Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Generosity

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school calendar is almost as hot as the weather at the moment with so many events to cram into the last few weeks of term. Please keep a close eye on dates to ensure you are prepared – we will do our best to send timely reminders via Seesaw. The children are getting tired (as are the staff) but we will push on through to make the most of these last few weeks and enjoy the many fun activities planned by both the school and our amazing school friends' committees.

Water Safety

All children, this week, have taken part in an online water safety lesson. Last summer saw several tragedies involving children swimming in bodies of water so this resource has been put together in an effort to educate children on the dangers. If you'd like to follow this up at home, this link takes you to a short animation done in a very child friendly way. Get to know your Water Safety Code with RLSS UK - YouTube

Transition

This week has seen the beginning of our transition sessions and we have begun to welcome our newest pupils into school. The older children have just LOVED seeing their younger siblings and making new friends - ensuring they have felt welcome and thoroughly enjoying their first experience of 'big school'. Even bigger school transition sessions begin next week with the Year 6 children visiting SFX and then the other secondary schools the following weeks. Unfortunately, strike action by the NEU has meant this is curtailed at Richmond School but at least they have extra time with us as compensation!

Healthy Snacks

At all our schools, we strive to make sure all children are as healthy and as active as possible. To that end, could we remind all parents that morning snacks should be fruit only. Marshmallows and chocolate biscuits would not be classed as healthy snacks. Further to that, water bottles should contain only water. Thank you for your support in this.

Football Cards

Football cards seem to be appearing again in school. While we appreciate this is lots of fun, collecting and swapping cards with friends, it very often leads to fall outs and accusations. Could we ask that football cards are left at home to avoid any upset.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 94.6%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:				
	Star of the Week	**Writer of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**Values Award**
Class 1:	Tommy	Bailey	JJ	Alice
Class 3:	Maci	Poppy	Max	Tom
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			Middleham	

News from Class 3

It's been another busy week at Barton! Class 3 has written some absolutely incredible work this week in English, which made it a very tricky challenge to pick a writer of the week. Class 3 has also taken part in the Sky Arts "Access All Arts" week to win some fantastic prizes for the school. They have explored a range of different artists, through mark-making and various photography techniques. They have created some amazing pieces; they should be very proud of their efforts! Classes 1 and 3 have both enjoyed learning about how to keep themselves safe around water this summer, from a very informative talk from the Yorkshire water safety team! There has also been even more equipment added to the outdoor play areas, to make playtimes exciting and productive. Today we sadly say goodbye to Miss Lloyd, who has been with us this year on her final placement of teacher training. We wish her all the best for the future and congratulate her on all her achievements this year, well done Miss Lloyd!

Special time -Some children in Class 3 enjoyed juice and a biscuit with Mrs Petch this week as part of their class mission to go 'Above and beyond'. We had a lovely catch up about the weekend and shared excitement about the upcoming school holidays. All four are determined it will be them next week too!

Polite reminder

In the interests of staff wellbeing, please direct all correspondence to school via the admin email address (admin@barton.dalesmat.org) and Mrs Rankin will then forward to the appropriate member of staff during work hours. This was part of the parent/guardian school agreement that was signed earlier this year by all parents. This is a whole trust policy which all schools follow. Thank you for your support.

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!
Mon 3rd – Tues 4th July	Year 6 Richmond School Transition Days
Friday 7th July	Year 6 Leavers Service - children only – more details to follow
Wednesday 12th July	KS1 Fun Run
Thursday 13th July	Sports Day
Friday 14th July	Friends of Barton Leavers Disco 6-7:30pm – see poster!
Monday 17th July	KS2 Drumming Performance 2:30pm
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Lunch with Parents – 12:30pm, Leavers Assembly – 2:30pm
Friday 21st July	End of Term

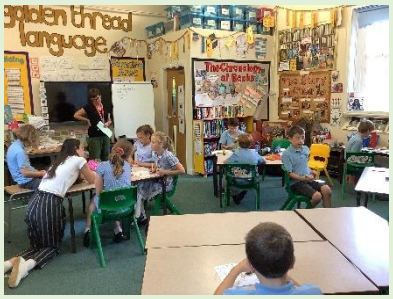
Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Chloe, Lucas and Wesley	Total for week	20	16	30
	Total for year	1030	1047	1172

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 88.8%

Class News



Class 2 were lucky enough to have a special maths lesson this week! Mrs Valentine from Northallerton School came and taught the children all about Frobenius numbers. Some very clever children astounded our visitor and even out foxed her with a question which she promised to research and get back to us with!

The children also took part in an online information presentation from Yorkshire Water where they learnt all about how to keep safe around reservoirs, lakes, canals and the beach.

You may have noticed our playground is getting a facelift - some of the children enjoyed watching the men at work removing some of the old markings with a special machine. We are really looking forward to the new colourful markings later this week.

In forest school this week Dr Vasby taught the children how to make an effective shelter which proved invaluable in what turned out to be a wet morning. They also were tempted to try sampling some edible plants and tried Dr Vasby's warm elderflower tea!

Unfortunately, today was Miss Oldfield's last day as she has now completed her final teaching placement. May we all wish her every success in her role as an official, fully qualified teacher back in Derbyshire. We shall all miss her!

Friends news

Please keep Thursday 6th July free in your diaries for the next pub quiz!

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
Tuesday mornings	Forest school – starting Tuesday 20th June
Thursday 6th July	Friends pub quiz
Friday 7th July	Year 6 Leavers Service - children only – more details to follow
Wednesday 12th July	Sports day afternoon at East Cowton 1pm
Wednesday 19th July	End of term musical performance – matinee and evening.
Friday 21st July	Break up for the summer holidays
Tuesday 5th September	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Star of the week	**Listening Cup**	**Achievement Shield**	**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
Class 1 Wilbur	Tommie Lee	Thomas	111	147	140
Class 2 Ollie			Dan 25	Isabelle 25	Wilbur & Tobias 27 each

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 92.3%

News from both classes

Class One News: This week we have been extremely lucky to welcome our new Reception children into school for the first of their transition mornings. We are looking forward to them spending a whole day with us next Tuesday. We did have some very proud siblings eagerly awaiting their arrival and on hand to keep a watchful eye on their little sisters!

On Wednesday we joined an online water safety assembly during which the children listened to ways we keep ourselves safe around rivers, ponds and pools.

The children continue to be keen weather watchers. This week we have been talking about the cloud cover, comparing it to last week. We have also been thinking about rain and how we can measure it. The children watched some weather forecasts and have had a go at recording their own forecast on the iPads.

We have enjoyed lots of sunny play in our outside area, making weather symbols, painting and lots of water play.

Class Two News: Class Two (and the carpet in the classroom) have had such a busy week – there was an explosion of glitter, paint and much more! In Art, the children channelled their inner inventors to create futuristic creatures from recycled materials. It was great to see their 2D drawings come to life as 3D sculptures! In Design and Technology, the children have been estimating how much sugar and fat there is in different foods as preparation for planning their own healthy space snack. I can't wait to see what ideas they come up with!

Friends News: The next event is The Big Breakfast, which will be held at The Beeswing – either eat in or takeaway!

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.

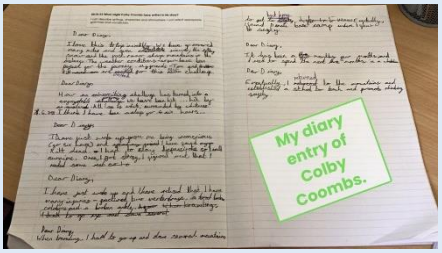
Tuesdays	Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon from June 20th until the end of term.
Wednesdays	After school club – sports with Matty **(excluding Wednesday 28th June)**
Thursdays	After school club – gardening club with Mrs McAneary.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.
Tues 27th & Wed 28th June	Year 6 leavers - SFX transition days
Mon 3rd – Tues 4th July	Year 6 leavers – Richmond transition days
Friday 7th July	Year 6 leavers service – children only - more details to follow.
Wed 12th – Fri 14th July	Year 6 leavers – Northallerton transition days
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
Monday 17th July	End of school production 2.30 in the school hall.
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	Art & Rose	**Class 1**	Jess F & Lily-May	**Monkey**	Samuel
Class 2	Freddie, Jackson & Oliver	**Class 2**	Carter & Dexter	**Carpenter**	Dance Club
Class 3	Charlotte	**Class 3**	Elliot & Max	**Dakyn Trust Cup Winners**	Middleham

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 94.2%

News from Class 3



In English, we have been looking at survival stories. This week, we have been writing diary entries from the point of view of our latest survivor, Colby Coombs, who managed to survive an avalanche whilst climbing Mount Foraker in Alaska! Look out for them on Seesaw!

Rehearsals for our end of year performance are now in full swing and it's looking great already. The children are really throwing themselves into their roles and they are looking forward to performing for you all. Please make sure your child's costume is in school by Monday at the latest. It would also be great if you could help your child to master their lines this weekend, so we can have scripts down and can concentrate on performing. Thank you!

All the children have taken part in a live water safety assembly this week. It was very informative and worthwhile, highlighting the dangers that children can face in the rivers and waters in the local area. Another highlight of the week was an engaging and fun talk by Pastor Gale from Influence Church in Richmond – this formed part of our RE work on different churches within our community.

School Friends

Our annual BBQ and summer fayre this year will be on **Saturday 15th July**. In preparation, we'd like the children to come to school in **non-uniform** the day before (**Friday 14th**) and in return bring in a **bar of chocolate or some sweets** for our chocolate tombola. The more you bring in, the more money we will make! Thanks for your support as always.

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 7th July)** Collective worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Mon 3rd – Tuesday 4th July	Richmond School Transition Days
Friday 7th July	Year 6 leavers service (children only) – more details to follow
Tuesday 11th July	Whole school end of term performance, 2pm & 6pm – Pirates vs Mermaids – **no after school club this day.** Please note, the 6pm performance is now full
Tuesday 18th July	Sports day – parents welcome in the afternoon, timings will be confirmed next week
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 leavers parent lunch – 11.45am
Friday 21st July	Year 6 leavers parent assembly – 1.30pm 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-101930341769707
https://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