Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and carers

This week has seen three of our schools' Harvest Festivals. Each one has been a delight for so many reasons: members of the farming community joining our very traditional service at Barton; seeing so many grandparents at Ravensworth as well as our governors joining us and East Cowton's super tasty service about the flying pizza was wonderful. The children showed their confidence standing up in front of a very full audience – it is not an easy task – and spoke clearly and willingly. I heard many compliments as people left all three services. Thank you so much to those who were able to join us. Just Kirkby Fleetham left next week at the beautiful St Mary's Church for anybody who would like to join us – the more the merrier.

World mental Health Day

Tuesday marked World Mental Health Day. As a way of showing support, we asked the children to come in wearing yellow. What a picture they looked. At Cornerstone Schools we take pupil and staff mental health seriously, so this was a super opportunity to remind the children of the importance of looking after ourselves and each other.

Seesaw

Staff are working hard to update Seesaw regularly to keep parents as informed as possible about what is going on in school. We use it to share photos of what we are doing as well as reminders when children need something different in school. Thank you for your engagement and talking about the pictures with your children – it can be a good way to get the conversation going after a day at school and will often improve the 'nothing much' response when you ask about their day!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this week: 93.2%

Awards this week				
	Star	**Christian Value**	**Writer**	**Lunch**
Class 1	**Harris**	**Sam**	**Tommy**	**Daisy**
Base 2	**Bailey**	**Max**	**Alice**	**Bea**
Base 3	**Maci**	**Poppy**	**Evie**	**Oscar & Thomas**
Winners of Dojo House Point Cup:		**Richmond**		

News from Class

We have had an amazing week in Class 3. We were joined by John (a Durham University History specialist) on Wednesday for a full day of fun on Pre-History. We experienced object handling and investigation. The children were shown how to be mini archaeologists, whilst they looked at real museum objects and guessed what they were. They used their observation and historical inquiry skills, as well as any prior knowledge to form a theory about the objects. We also learned how tools and objects advanced from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

We then became osteoarchaeologists in the afternoon and studied bones from archaeological sites and worked out what time our person was alive. We then assembled a replica skeleton and worked out what kind of person they might have been based on what was buried with them and we also learned a lot about how to identify a skeleton as male or female! Later on in the afternoon, we made Palaeolithic and Mesolithic pinch pots and coil pots from clay. We had an absolutely fabulous day and we hope John will be able to join us again soon.

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
Monday's PM	Class 3 Drumming
Wednesday's	9:45-10:45am Bell ringing Year 5-6
Thursday's	Afterschool Multi Sports 3:30-4:30pm Yr3-6
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Monday 16th October	Friends AGM – 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th October	Tempest School Photographs 9am
Thursday 18th October	Vision Day Afternoon
Thursday 19th October	KS1 Bolton Castle Trip
Friday 27th October	Break up for Half Term -Friend's Spooky Disco 5:30-7pm
Monday 6th November	School opens
Thursday 9th November	Friend's Bags2School Collection 9am

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Beau and Isaac	Total for week	35	28	41
	Total for year	267	242	264

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 90.8%

Class News

Our KS2 class book 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' has inspired lots of lively debate this week about the ethics of hunting animals. In the book, our protagonist is hailed a hero by his tribe for capturing a whale, but the children had other ideas about the morality of this. Many deep and insightful conversations ensued as always! Children in Year 2 and 3 also joined in with the debate and offered their own unique perspectives on stone age animals and which ones they would manage to eat if they were a starving cave dweller!

Class 2 children have also been very busy planting wild flower seeds for the Heritage Community project this week. We are hoping they will grow well in the school grounds so that they can then be planted out in Great Fencote next Spring. Dr Vasby also treated the children to some homemade foraged syrups she had made and surprisingly the gelder rose was more of a hit than the elderberry!

Friends News

The Friends have kindly donated some funds to help us develop some areas of our playground. Plans and ideas are already flowing aplenty, and we're really looking forward to starting on this exciting project. Before any work can be done and whilst we have a handy skip on site, the Friends are hoping to get a team of volunteers together to help clear the area ready for landscaping. Please if you are free and prepared to lend a hand on Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd we would be very grateful. If you have any queries please speak to Rebecca in person or on 07843080962.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Thursday 19th October	Harvest festival 2pm
Sat 21st/Sun 22nd October	Working party to improve a corner of the playground
Monday 23rd October	Flu immunisations
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term
Wednesday 8th November	Parents evening
Tuesday 28th November	Tempest photography for individual photographs

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Class 1 star of the week - Jude
Class 2 star of the week - Kasper
Listening Cup - Wilbur
Achievement Sheild – Tom

Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Weekly Total	201 Tommie Lee	168 Isabelle	234 Winter
Total	595	611	492

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 100%

News from the classes

On Monday, we had a visit from Angela and Debbie, who work with and support the service children in our area. Angela taught them a little bit about why we have Remembrance Day and then the children did some wonderful artwork that will be displayed in Ripon Cathedral. They created symmetrical patterns using dotting tools and worked carefully so the finished results were effective and unique.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our harvest preparations in class one this week. The children prepared yummy pizzas for us all to enjoy during the church service. They mastered their skills of spreading, sprinkling, slicing but most importantly tasting. We talked in detail about food hygiene and the importance of handwashing when preparing food for ourselves and others.

On Tuesday, we celebrated harvest at the church. The children sang beautifully and explained about food miles. We learnt that for a pizza to be delivered from around the corner, the ingredients on average had travelled a whopping 600 miles. The children and congregation enjoyed the pizzas made by class one and we are thankful for all those ingredients we have access too. Thank you to everyone who contributed food, the produce is being delivered to the women's refuge in Darlington and to local families in need of some support.

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 19th October	FOS event – Movie night at school from 3.30pm to approx. 5.30pm
Tuesday 24th October	Class 1 trip to Bolton Castle – children out all day.
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term, back to school Monday 6th November
Sunday 5th November	FOS event – Fireworks Night, please see FOS for more information
Tue 7th & Wed 8th November	Parents Evening – emails with your times have been sent
Wednesday 8th November	FOS AGM 7.00pm at The Beeswing
Thursday 23rd November	Class 2 trip to Life Science Centre – more information available soon
Wednesday 6th December	Flu nasal spray – all children
Tuesday 19th December	Christingle at the Church at 2.00pm - everyone is welcome
Thursday 21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays, back to school Tuesday 9th January

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Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Jess W & William	Rose & Benjamin	**Monkey**	George
Class 2	Carter	Eli & James	**Kindness**	Thomas
Class 3	Kit	George & Ellen	**Carpenter's Cup**	Sophie

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 96.0%

News from Class 2

We have had lots of wonderful learning opportunities over the last couple of weeks in Class 2 and across the whole school. In class we are enjoying our science topic discovering all about plants, from what they need to grow, to identifying the parts of flowers needed for pollination and fertilisation. We have visited the wonderful St Mary's Church in Richmond as part of RE learning, looking to see the architecture and the features of the church that symbolise God and Christianity, the children had a wonderful time and gave some very thoughtful responses.

Harvest Festival was very well attended this week, we appreciate your support, and the children are always thrilled to see family members in the audience. All the classes did us proud: Class 1 with their poetry performance; Class 2 shared the research they had done to discover how food is farmed and ends up on our tables and Class 3 led the service and shared some beautifully written poems and prayers. Thank you for all the generous donations too, these will be taken to Storehouse foodbank in Richmond.

KS2 children have also taken part in the Cross-country event at Richmond school showing their resilience and determination to complete a very arduous course, well done to them all.

Yesterday, many pupils enjoyed the first Messy Church session of the year, these are always well attended, and the children had a lovely time continuing to celebrate Harvest, doing lots of fun crafts and activities finishing with a lovely tea and splendid cake. Many thanks to all the Messy Church members for providing these opportunities for the children.

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! **Please note that there will be no Collective Worship on Friday 20th October 2023.**
Monday 16th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19th Oct	KS1 Trip to Bolton Castle
Friday 20th Oct	Yr 5/6 boys football at Brompton on Swale Primary School
Friday 27th Oct	Break up for half term, children return to school on **Monday 6th November 2023**
Tuesday 7th Nov	Parents Evening – please remember to complete the online form
Wednesday 8th Nov	Yr 3/4 and 5/6 Hockey Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 17th Nov	Young Leaders event at Richmond School – details to follow
Tuesday 5th Dec	Christingle Service - 5pm
Tuesday 12th Dec	KS1 Christmas Nativity – details to follow
Wednesday 13th Dec	Christmas lunch – details to follow
Thursday 21st Dec	Break up for Christmas

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