Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Friendship

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely warm week and the children have been thoroughly enjoying the green spaces we are so lucky to have. Thank you to those of you who have sent in hats and applied sun cream before school – it makes our job so much easier at playtime. Please remember to send in a waterproof coat in case the weather changes (as it tends to do in our country) as we like to get the children outside for playtime as much as possible.

School Governors

Last week our full governing body met at Barton School. Among the usual business, governors heard a presentation from Kirsti Hume, Deputy Headteacher, on our curriculum, in particular the progress we have made since our four OFSTED inspections last year. We do have a space on our governing body for a parent governor. Please contact the school admins to express your interest and we can give you some more details.

Covid – latest guidance

Unfortunately, Covid still seems to be about so I thought it would be useful to remind our families of the latest guidance. If a child tests positive, they should stay at home for three days. There is no need to isolate should family members test positive. It is important we keep children in school as much as possible. There is, however, no expectation to test.

Online Safety

Artificial Intelligence has been much discussed in the media recently. Technology is moving at such a rate that it is difficult for teachers and parents to keep up to date. Here is a link to 'What do I need to know about ChatGPT?' A guide for parents and carers:
https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers

Have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% 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:	Bailey, Bea, JJ, Sophie, Alice	Bea	Sam	Sean
Class 3:	Max	Poppy	Eva-Grace	Tom
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			Middleham	

News from the classes

The Great Barton Bake –Off

Mrs O'Reilly and Charlie challenged each other to a 'bake off' this week. Both worked on their cakes at home and then brought them in for a taste challenge. I'm sure you'll agree, both cakes looked amazing and we can assure you they tasted even better than they looked!

It's been another busy week at Barton. Some new outdoor play areas have been added to the field outside to make break and lunch times a lot more exciting! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring these new spaces, and more will be added in the future based on the children's suggestions. Class 3 has had lots of fun exploring superlative and comparative adjectives to describe cars, for our narrative writing. We took to the staff car park (the car showroom) to write our superlative and comparative sentences and to also act out some dialogue based on our class novel, Cosmic. The children have recorded some super videos and added them to their Seesaw accounts for you to see. We hope you all have a fantastic week off and we look forward to hearing all about your adventures after half-term.

Friends of Barton School – Our next fundraising event is the Bags2School collection taking place on Friday 9th June 2023. Get clearing out those wardrobes and chest of drawers during half term! Please put all clothing in any bag, please scan the QR code for what items are being collected and put under the shelter by 9am on Friday 9th June.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays and Friday's	Class 1 and 3 need PE kits in school
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Return to School
Friday 9th June	Bags2School Collection – All bags under shelter for 9am
Wednesday 12th July	KS1 Fun Run
Thursday 13th July	Sports Day

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Edward, Rollo and Isaac		Total for week	22	46	31
		Total for year	915	926	1045

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 93.1%

Class News

Friendship

This term our Christian value has been Friendship. In such a small school, friendship is vitally important, and here at Kirkby Fleetham our children learn enormous life lessons about building and sustaining relationships, being kind and tolerating difference. It genuinely is like a family here and like all families we have occasional disagreements, but fundamentally we have an incredibly strong bond between us all. In our final worship on Thursday we watched a lovely Youtube clip showing animals in the wild to a sound track of Bruno Mars 'Count on Me'. The children loved it so much, there were actually tears (!!!), so I promised to include the link here so they can watch it at home. Please keep on celebrating the remarkable friendships you share here children – relationships built here can last a life time!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9O5_Q-oLrs

Children at Kirkby Fleetham – literally 'Building Futures With Love' this week!

Playground

We are delighted to now be able to open our school grounds outside school hours. You will see we have put up some temporary signs welcoming visitors to play. Our new starters in September have already had an invite to come and play, so please spread the word - it would be lovely to have younger generations coming in to see how lovely the environment is. Happy out of hours playtimes everyone!

Friends news

Don't forget next Thursday is quiz night – it's always a fun evening!
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, and Mrs Hume will be selling some seedling 'Play Trees'! If you have any garden plants or cuttings to donate, please contact Francis or one of the friends. Many thanks.

End of Term Musical Performance

Children will be bringing their scripts home over half term. It would be wonderful if they could begin to learn their lines! Remember we also have our Performing Arts After School Club starting the first Monday back – can't wait to see you there!

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 12th July	Sports day afternoon at East Cowton 1pm
Wednesday 19th July	End of term musical performance – matinee and evening.

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 Tommie Lee	George R	Isabelle	Minnie		**27**	**36**	**30**
Class 2 Serenity				**Weekly total**	**Leon**	**Faye**	**Wilbur**

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 97.02%

News from Class One and Class Two

Last week, our playground had a face lift! All the old lines were burnt away, and new games, roads and courts have been painted on. The children have mixed well across the phases to play together with snakes and ladders, targets and play on the very popular driving course, with our speed demons kept in check! We need to invest in some cycle helmets- the bikes may have three wheels, but some children can go at high speed on them.

The children in Years 3-6 had a fantastic lesson learning about analogue and digital time. Miss Atkinson turned them all into a human clock complete with an hour hand and minute hand. They were then challenged to make the time on their clock using teamwork and reasoning skills.

The children in Class One have been enjoying the weather and 'explorer time' together. We have made dens, had puppet shows, done a lot of spinning and made some obstacle courses.

Have a lovely half term holiday and a well-earned break!

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.	
Tuesdays	Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon from June 20th until the end of term.
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 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. Everyone is welcome.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week		Writer of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Lily-May	**Class 1**	Isabelle & Benjamin	**Monkey**	Noah
Class 2	Harvey, Kit & Carter	**Class 2**	April & Zoe	**Carpenter**	George
Class 3	Holly	**Class 3**	Florie & Chloe	**Daykn Trust Cup Winners**	Bolton

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 97.4%

News from Class 3

This week, in Class 3, we have been busy writing some persuasive adverts for The Lost Thing. We have carefully studied the features of adverts and have even had a go at voiceovers. I was very impressed with the quality of the work produced. We are now moving on to poetry, where we will be thinking about the feelings of 'lost' and 'found', which will bring us nicely to the end of the half term. Having looked through the English books recently, it has been so amazing to see the progress made by every child in the class.
In history this week, we have been finding out information about significant people during the space race. Why not ask your child about Mary Jackson or Yuri Gagarin? In RE, we have been thinking about the sacrifices of the disciples and imagining what it would be like to give up our favourite possessions to live a life of service.
The highlight of the week for Class 3 has been the book sale – an idea from our year 6 entrepreneurs. It has been a great success and I'd like to thank you very much for your donations. The children are really looking forward to purchasing some new books very soon. Have a lovely half term.

Ravensworth School Friends

Many thanks to those who donated clothes to the Air Ambulance appeal. The collection raised an amazing £1296! This is far more than usual and highlights the impact of joining in with these events.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mondays after half term	Sports Club until 4.15pm **P.E. for whole school**
Tuesdays after half term	Art, Craft & Games Club until 5.30pm **(excluding Tuesday 11th July)**
Thursdays after half term	KS2 brass lesson
Fridays after half term	Puzzle & Games Club until 5.00pm **(last session Friday 14th July)** Collective worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term. **Children return to school on Monday 5th June 2023**
Wednesday 7th June	Selected children to 24s Mathematical Challenge at Richmond School
Wednesday 14th June	Tempest Photography in to take class group photos
Tuesday 11th July	Whole school end of term performance – details to follow – **no after school club this day**
Tuesday 18th July	Sports day – details to follow
Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers assembly – details to follow School finishes at 3.10pm for the summer **– no after school club this day**

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