Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Friendship

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has felt much more 'normal' after the hectic time we've had recently. Children are settling into their learning and enjoying their new space topic. I've seen some fantastic work as I've visited the schools this week including space themed art, science investigations around friction and finding out about the space race in the 1960s.

Y6 Statutory Assessments

Our Year 6 children in all our schools are preparing for the SATs tests which begin on 9th May after the coronation bank holiday. This is a delicate balance to make sure the children are comfortable with what to expect during the SATs tests and supporting them to do their best while trying to ensure that they aren't anxious about it. Our staff are experts at managing this though and hopefully the children will see these upcoming tests as a rite of passage – certainly the year group that didn't do the tests back in 2020 felt a sense of disappointment that they missed out!

Christian Value

This term's Christian value is 'Friendship' which the children have been thinking about during collective worship.

"*Encourage one another and build each other up!*" Thessalonians 5.11

"*We should be positive and kind and not knock each other down*" Edward Y6 Kirkby Fleetham

Support for parents

Many children have difficulties with sleep which can have an impact on both their behaviour at home and at school as well as their ability to learn well. The Sleep Charity offers lots of support and information about sleep problems in children as well as a helpline (03303530541) where parents can speak to sleep advisors. Click on the link to find out more. Home - The Sleep Charity

King Charles III Coronation

The schools are busily making plans to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III next Friday. Please send the children to school wearing red, white and blue and get involved as much as possible with the events the schools are putting on.

Have a lovely, long weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 93% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.7%

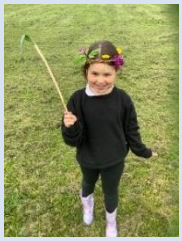
Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Lunchtime Awards	Values Award
Class 1:	Lucy	Arnie	Bea	Hunter
Class 3:	Thomas	Maci	Charlie	Tom
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			Middleham	

News from Class 1 & 3

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 well behaved and really enjoyed the new experience. We were so lucky with the weather, the sun shone down on us all day, the horses were very tolerant of all the chatting, stroking and hugging and the staff were amazingly kind and encouraging. It was wonderful to hear some children in school talking about joining a riding club and starting lessons because they enjoyed it so much. Children and adults were all very tired by the end of the day and for the rest of the week. The long weekend will definitely be needed. Here is just a selection of the photographs.

Forest School this week



This week in forest school the children have enjoyed foraging, collecting, observing and creating Forest Crowns.

Friends of Barton – A huge thank you for all those who supported and came to the carboot on Sunday 23rd April. We made £253.66 for the school. As it was so successful, we are looking to hold another end June/start July!

Next Event – Litterpick – on Thursday 4th May 3:30pm, collect your child from school and litterpick around the village. Refreshments available under the shelter in the playground. Let's get the village tidy for the King's Coronation!

Barton – Dates for your diary

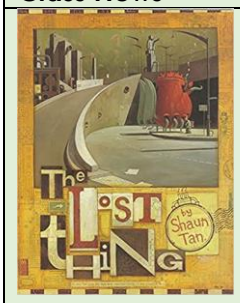
Wednesday's	Class 1 – please can all children in class 1 make sure they have in school wellies, waterproofs, clothing suitable to get dirty.
Monday 1st May	**Bank Holiday**
Thursday 4th May	Coronation Picnic Lunch- 12-1pm Don't forget your picnic rugs!
Thursday 4th May	Friends of Barton Litterpick – Starts at 3:30pm See attached poster
Friday 5th May	Non–uniform Day – Wear RED/WHITE/BLUE
Monday 8th May	**Bank Holiday**

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Chloe and Niven		**Total for week**	10	43	24
		Total for year	802	819	939

National attendance figure: 93% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 93.1%

Class News



Children in Class 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their fabulous new text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. This week they have been working with Miss Oldfield on some challenging grammar, whilst also being encouraged to think really imaginatively about the text.

Year Six have been working extremely hard on preparation for their SATS tests coming up in a couple of weeks. It has been great to gather all their learning experiences and knowledge from their time in KS2 and apply them to some challenging questions. Mrs Hume has been so proud of their dedication and commitment.

In Class One, children have had amazing fun playing inside Mrs May's marvellous rocket creation!

Watch Us Grow Musical and Film

Preparations are already underway behind the scene for our exciting musical production and film. We've had a fabulous response from the local community and Mrs Hume and Mrs Oldfield have been buzzing with ideas for the script! On Tuesday a large furry microphone and video camera arrived in class, along with the equally large talent of fabulous film maker Matt Dever. It was so exciting to be a part of the film and we cannot wait to see how this creative project progresses.

Friends news

The Friends of the school would like to thank all the volunteers (grown ups and children) for their help on Sunday with the litter pick. Together they raised £209.34 for the school and now have cleaner road sides! Well done and thank you!

Please also note that the friends are holding their next meeting on Wednesday 3rd May in school at 4.30pm. All are welcome – you wont be allocated a task unless you would like one!

The next pub quiz is also next week – Thursday 4th May 8.30pm start – always a good fun evening!

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
Wednesday 3rd May	Friends meeting in school 4.30pm
Thursday 4th May	Friends pub quiz 8.30pm in Black Horse
Friday 5th May	Coronation tea party 2pm – please bring a blanket and wear red, white and blue
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
Sunday 4th June	Open garden day in the village including stall in school grounds
Monday 5th June	Return to school
Wednesday 19th July	Provisional date for the end of term performance

East Cowton CE School

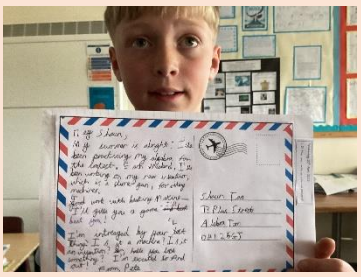
East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the week			Listening Cup	Achievement Shield		House Points	
Class 1	Minnie		Theo	Nathan		**Bolton**	32
Class 2	George J					**Middleham**	39
						Richmond	37

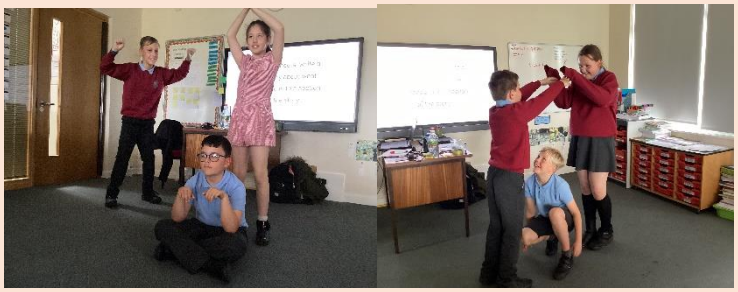
National attendance figure: 93% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 96.6%

News from Class 2

In class 2 we have been delving further into our class text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Miss Atkinson has planned some exciting lessons where the children have investigated some intricate bottle tops and used them to explore different types of figurative language. The blurb is somewhat different to most books and takes the form of a post card to Pete. The children have used this to fire up their imaginations by replying to Shaun with some intriguing questions about the 'Lost Thing' and some friendly banter.



In history this week, we have started our exciting topic linked to space. Our question this term is: Could we live on another planet some day? Miss Atkinson launched the history topic with a space journey back in time to 1957, it was a bumpy ride, but we landed safely! The children did a range of activities to include freeze-frames to tell the story of the 'great space race,' that began in Russia. There were mixed feelings from around the room about whether Laika (the first dog in space) should have been sent to space, as it resulted in its untimely death.



After some more time travel into 1961, the children were introduced to the astronaut Yuri Gagarin. They watched a fascinating video about the launch that resulted in him parachuting out of the rocket and landing on to a potato field in front of a surprised 5-year girl. This was the first human to travel into space. Some fantastic learning went on and a great start to our topic this term!

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	Friends of School event – Best dressed windows and garden competition.
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term. Return to school on 5th June.
Wednesday 12th July	Sports day afternoon with Kirkby Fleetham (provisional date) 1-3pm
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	**Class 1**	Isabelle, Sophie & Rose	**Monkey**	Noah
Class 2	Freddie, Thomas & Jackson	**Class 2**	April & Zoe	**Carpenter**	Dexter
Class 3	Elliot	**Class 3**	Charlotte & Effie	**Lunchtime**	Samuel

National attendance figure: 93% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 95.3%

News from Class 2

The children are all now settled back into school routines after the magnificent sports week and Easter holidays! We launched our space topic for this term with a wonderful dance workshop on Friday morning and have begun our learning in class based around the topic.
In English we are looking at the book 'The Lost Thing' and have been writing character descriptions, a prequel to the story and learning about using speech in our writing.
In Maths we have moved onto fractions and the children are making great progress and showing good understanding of a tricky concept.
In Science, we are exploring Forces and Magnets have enjoyed looking at forces and friction over the last two weeks. We are loving PE at the moment too; we are working on cricket skills with John on a Monday and discovering what it is like to train to be an astronaut on Fridays. We didn't realise it was so tough, but the children are working hard and are hoping to see great improvement in their performance over the coming weeks.
Can we remind you that PE is on Mondays and Fridays for Class 2 and Class 3. Can you please help your child to get organised and bring in kits every week; PE kit should include white t-shirt, shorts (leggings/joggers are acceptable too) and a suitable pair of trainers they can change into.

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 5 changes. Thank you so much – it makes a real difference.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Sports Club 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 until 5.00pm Collective worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday!
Tuesday 2nd May	**Class 1 & Year 6** to Catterick Saddle Club
Friday 5th May	Coronation Afternoon Tea Celebration, 12-1pm Non-uniform day – **wear red, white and blue**
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9th May	**Class 2 to and Year 5** 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