Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Courage

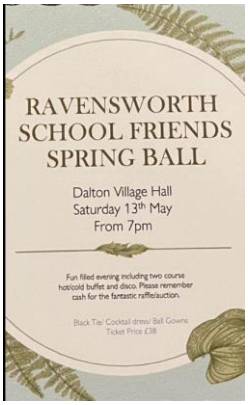
Friday 21st April 2023

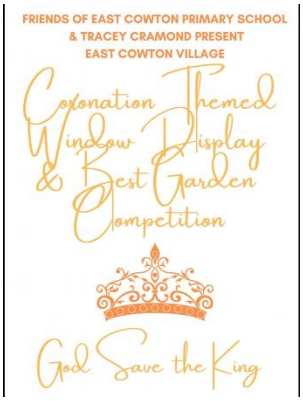
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter holiday and found the time to relax with family. After the exciting and hectic end to the term with our sports week, I think we were all ready for a break. The children have all come back from their break enthusiastic and ready to dive into our new topic of 'Space'. The teachers have been working hard planning exciting lessons and activities to launch the topic and get the children fired up for learning.

School Friends

This weekend two of our schools' Friends groups have community events happening. Kirkby Fleetham are having their 'Great Big Spring Clean' on Sunday – litter picking around the village followed by cakes and coffee in the school hall. Come along and join in keeping the village tidy and sampling the delicious baking as a reward. At Barton on Sunday, it is the Friends Car Boot Sale. Everybody is welcome – you may even find a bargain! Ravensworth Friends have a Spring Ball planned for May 13th and East Cowton Friends next event is over the Coronation bank holiday weekend with a window display and best garden competition. These groups are always looking for additional members. They all do such wonderful work raising money for our children, we so appreciate it. If you are interested in becoming a part of your schools' Friends group, please contact school.





King Charles III Coronation

The Coronation is fast approaching, and we are busy making plans to celebrate in style in school. Please watch out for any emails from school. The children will be learning about the Coronation in the run up to the day itself during collective worship so they will be the experts on the day. Feel free to pick their brains if you are watching together.

Sports Week

Many thanks for the kind words and emails you have sent thanking us for sports week. The stress and organisation were all worth it though as we watched children go from clinging onto the edge of the ice rink to speeding around independently within the space of an hour. Interestingly, many of the children have found it hard to say which activity they have liked best. We are looking at repeating this next year, although we may do it at a different time of year.

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 99.4%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	JJ	Daisy	D'arcy	Alice
Class 3:	Will	Finley & Oscar	Riley F	Isla
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			**Middleham**	

News from Class

What a fantastic start to the term! Class 1 started their Forest School lessons and Class 3 settled in with a new teacher. We hope Miss Babington enjoys her time with us this Summer term. We are immensely proud of how well the children have taken to all the new, positive changes that are happening in school. They have all been eagerly collecting Dojo points for their houses and are all very excited to see which will be the first winning house and have their ribbons put on the cup.

The space topic has been launched across school this week. Class 1 have enjoyed exploring the space themed provision areas and learning about Neil Armstrong. We have particularly enjoyed chilling out under the planets and stars in our new reading corner canopy.

Class 3 have introduced some new class rules of being "Ready, Respectful, and Safe", which is creating a lovely working environment in the freshly, spruced-up classroom. We have started a new writing unit based on the planet "Pandora" to coincide with our Space topic this term. We have created some really fabulous descriptions of the uninhabitable terrain, using expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, and fronted adverbials. We are now focusing our writing on creating an alien "hexapod" that lives on Pandora and will be continuing this next week.

We would like to say a big Barton welcome to Riley, he has settled straight into school life, and it was so lovely to see the children enjoy showing him the classroom and making him feel at home in school.

Forest School

Barton – Dates for your diary

Wednesday's	From 19th April Forest Schools starts for Class 1 – please can all children in class 1 make sure they have in school wellies, waterproofs, clothing suitable to get dirty.
Sunday 23rd April	Friends of Barton Carboot on school field
Monday 24th April	Multisports After school sports with Joe 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 25th April	Sports Week – Catterick Saddle Club
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May	Coronation Picnic Lunch- 12-1pm Parents welcome - see email sent
Friday 5th May	Non–uniform Day – Wear RED/WHITE/BLUE

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
		Total for week	21	26	25
		Total for year	792	776	915

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 95.3%

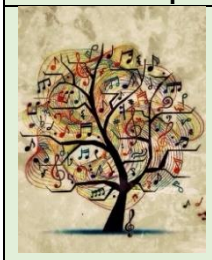
Class News

This week we have launched our fabulous space topic in class. Over the course of the term, children in class two will be investigating the possibility of living on another planet, whilst children in class one will be considering what they would take on a journey into space. To launch our topic, all children took part in a 'space-themed' dance workshop and developed a story through expressive dance and movement. In class we have also been considering the more philosophical elements of space travel, which, as always, led to some very deep discussion!

It has also been wonderful to have our student teacher Miss Oldfield taking over some of the teaching in class two this week. She has started our new text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and already inspired some fabulous writing.

In class one, a rocket is all set for launching, and children from nursery to Year 2, have already been jetting off on some imaginary journeys into space!

Watch this space for 'Watch Us Grow'!



There is plenty of creative activity going on behind the scenes at the moment to write our end of term summer production 'Watch Us Grow'. Filming starts on Tuesday afternoon! As was mentioned in the letter that was sent out this week, please do get in touch with any thoughts or ideas. We're particularly interested in tracking down our alumni, either to take part in the project, or just to be in the audience.

Friends news

Please come along and help this Sunday with the friend's Great big spring clean, starting at 1pm outside school, followed by delicious refreshments afterwards.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to leave in school for the week
Brass lessons	Please remember to bring instruments every Thursday
Sunday 23rd April	Friends Great big spring clean 1pm
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

Stars of the Week		
Class 1	Gracie	
Class 2	Millie & Nate	

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 97.7%

News from Class

Welcome back to school- what a wonderful start we have had to our summer term. On Tuesday, we ventured out to Catterick Saddle Club. The children had an amazing day grooming, cleaning, mucking out and riding the horses. All the children were fantastically behaved; and extremely polite; the staff at the venue commented on their beautiful manners. The sun shone down on us all day, here is just a selection of the photographs...look on Seesaw for more.

This term we will be blasting off into space and learning all about the history of space travel. If you have any space toys, costumes or books that the children can share, please send them into school.

Congratulations to Faye for completing her Stage 2 swimming certificate and achieving her 5m badge.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Mon 1st & Mon 8th May	Bank Holidays – school closed.
Friday 5th May	Coronation celebration and afternoon tea- parents welcome - more information to follow. Non-school uniform - Children are invited to wear red, white and blue.
Sat 6th & Sun 7th May	FOS event – Best dressed windows and garden competition.
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term. Return to school on 5th June.
Fridays	**Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.**

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	
Class 1	Benjamin & Mia	**Class 1**	William & Jess W
Class 2	Dexter & Phoebe	**Class 2**	Harvey & Thomas
Class 3	Effie, Florie & Elliot	**Class 3**	Elliot & Chloe
Lunchtime	Samuel		

National attendance figure: 93.4% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 95.7%

News from Class 1

Wow... what an exciting first week back to start the summer term! On Wednesday, we started our Woodland School sessions with Kat Vasby-Burnie. The children really immersed themselves in the whole experience and had a lovely morning in the woods! We managed to fit lots into the morning and had lots of tired, but happy, children on the walk back. We spent time spotting and talking about different plants and their life cycle, listening and looking out for a skylark, investigating badger tracks, building homes and much more! The children were also very good at risk assessing the woods and warning their friends of potential dangers and things to look out for as they made their way around. We can't wait for our next session and to see what we get up too 😊

On Friday, we launched our new topic 'Outer Space' with an immersive dance experience. It was linked to the book How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers and was so much fun! If you have any space toys, costumes or books that the children can share please send them into school.

End of day arrangements

Many thanks for your support with keeping changes to the end of day arrangements for emergencies only. This week there have been only 6 changes. Thank you so much.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Sports Club with Matty until 4.15pm **P.E. for whole school**
Tuesdays	Art, Craft & Games Club until 5.30pm
Wednesdays	**Class 1 Forest school**
Thursdays	KS2 brass lesson
Fridays	Puzzle & Games Club with Mrs Dobinson until 5.00pm Collective worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday!
Tuesday 2nd May	Class 1 & 3 to Catterick Saddle Club
Friday 5th May	Coronation Afternoon Tea Celebration, 12-1pm
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9th May	Class 2 to Catterick Saddle Club
Friday 26th May	Break up for Whitsun half term!

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

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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