Yr 5 & 6 Archery, Kurling & Boccia
Tuesday 14th March	Yr 5 & 6 Tag Rugby – Details to follow
Wednesday 15th March	Parents Evening – Please see class teacher to book or email office
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief – Non uniform/ wear something red!
Thursday 23rd March	Easter Lunch – Please book by 10th March
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

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Rollo, Niven and Esme		**This week**	41	26	26
		Total for year	642	636	741

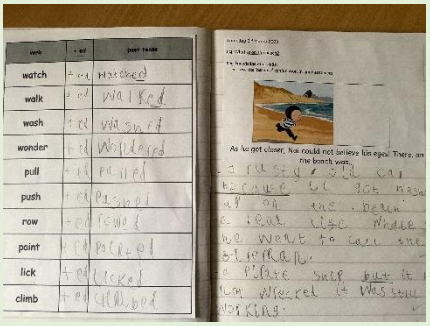
National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 94.4%

Class News

It certainly was a damp, chilly afternoon in the forest this week but luckily some of the children helped Dr Vasby light the kelly kettle and make a shelter which provided a great base to enjoy yummy hot chocolate in!

World Book Day was a much warmer and cosier occasion altogether! It was wonderful to welcome children in their pyjamas and snuggle up with books and teddies. We shared our very favourite books and talked about the importance for reading for learning and mental health. In the last session of the day we made 'reading dens' in the classroom and drank yet more hot chocolate! There was also a dramatic 'teddy rescue operation', but that's another story entirely….!

The rest of the week we've had our heads down in all our wonderful curriculum topics. There are some intriguing science experiments dotted around the classroom in glasses, and also some beautiful markings on the wall made from gold leaf and real-life quill pens. Never a dull moment at Kirkby Fleetham!



In class 1 the children have been doing lots of amazing writing, learning all about adding different endings to verbs.

Friends news

Mrs Harper is on a mission to get votes for the Smiley Charity Film Awards, so much so I think we need to employ her as our full-time marketing manager! Last week she got us a mention on the Chris Evans show, this week she's managed to get a further 50 votes from our central IT team. She's also doing a wonderful job helping the children log on to their own emails and vote for themselves. Not long now until the closing date, so PLEASE KEEP SPREADING THE WORD!
https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/videos/friends-of-kirkby-fleetham-ce-priamry-school-watch-us-grow

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Forest school kit	Please remember to come in uniform and bring forest school clothes to change into
Brass lessons	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
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					
Star of the week Class 1	**Tobias**		Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Star of the week Class 2	**Serenity**	This week			
Listening Cup	**Nathan**	Highest Score			
Achievement Shield	**Tate**				

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

News from Class One

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about The Great Fire of London and the children have truly amazed us. Over two sessions, they have worked hard to find out about an event in history way before their time. We have looked at photographs; read diary extracts from Samuel Pepys and researched in books and on the internet. The children have retained so many awesome facts! This led naturally to discussing how we respond to and deal with fires today. We watched some informative videos from the Fire Brigade, giving us some top tips on staying safe if there was a fire around us. We talked about when and where fires are more likely to occur, such as in cooking, keeping us warm etc and we reminded the children of our routinely fire drills in school and how to react if there was to be an incident. For their homework, we have asked the children to talk to you at home about what to do if there was a fire at home and how you stay safe preventing fires occurring.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School session with Dr Vasby. Thank you to our amazing parent helpers. Dr Vasby commented that she wished she had 'Blue Peter style' badges to hand out as you were so involved and enthusiastic. The children loved exploring Pepper Arden Woods and making hot chocolate in the wild.

Following on the hot chocolate theme, as part of World Book Day, the children enjoyed a cup whilst reading their books. They were also subjected to a lovely burnt smell drifting from the kitchen.- Miss Coxon burnt the milk- whoops! Poor Mrs Hunter had to clean up Mrs Raw's cooker.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

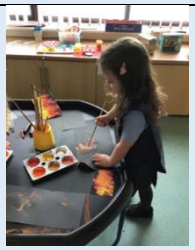
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief – more information to follow
27th March – 31st March	Sports week – information emailed to parents. No after school clubs this week.
Tuesdays	Forest school in the afternoon – please bring your named kit
Wednesday	PM with ML Sports – please bring your PE kit
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Other awards	
Class 1	William & Isaac	Isabelle, Lily-May & Art	**Monkey**	Elliot
Class 2	Freddie	Amber & Ellie	**Carpenter**	George
Class 3	Charlotte	Samuel & Max	**Kindness**	Chloe, Florie & George

National attendance figure: 94.8% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 97.7%

News from Class 1



What a lovely couple of weeks we have had in Class 1 with lots of fun and learning taking place.
In history, we have been spending some time looking at The Great Fire of London. The children have been so intrigued and have learnt so much in such a short space of time! It is wonderful to see how interested they are and to witness their desire to learn more. We have had lots of mature discussions regarding what happened and when. We have also had interesting discussions regarding which factors we thought had a bigger contribution to the spread of the fire. The reception children have also had lots of fun dressing up and playing fire fighters in our role play area as well as creating some fire themed artwork!
In P.E., we are working on teamwork skills as we play invasion games. We have spent some time looking at the skills involved in attacking and defending and the children are learning how to communicate effectively with their teams! We also had lots of fun last week when Dave visited from Skip 2B Fit. The children always WOW us with their determination to succeed and their ability to persevere and keep on going when things get a little tough (or tiring)! We are very looking forward to Sports Week at the end of the term ⚽ 🚣
Please remember to keep reading daily with your children and recording this in their planners 😊

Friends of the School

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** - please remember to book your preferred time slot
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
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**

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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