Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Friendship

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 1 Assessment

This week it has been the turn of our Key Stage 1 pupils to begin their statutory tests. Often the children do not even realise that they are doing tests, teachers explain them as 'special jobs' or similar which the children end up quite enjoying. These tests are much less formal than the Key Stage 2 versions as they can be completed in small groups rather than a formal test type situation.

Parent governor

We have an opening on our governing body for a parent governor. Governors gain a valuable insight into how our schools run and can bring the parent view which supports our decision making. If you are interested, please speak to me, a base leader or send an email to via the school office.

Lego Brickmasters

Both Ravensworth and East Cowton schools took a team to Richmond school for the Lego Brickmasters tournament this week. The Lego Brickmasters competition comprised of two parallel tasks. One a robotic task and the other a creative thinking task. The children had a wonderful time and were incredibly successful! I'll let them share that on the individual school pages!

Summer Clothing

Thank goodness the weather has finally warmed up. It's lovely to see the children in their summer uniforms and enjoying the outside. We do endeavour to get the children out at playtime as much as possible, even when it is damp, so please send them with a waterproof coat, even in warmer weather. Sun hats and all-day sun cream (applied before school) would also be helpful– hopefully we will need them very soon.

Facebook

Please help us to spread the exciting things that we are doing in school by liking and sharing our Facebook posts. Many of our schools have staffing vacancies at the moment so sharing them will help us to get the best staff to join our fantastic teams. Simply search for the school and follow. Give our 'Friends' pages a follow too to spread the word of their fundraising efforts.

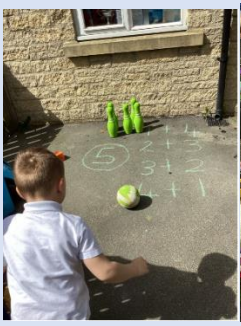
Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 98.4%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:				
	Star of the Week	**Writer of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**Values Award**
Class 1:	Charlotte	Freddie Walker	Daisy	Bailey
Class 3:	Poppy	Riley-Jay	Tom	Eva-Grace
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			Richmond	

News from Class 1



In Class One, we love to learn outside! This week, the Reception children have been using skittles to practise their number bonds to 5. They have planted seeds and are making sure to water them so they can grow. The water tray has been a wonderful place to create dinosaur stories with friends.

The weather has been so lovely this week that we have even enjoyed our snack outside in the shade. Bring on the summer!

News from Before and After School Club

At before and after school club, we have been having so much fun inside and out. Here are our Class 1 boys bug hunting on the field, enjoying the new reading area, drawing, and writing. It's non-stop! If you've not tried one of our clubs, why not give them a go? Our wraparound hours are on Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm. Just call the office or speak to a member of staff to book your place.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays and Friday's	Class 1 and 3 need PE kits in school
Wednesday 24th May	Forest School Class 1 last session – please can all children in class 1 make sure they have in school wellies, waterproofs, clothing suitable to get dirty.
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term return **Monday 5th June**

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Tilly and William		Total for week	35	36	21
		Total for year	893	880	1014

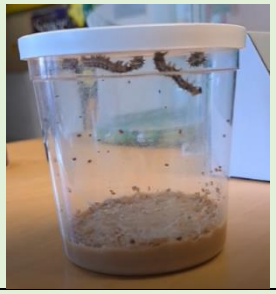
National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 92.5%

Class News

This has been a hard-working week in Class Two, as we dig deep into our space topic and tackle some big scientific concepts. In science lessons children have been learning about the solar system and designing creative ways to demonstrate their understanding of the distances between planets. We have also been studying some super aerial photographs taken by Lucas's Dad from some of his flights!

We have also started our new text 'The Space We're In'. The main character in this book is autistic, which has challenged children to think carefully about issues such as diversity, inclusion, tolerance and understanding.

In Class One we have been learning all about life cycles. We've looked at the life cycles of many different types of animals, including ourselves! We even got to see some photos of Mrs May when she was very small. We've also been able to observe a life cycle in action in our classroom through our caterpillars. We've watched them grow from a centimetre long to about 4 centimetres, all in the space of 2 weeks! They then went up to the top of their cup, attached themselves underneath the lid, and shed their skin one last time to reveal a chrysalis! We moved them to their butterfly habitat, and now we wait until they emerge. We are really hoping this happens before the half term!



Friends news

Please keep Sunday 4th June spare in your diary for the village garden open day. Friends will have a plant and confectionary stall in the playground to raise funds. If you have any garden plants or cuttings to donate, please contact Francis or one of the friends. Many thanks.

Musical Project

It was wonderful to welcome so many members of the community into our school on Monday night for a meeting about our musical. We have had so much support, including some fabulous donations of scenery. We hope to get the script and songs out to all participants as soon as possible. Very exciting!

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
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
Thursday 1st June	Friends' pub quiz
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							
Star of the week	**Listening Cup**	**Achievement Shield**	**Caring Bear**		**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
Class 1 Leon, Faye and Kasper	Dan	Jack	Theo		**Kasper 42**	**Maddie 44**	**Dan & Leon 35**
Class 2 Ted				**Weekly total**	**127**	**181**	**105**

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 97.7&

News from Class One and Class Two

This week in Class One, we have started reading a new text in English, Astro-Girl by Ken Wilson-Max. The children have been making predictions, describing characters and freeze-framing the first few pages of the story. They are enthusiastic about our Space project and love to role play in the continuous provision area. In history, we have been learning about the British astronaut 'Helen Sharman.' Maddie and Faye took it in turns to pretend they were Helen; they travelled into space. The other children enjoyed firing questions at them in the style of a news reporter.
In maths, we have been exploring position, direction and learning our right from our left. We had fun navigating ourselves and objects in different directions.
Our Year wo children have tackled their SATS papers this week- they have been little superstars. They have been super resilient and determined to be their best...the biscuits have certainly helped with this!

This week, a team of Class Two children entered the Brickmaster competition at Richmond School. The team included: Daniel, George, George, Lilly, Nate and Jack. Daniel writes the following report:
The Brickmaster competition was split into two parts: a creative and a technological challenge. During the technological challenge, we had to build a robot and code it to automatically navigate a course of obstacles. It took determination, will power, running up and down stairs and a lot of trial and error. After all of our hard work, the robot got around the first obstacle but then went on its own path! The robot was named Harry Bo.
On the other side of the room, George R, Nate & Jack had to storyboard, build and perform a story with bricks. The overarching theme of all the performances from other schools was 'Someone saves the day!' Our team built and performed Rapunzel with a twist!
Our school won the 'Best Teamwork' award because we shared out the jobs and everyone put in 100% effort.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Please can all children bring a named water bottle with them, now the weather is getting a bit warmer.

Wednesdays	After school club – sports with Matty.
Thursdays	After school club – gardening club with Mrs McAneary.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term. Return to school on 5th June.
Saturday 17th June	FOS event – Scarecrow trail and family fun day. Please see flyer attached to the email.
Wednesday 12th July	Sports day afternoon with Kirkby Fleetham starts at 1.00pm
Saturday 15th July	FOS event – The big breakfast – The Beeswing 9am to 11.30am
Friday 21st July	Leavers assembly 10am at the church.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week		Writer of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Isaac	**Class 1**	Mia, Louie & Art	**Monkey**	All of Year 6
Class 2	Oliver, Dexter & George	**Class 2**	Eli & Nathan	**Carpenter**	Amber
Class 3	Florie The choir	**Class 3**	Lucy & Max	**Daykn Trust Cup Winners**	Bolton

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 95.9%

News from Class Two

Over the last few weeks, we have delved into our Space topic and continued our writing in English based on the Shaun Tan text - The Lost Thing. The children have been learning how to use persuasive language in their writing. We are also continuing our learning around fractions in maths where the year 3s are starting to add and subtract fractions and the year 4s are adding and subtracting mixed fractions and fractions from whole amounts. In music Mr Batty has moved us away from our Brass lessons for a while and we are exploring pentatonic melodies and compositions, today we were exploring the rhythms of the music linked to Chinese New Year. In science we are extending our learning around forces and magnets and have done lots of working scientifically to discover which materials are magnetic and learn about the magnetic poles. This week some children were lucky enough to go along to Richmond Secondary school to take part in Lego Brickmasters competition, where they were given a task to perform, and awards were given to the best teams, one of our teams won the robotic Lego task how amazing is that? They all had an awesome time. In DT the children have found out about food in space and have learnt that most food is dehydrated They have used some similar food items to produce some yummy flapjacks which we hope you enjoyed trying at home.

Ravensworth School Friends

Saturday night was the very first Spring Ball held by the Friends. The whole team worked incredibly hard organising the night to make sure it was a roaring success. Amazing raffle prizes and a dramatic auction added to the fun and, of course, fund raising efforts. A fantastic time was had by all and a staggering **£1927.93** was raised for the school. I think it is safe to say this could well be an annual event. Thank you team for all of your hard work in the run up and on the night itself.

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!
Wednesday 24th May	Messy Church – **3.15pm to 5.00pm**
Friday 26th May	Break up for Whitsun half term!
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 14th June	Tempest Photography in to take Class photos
Tuesday 11th July	Whole school end of term performance – more details to follow

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