Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. What a week we have had; possibly the hottest of the year, which although frustrating, has made the early mornings more enjoyable. An especially warm welcome to our new families. Our youngest children have settled in so well – I've been amazed to see how most of them have happily skipped into school with a big smile on their faces. It has been great hearing the older children supporting them and showing them the ropes; making friends and learning from day one. We have also had some new starters further up our schools who the children have made to feel incredibly welcome. The feedback I have heard from parents is that the children are happy – if rather tired! I'm sure they will all sleep well this weekend.

School Equipment

The children all look incredibly smart in their uniforms. Please check Seesaw for PE days so children have what they need in school on the correct day. Also, please send the children in with water bottles – this week it has been especially important. If you haven't got access to Seesaw, please see you child's class teacher and they will be able to help you with log-in details.

Upcoming events

Autumn term is always a busy one. Staff are working hard to get dates in the diary for Harvest festivals, open days, Christingles and nativities. Please keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and we will let you know as soon as we have the dates booked in for these events.

These pictures tell the story of the week – look at the smiles!

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

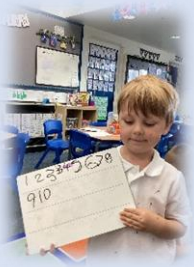
Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance 97% Barton attendance this week: 100%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:				
	Awards of the Week			
Class 1:	Star: Daisy	Value: Harris	Writer: Freddie Weighell	Lunchtime: D'arcy
Class 2:	Star: Riley F	Value: Bea	Writer: Alice	
Class 3:	Star: Evie	Value: Alice	Writer: Poppy	Lunchtime: Evie
Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup:	**Middleham**			

News from Class 1 and 3

What a fabulous start to the new school year we have had! It's been so lovely to welcome all our new starters in Reception Class and Harris in Year 1, they have settled in so well and been so brave. They have had a brilliant first week in school learning new routines, making new friends and exploring the classroom. We have been impressed with their enthusiasm, independence and good manners.



It has been so lovely to watch the older children in Class 1 and across the school being so welcoming and supportive to them. It makes us feel very proud.
It has also been great to welcome some new staff including Miss Noble who is teaching some of the class 3 children in Base 2 in the mornings and Mrs Kgaogano who is supporting Class1 and 3.
Welcome to Barton School. The Small School with a Big Heart.

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 – details to follow
Thursday's	Afterschool Multi Sports 3:30-4:30pm Yr3-6 See letter sent
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Wed 20th Sept	Yr 3 & 4 Tri golf @ Richmond School – details to follow
Thurs 28th Sept	Yr 1 & 2 Girls Football – details to follow
Mon 23rd Oct	Tempest School Photographs 9am

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Aidan, Ailsa, Beau, Christopher, Ellie, Freya, Luke and Ollie.	**Total for week**	19	24	27
	Total for year	19	24	27

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 94.8%

Class News

Class 1:

What a fabulous start to our new school year! It's been so lovely to welcome all our new starters in Reception Class, they have settled in so well that it feels like they have always been here. We had an absolutely fabulous week of Reception fun! Our topic is Castles, and we have enjoyed creating a castle in our classroom and reading all about knights and castles. We have ridden on balance bikes, explored sand and water, made play dough, done yoga and read so many stories. Next week we will begin reading our first class text, George and the Dragon. We will also begin phonics and number lessons!

It has also been great to welcome our new Kirkby Fleetham staff including Charlotte Goude who takes over from Emma in the office, and Charlotte Noble who will be teaching in Class 2 in the afternoons.

Friends News

This Sunday is our litter pick event between 1-4pm – please come along and help if you can and then enjoy the gorgeous refreshments back at school. Any queries please contact Verena on 07500480232.

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Sunday 10th September	Village litter pick
Tuesday 12th September	KS1 fun run
Wednesday 27th September	Open evening
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 - Winter, Ellie and Jude Class 2 - Leon Achievement Sheild - Listening Cup - Phoenix	**We will have our relaunch starting on Monday 11th September**			

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: % 99.2%

News from class 1

This week in Class One, the children have truly blown us away. We are always prepared for a few tears and extra gate cuddles at the start of every year, but they have soon dried away on entering the classroom. Our new children have settled well into our routines. They have enjoyed some lovely school dinners made by Mrs Raw and have experienced their first Collective Worship. We have even agreed on a 'Class Charter' which outlines our expectations for the school ahead. They have all shared news about their summer holiday, and we have talked about all the things that make us feel happy. Our more familiar faces have stepped up and become amazing role models already, so a big well done to all our children this week, you have been superstars.

In class we explored the story of 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. This is a fantastic book that talks about feelings. It links our feelings and emotions to different colours and so we made some feelings jars for the classroom and added some colourful branches to our welcome tree. Each morning, the children hang their name on the tree, and they can now select a specific branch to indicate how they are feeling. We practised some funny faces to symbolise each emotion and discussed how it was ok to feel sad or worried but most importantly, how we can help ourselves and others to feel happy, calm and lovely again. We designed our own colour monsters and listened to some songs that always help to make us feel happy.

In science, we have talked about the seasons. It very much still feels like Summer, so the children enjoyed exploring the school grounds, looking for animals and plants but soon discovered things were very much starting to change and were very interested in all the seeds they found on the plants instead of flowers.

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
Tuesday 12th September	KS1 fun run – letters have been sent out to parents in Y1 and Y2.
Thursday 21st September	Richmond School open evening
Tuesday 3rd October	Tempest School photos
Thursday 12th October	Northallerton School open evening

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week
Class 1	All of Reception & Rose	Rose & Jess W
Class 2	Alliona & James	Art & James
Class 3	Jessica & Ellen	Seth

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 97.1%

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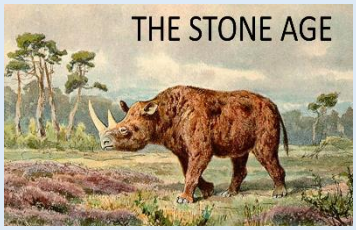

What a wonderful first week back we have! The children are settling in well to the routines of school and there is lots of wonderful learning evident throughout school. After so long away, the children have been reminded of how we get our minds and bodies ready for learning, along with the benefits of having a growth mindset to approach all the challenges and opportunities a new school year can bring.
In KS2 we have launched our Stone Age topic by exploring the question How did we get here and where are we going? We travelled through a time tunnel and emerged into a dark, dank cave with lots of strange sounds and smells we then explored lots of resources that heighten our senses, and we were filled with awe and wonder, which lead us to working together to carry out research and share our knowledge.

We have welcomed lots of new starters into school this week too, we have all our new reception children who have settled in very well and have blown us away with their positivity and enthusiasm. In Year 2 we have Rose, in Year 3 we have Alliona and in year 6 we have Ellen and Jessica who have all settled in very well. It has also been wonderful to welcome Mrs Richards, our new teacher in Class 1. All the children and staff have been wonderful at helping them settle in and it feels like they have always been a part of our Ravensworth family already!

Second hand uniform

Please note that we do have a small amount of second hand uniform in school available for a small donation, please speak to a member of staff if you are interested.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Wednesdays	Art/Craft Club from 3.10pm
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Friday 15th Sept	KS2 Swimming lessons start for 7 weeks
Wednesday 20th Sept	Year 3/4 – Tri-golf at Richmond School – more details to follow
Thursday 21st Sept	Year 5/6 Richmond School Open Evening
Tuesday 26th Sept	Ravensworth Open Evening – 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