Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the curriculum has really stared to come to life in our schools. Our topic of 'homes made of stone' is inspiring the children from Reception to Year 6. This week I have spotted children building castles to play in; create cave paintings using natural 'paints' made from charcoal, blackberries and spinach and writing super long pieces based on the class novels. The atmosphere in our schools is calm and purposeful with children showing real pride in their work. It is a joy popping into class. Keep up the good work everybody.

Tri Golf Success

Barton and Ravensworth took some Year 3 and 4 children to a Tri-golf competition this week at Richmond School. Despite the dreadful weather forecast, they managed to stay dry until the very end and incredibly Ravensworth achieved a 2nd place and Barton 1st! What a great achievement! The children all enjoyed the day, and all performed well with their golfing skills. They were also judged on their values; lots of children were recognised for good teamwork, co-operation, honesty and kindness. Over the next few weeks, we have East Cowton competing in Quick Stix hockey for year 3 and 4 as well as cross country and tag rugby competitions at Northallerton and Richmond.

Parent Pay

Many of us are feeling the impact of the cost-of-living crisis that is gripping the country. If you are having difficulty in making payments for school lunches or after school provision, please let us know and we will work with you to find a solution. Please bear in mind that some of our after-school clubs are run by other providers who are themselves a small business and are therefore impacted by the cost of living. Please help us to support them by making prompt payments. Ideally lunches and after school clubs should be paid in advance – you can then set an alert on parent pay when you get below a set amount.

Back to school sniffles

There seems to be some bugs about this week. We will be stepping up the handwashing and reminding children about catch it, bin it, kill it to try and slow the spread. Please help us by following this up at home too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 97.6%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:	
	Awards of the Week
Class 1:	**Star**: Freddie Wa **Christian Value**: Riley F **Writer**: Finlay **Lunch:** Isabella
Class 2:	**Star**: JJ **Christian Value:** Tom H **Writer:** Bailey
Class 3:	**Star**: Oscar **Christian Value**: Evie **Writer**: Finley **Lunch:** Oscar
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:	**Richmond**

News from Class 1

In Class 1, we are really enjoying our topic about Castles. We have learned to recognise and name some key features of a castle and describe why they are important. Last Friday afternoon we started to construct our own castles using a range of resources including magnetic construction kits, wooden blocks and junk models. Can you spot a portcullis, moat or drawbridge? The castles were fantastic but even more impressive was just how well the children worked together, shared, persevered and encouraged one another.

We have almost finished our first English text, George and the Dragon. We've been learning about fantastic adjectives to describe the setting and characters and the youngest members of class can talk confidently about the story, retelling it in their own words. What a fantastic start to the topic!

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!
Thursday 28th September	Yr 1 & 2 Girls Football – details to follow
Wednesday 4th October	KS2 Cross Country – details to follow
Friday 6th October	Harvest Festival in Church at 5pm – All Welcome!
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
Niven, Lucas and Dylan	Total for week	33	33	40
	Total for year	96	109	114

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 85%

Class News

The children in Class Two have been thoroughly immersed in their Stone Age topic this week, including a challenging and hilariously funny art lesson as we drew each other in cave man poses! They have also been learning about the settlement of Skara Brae in history, which links beautifully to the setting of our class text, 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe'. This week children in Year 5 and 6 have been writing about tribal law and honour, whilst children in Year 2 and 3 have been creating their own books inspired by 'Ug'.

We have also been considering special places in school and creating reflection areas where we can go and think, consider our feelings and reflect on life's big questions. We have made some magical bottles of emotions and values, and placed these beside our lovely hand-crafted play tree.

In Forest School this week, children have been taking part in a special lottery-funded Heritage Project for Kirkby Fleetham and Fencotes, and did some hard graft working raking grass in a meadow in preparation for a community garden space.

Friends News

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
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 - Isabelle Class 2 - Faye	**Total for the week**	**92**	**80**	**65**
Achievement Sheild - Phoenix Listening Cup - Ellen	**Total for the Year**	**181**	**81**	**139**

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 96.8%

News from class 1 and 2

Class One have almost finished their first text, George and the Dragon. It is lovely to see them growing in confidence again with their writing, after the summer break. We have been thinking about George the mouse and his feast. The EYFS children have made a feast, whilst the KS1 children wrote a feast menu.

The children have been working collectively on making a castle role play area and have enjoyed getting creative, even giving it a working drawbridge and a moat!

In science, we enjoyed the last day of summer and the sunshine, finding things that were alive, dead and that had never been alive. Then we moved on to exploring, what a habitat is. I was amazed at our budding David Attenborough's and their knowledge about animals and where they live.

Mrs Tongue

Mrs Tongue has made the difficult decision to move on from her role here with us here at East Cowton School and set out on a new path. Mrs Tongue began working at East Cowton in 2013 and has been an integral part of the team for many years. She has taught an entire generation of children from the village and will be very fondly remembered by many. She will be missed by the staff and the children; we wish her every success in the future.

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
Monday 25th September	Open evening for September 2024 starters 5.00pm to 6.30pm - please spread the word.
Friday 29th September	Parent Worship Cancelled
Saturday 30th September / Sunday 1st October	Benefice of The Wiske – Children's Workshop and Harvest Festival - more information on the email.
Tuesday 3rd October	Tempest School photos
Tuesday 10th October	Harvest Festival 2:30pm at the church.
Thursday 12th October	Northallerton School open evening 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 19th October	FOS event – Movie night, please see poster attached for more details.

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Karina & Sophie	Henry & William	**Monkey**	Art
Class 2	Jackson & Eli	April & Eli	**Kindness**	Nathan
Class 3	Effie	Nathan & Ellen	**Carpenter's Cup**	Ellen

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

News from Class 2

We have had a busy few weeks of learning since we returned to school, the children are gradually getting used to the demands of the school day and embracing their learning. In maths we have been revising and extending our knowledge of place value using lots of resources to support us. In English we have written character descriptions to describe the main character Ug in our new text, using adjectives and conjunctions. We are enjoying learning about plants in science, where we have learnt the parts and function of a plant and stripped a flower apart to identify the parts. We are loving our Art topic too where this week we have been using natural resources to paint cave drawings just as they would have done in the Stone Age. In PE we have been practising our netball skills and also our golfing skills in preparation for the Tri-golf tournament which we attended this week and despite the weather we had a very successful morning coming 2nd! Well done Team Ravensworth!

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!
Tuesday 26th Sept	Teesdale Mercury in to take Reception new starter photos **Ravensworth Open Evening, 5-6.30pm – all welcome!**
Thursday 28th Sept	Year 1/2 – Girls Football at Richmond School Year 5/6 SFX Open Evening
Wednesday 4th Oct	KS2 Cross Country – more details to follow
Thursday 5th Oct	Tempest individual school photos
Tuesday 10th Oct	Harvest Festival - 10am at Kirkby Hill Church. Details to follow
Monday 16th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Friday 27th Oct	Break up for half term
Monday 6th Nov	Children return to school

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