Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Generosity

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assessment Week

We've been working the children hard this week and assessing them in reading, grammar and punctuation and maths. Staff work hard to make sure these are as stress free as possible, but they play an important part in helping us to make sure our assessments of the children are robust and accurate. Many of the children (and staff) have been pleasantly surprised by some outcomes which make it all worthwhile.

Generosity

Our Christian value this half term is generosity. The children have been looking at different ways in which they can show generosity and celebrating that both in class and in worship. They must have been taking this message home too as staff at all schools have had some lovely positive emails, phone calls and conversations recently from parents. I can't tell you how much this is appreciated; the summer term is long, busy and stressful! Thank you so much.

Thank you to those parents who completed our 'Parent View' questionnaire. The responses were overwhelmingly positive in general. I am collating the results and trying to find the best way to share them with all stakeholders. We will also look at what we need to put in place for some of the issues it has highlighted. We will share that with you in due course. Your opinions are important to use so thank you for taking the time to complete it.

Courageous Advocacy

Barton Pupil Poppy has this week organised her second fund raiser for LBD (Lewy Body Dementia) which is the second most frequent cause of age-related neurodegenerative dementia. Poppy's grandma has made some bags, cushions and lavender bags to sell after parent worship with money going to this cause close to Poppy's heart. We are incredibly proud of her for going the extra mile to make a difference and is a perfect example of what we encourage our children to do. Well done Poppy!

The Lewy Body Society
Shining a light on Lewy body dementia

Applications for Leave during Term Time

Since Covid, the government have tightened up their guidance on authorising requests for leave during term time. It makes it very clear that family holidays should not be authorised. I appreciate that this can have a financial impact with the cost of holidays increasing sometimes by double when schools break up. However, your child's education is our top priority, and we strive to encourage children to attend every day. We appreciate your support in achieving this.

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:	Lucy	Freddie We	Alice	Bailey
Class 3:	Eva-Grace	Will	Riley F	Phoebe
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:			Richmond	

News from Class 1

In Design Technology we have been learning all about food that would be suitable to take up to the International Space Station. Did you know that astronauts take dehydrated food into space as the water would make the food heavier? Astronauts also need to have food that won't leave any crumbs as otherwise the crumbs may get into the mechanical equipment and cause damage. We discovered that NASA astronauts use tortillas to make sandwiches with and thought that we'd like to have a go at making our own space tortillas! We designed and then made our space snacks, filling them with delicious, sweet treats such as chocolate spread, jam and even melted marshmallows. We didn't leave any crumbs although many of us had chocolate all round out mouths and syrup all over our fingers!

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 – Class 1 will need their PE kits
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
William and Lucas	Total for week	16	16	40
	Total for year	1046	1063	1212

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 91.9%

Class News

This week in forest school Dr Vasby continued to teach the children survival skills. They were thrilled to make sparks with a flint and steel and were amazed at how filling an old bottle with fabric, leaves and pine cones successfully filtered some muddy water. In addition to making shelters, the children also learnt how to make a stretcher in the hopefully, unlikely event of someone breaking a leg!

In class 1this week we were ever so excited to meet Mrs May's 2 geckos named Fanta and Sprite! One was shedding his skin and looked very comical with a funny 'bad hair day' look. The children were less impressed at their choice of food – live maggots!

In Class 2 children have been incredible poets! Inspired by our book 'The Space We're In' children have been considering the space they themselves are in, and exploring interesting language and imagery to describe and express their feelings. We have some most wonderful published pieces of writing to share. Keep an eye on Seesaw on Monday.

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**	**House Points – Rolled over to next week.**
Class 1 Gracie	Noah	Maddie	
Class 2 Daniel H			

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 97.4%

News from both classes

We welcomed our new starters into school for a full day of fun on Tuesday. Children from both classes were extremely helpful, respectful and welcoming as they joined in with our normal school day. They enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by Mrs Raw and experienced both indoor and outdoor playtime fun. We look forward to seeing them in Reception in September.

In science this week we have been thinking about exercise as part of exploring being healthy. We observed our bodies before and after exercise, looking for changes. The children tried hard to find their pulse, I know they all have one, but some didn't manage- maybe they can do this more at home? They got a bit hot and sweaty; it was great opportunity to talk about hydration!

Class 2 enjoyed another fun filled Forest School session with Dr Vasby. They were constructing shelters, collecting and filtering rainwater, building makeshift stretchers and gathering nettles to dry out to make string. They are looking forward to their next session in a couple of weeks, when they will be consolidating these skills in an ultimate end of year challenge.

The lovely Miss Atkinson, who has been with us since March, as part of her teaching degree, is sadly leaving us. She has been a great asset to the school and the children, and staff have grown very fond of her. We wish her lots of luck in her new 'proper' job which she has secured for September.

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 5th July)**
Thursdays	After school club – gardening club with Mrs McAneary.
Fridays	Parent worship at 9.00am – everyone is welcome.
Mon 3rd – Tues 4th July	Year 6 leavers – Richmond transition days
Friday 7th July	Year 6 leavers event – 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	Isabelle & Jessica F	**Class 1**	Isabelle, Louie & Rose	**Monkey**	Mrs Cosstick
Class 2	Dexter & April	**Class 2**	Seth & Ellie	**Carpenter**	Samuel & Lucy
Class 3	Poppy & Effie	**Class 3**	Noah & Holly	**Dakyn Trust Cup Winners**	Middleham

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 93.6%

News from Class 1

It has been another fun filled few weeks in Class 1 ☺. The children have been enjoying the hot weather and have loved having the opportunity to take their learning outside! This has especially applied to the reception children who have used their imagination well and have demonstrated amazing teamwork in different ways. They have worked together to create dens, cruise ships, make soup and so much more!

We have had a running theme of keeping ourselves safe over the past few weeks. Due to the hot weather, we have been talking a lot about keeping ourselves safe in the sun and the children have really impressed me with their maturity towards the topic. They have been taking more care to wear sun caps, drink plenty of water and apply sun cream if needed. Well done.

Last week, we took part in an online water safety session led by North Yorkshire Water. The children learnt all about different bodies of water (such as the sea, rivers, dams, reservoirs etc.) as well as how they can keep themselves safe in the water. We learnt to always Stay Away From the Edge (SAFE). We have also recently had a visit from PCSO Gayle Smith who taught us all about stranger danger using Clever the Robot to help. We learnt that Clever Never Goes; the children have remembered so much!

Please remember that P.E. is on a Monday so P.E. kits should be in school on this day. Sun caps and waterproof coats should be brought into school every day due to the unpredictability of the British weather!

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 and activity at East Cowton Primary School
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
Wednesday 12th July	Reception and KS1 fun run at Richmond School
Tuesday 18th July	Sports day – parents welcome in the afternoon
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 Link

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