Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we are only in our second week, it feels like we've been back for ages. Memories of summer are quickly fading, and we are back in the routine at school. Children are working hard on their maths and English in the mornings and enjoying learning about houses, homes and the stone age in the afternoons. The atmosphere in all the schools is calm and purposeful – just the way we like it. Thank you for your support in preparing children for school and sending them in with hats, water bottles and PE kits. It makes such a difference to the smooth running of school, and we appreciate it.

Secondary School Open Days

It is hard to believe but the secondary schools have released their open days in preparation for the application deadline on 31st October 2023. Applications can be made online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions

Please see the below list of dates for our local schools:

Richmond School: Thursday 21st September 5:00 – 7:30pm

Saint Francis Xavier: Thursday 28th September 5:00 – 8:00pm

Northallerton College: Thursday 12th October 2023 (timings TBC)

Cornerstone Open Days

Our schools are already thinking ahead to next year. If you have family or friends who will be applying for school places for next September, please point them in our direction. The dates for our open days are:

Barton: Thursday 12th October 2023 5:00-6:30pm

East Cowton: Monday 25th September 2023 5:00-6:30pm

Kirkby Fleetham: Monday 9th October 2023 5:00-6:30pm

Ravensworth: Tuesday 26th September 2023 5:00-6:30pm

Is my child too ill for school?

This guidance was sent through to schools this week and I thought it would be useful to share it with you. Deciding whether to send a child to school when they are under the weather is always a tricky one. The government are keen to encourage attendance, as are we but there are occasions when children should not be in school. Hopefully you will find the attached guidance of some use. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

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:	
	Awards of the Week
Class 1:	**Star**: Arron **Christian Value**: Isabella **Writer**: Oliver **Lunch:** Daisy
Class 2:	**Star**: Riley F **Christian Value:** Max **Writer:** Riley-Jay
Class 3:	**Star**: Maci **Christian Value**: Finley **Writer**: Davey **Lunch:** Bea
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:	**Middleham**

News from Class

It's been a great second week back at Barton, settling back into the new term. We have been up to lots of exciting things this week. Class 3 have been exploring their new Stone Age topic by looking at and copying prehistoric cave art and techniques from caves across the world. We will hopefully create our own paints next week using natural materials, powders and dyes, just like the people of the Stone Age.

We have also started reading The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie, and Class 3 have already created some amazing descriptive writing based on the wonders of The Emporium. We are all very intrigued what is going to happen next.

Some pupils have also taken part in bell ringing practise at St Cuthbert & St Mary's church, you may have heard them. If not, there are lots of videos and pictures on SeeSaw. The children absolutely loved the experience and were much better at it than the adults! All the professional bell ringers were extremely impressed, and we are looking forward to returning next Wednesday.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Class 1 – Mon & Thurs, Class 3 – Tues & Thurs Children must make sure their PE kits are in
Wednesday's	9:45-10:45am Bell ringing Year 5-6
Thursday's	Afterschool Multi Sports 3:30-4:30pm Yr3-6 See letter sent
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Wednesday 20th September	Yr 3 & 4 Tri golf @ Richmond School – details to follow
Thursday 28th September	Yr 1 & 2 Girls Football – details to follow
Thursday 12th October	Open evening, 5-6.30pm
Monday 23rd October	Tempest School Photographs 9am

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Fin, Elsie and Esme	Total for week	44	52	47
	Total for year	63	76	74

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 88.3%

Class News

Class 2: The children have been demonstrating an exceptional attitude to learning since returning to school. We have had an extremely successful week in all lessons, including producing some amazing writing in English based on our new books 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' and 'Ug'. In music we also started our new topic learning all about blues music, which ended in some very funny dancing in class!

Class 1: We had a royal arrival at school today, when children came to school dressed as princesses and knights ready for a fun-packed 'castle-themed' day. We started by coming up with our royal names for the day and then some baking! We made honey cake, which was a treat people enjoyed in Medieval times. We're looking forward to tasting it at our royal tea party this afternoon! We learned a simple Medieval dance and then tried out some games that people played in castle times. Ask your children about Lucky Pig--it was one of our favourites! We began lunch with a royal fanfare, and each child was officially announced as they entered the hall. They then enjoyed sitting at a very fancy table just for them!

Friends News

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the litterpick last weekend, it was a great success – the local verges look much cleaner, the refreshments were delicious and the friends raised £180! Well done everyone.

easyfundraising

Please could we ask for everyone to help us by signing up with Easyfundraising. This is free to do and has raised nearly £800 for the school in the past 2 years. Each time anyone shops online, so long as you go through the Easyfundraising website, the retailer will give a donation to your selected charity. Please visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofkirkbyfleetham/?searchSessionId=a86e8f9e-ffc8-423c-8f6f-9b58c0a5e82f and sign up!

Friends would love to welcome new faces at their next general meeting in school from 3.45pm on Wednesday 4th October, followed by the AGM to re-elect the committee at 4.30pm. All are welcome!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Tuesday 12th September	KS1 fun run
Wednesday 4th October	Friends meeting and AGM in school from 3.45pm
Monday 9th October	Open evening, 5-6.30pm
Monday 23rd October	Flu immunisations
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week				
Stars of the Week	**Dojo Points**	**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
Class 1 - Tommie- Lee Class 2 - Lilly Blakey Achievement Sheild - Dan Listening Cup - Theo Liddle		**89** **Millie**	**74** **Thomas**	**74** **Lilly**

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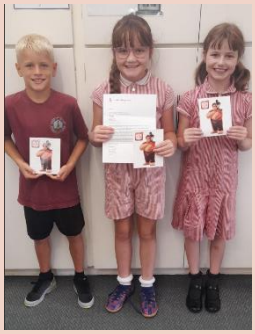
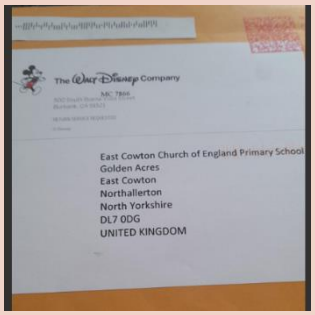
News from class 1 and 2





Last term, we really enjoyed the book 'Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone. We enjoyed it so much that we wrote letters to various film companies advising them that it should be made into a block buster film! Last week, a letter arrived all the way from America with the 'Disney' stamp on it. There was great excitement in Class 2 as we opened it to find a letter addressed to Millie, Ollie and Ellen. Walt Disney appreciated their letters; explained how they have staff that plan and write new stories for films and encouraged the three children to keep writing. They were also sent some rather nice stickers to take home. We love a bit of real writing in Class2... watch this space for the next one!

This week we are using the book 'Ug' by Raymond Briggs to plan, write and perform a persuasive speech. Look out for these on seesaw next week

On Tuesday, our KS1 children took part in the fun run at Northallerton School. Mrs Bartley came back a very happy and proud teacher. The children were exceptionally well behaved, and she reported that every child tried their best to run the long distances. I would like to congratulate Minnie and Maddie for bringing back some winning medals for a first place and showing enthusiasm and commitment to the run.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Wednesdays	After school club – sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursdays	After school club – gardening club with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.00pm - everyone is welcome
Thursday 21st September	Richmond School open evening
Monday 25th September	Open evening for September 2024 starters 5.00pm to 6.30pm - please spread the word.
Tuesday 3rd October	Tempest School photos
Thursday 12th October	Northallerton School open evening

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Isaac S & Isabelle F	Sophie	**Monkey**	Max
Class 2	Rose & Freddie	Jackson & Alliona	**Kindness**	Dexter
Class 3	Chloe	Phoebe & Holly	**Carpenter's Cup**	Max

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 96.3%

News from Class 1

We have had a great start to the new school year. All children have settled in really well and are starting to settle into the new school routines. The children in Y2 & Y1 are quickly remembering their phonics sounds and are applying this well to their reading and writing, whilst Reception are enjoying learning new letters. We seem to have a class full of keen mathematicians which is wonderful to see. The children thoroughly enjoyed PE on Monday and are looking forward to this again each week.

In science this week Class 1 have been talking about the months of the year and the seasons. We have thought about which season we are coming to the end of and which one comes next. We went for a walk outside to see if we could observe any changes happening around us. We discovered some of the leaves were changing colour and we noticed that the mornings are beginning to get a little bit chilly, and the evenings are beginning to draw in. Finally, we observed a tree outside and made a drawing of it. We are going to draw the same tree each season to see if it changes.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Wednesdays	Art/Craft Club from 3.10pm
Fridays	KS2 Swimming lessons Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Wednesday 20th Sept	Year 3/4 – Tri-golf at Richmond School
Thursday 21st Sept	Year 5/6 Richmond School Open Evening
Friday 22nd Sept	Class 1 children are invited to come to school dressed as a princess, dragon or a knight for a medieval themed day to support their topic on castles
Tuesday 26th Sept	Ravensworth Open Evening, 5-6.30pm – all welcome!
Thursday 28th Sept	Year 1/2 – Girls Football at Richmond School – more details to follow Year 5/6 SFX Open Evening
Wednesday 4th Oct	KS2 Cross Country – more details to follow
Thursday 5th Oct	Tempest individual school photos

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON
School Lunch Menu: School Lunch information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term dates 2023-2024

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 2023-2024

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 2023-2024

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 2023-2024

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