Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parents and carers

Phew! What a long half term this has been; I think we are all ready for a break next week. This will be our last weekly newsletter. We will be moving to monthly newsletters after half term as staff are finding Seesaw a much more effective way of keeping parents informed as to what is happening in school. Our admin team will continue to send a weekly 'Diary Dates' email each Friday so you can update your calendars as well as any key messages that we need to share. Our November newsletter will summarise all that we have been getting up to during the month – this will come out in the last week of the month. We will then send home a December newsletter before we break up just before Christmas.

Online Safety Systems

The way in which we filter and monitor what the children are accessing online in school has been formalised in the latest 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document. Our IT support (OneIT) have robust filtering systems in place to ensure children cannot access inappropriate content in school. I am sent alerts via email should a student (or member of staff - as our devices are covered by the same controls) try to access something that is deemed inappropriate or harmful. Often these are online games that are classed a 'gambling' (tjmetables bingo for example) or even websites with pop up adverts. If I am alerted to an issue, I follow it up with a conversation usually or a fact-finding mission. Should we become concerned about a child trying to look at harmful information, we will always inform parents. If you have any questions about this, please contact school and we can talk you through our systems.

Y6 Secondary Applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary school for Year 6 children is October 31st 2023. If you have not done so yet, please use the link below to apply:

Starting secondary school | North Yorkshire Council

Parents evenings

The first week back after the half term break, we look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's learning. If you are unable to attend on the evening put aside, please contact school and we will be happy to arrange an alternative day/time for you.

Have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this week: 91.6%

Awards this week				
	Star	**Writer**	**Christian Value**	**Lunch**
Class 1	**Tommy**	**Sean**	**Arran**	**Freddie Wa**
Base 2	**Alice**	**Max**	**JJ**	**Riley-Jay**
Base 3	**Isla**	**Maci**	**Thomas**	**Charlie**
Winners of Dojo House Point Cup:		**Middleham**		

News from Barton

A school council is a group of children who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues. It's a brilliant way of representing and contributing to Pupil Voice in school. The children below have been elected to represent the views of all children and to improve our school. They will help to make decisions about how the school is run and take on projects that support the children's learning and development, such as organising charity events.

The children have been chosen because they are

- Reliable.
- Responsible.
- Friendly and approachable.
- Good at listening to everyone.
- Able to remember things.
- Honest and sensible.
- Hardworking.

Well done to them all and we are looking forward to our first meeting where we will discuss the year ahead and how we can continue to make Barton the best it can be.

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
Thursday's	Afterschool Multi Sports 3:30-4:30pm Yr3-6
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Monday 6th November	School opens
Wednesday 8th November	Hockey Years 3-6 – letter to follow
Thursday 9th November	Friend's Bags2School Collection 9am
Thursday 9th November	Parents Evening
Saturday 2nd December	Friends Christmas Bonanza in the village hall 9:30-1:30pm
Wednesday 6th December	Friends Santa Fun Run 1:30pm
Friday 8th December	Christingle in Church 2:30pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch & Class 1 Nativity 2:30pm

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week				
Stars of the Week	**Dojo Points**	**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
Ailsa, Dylan, Lucas, Ollie and Tilly	**Total for week**	**27**	**25**	**12**
	Total for year	**347**	**310**	**330**

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

Class news

In Year 5 and 6 in English this week, children have been writing their own Stone Age Personality Tests inspired by some of the personality traits of the characters in our book. After doing our own tests and finding out about whether we are introverts or extroverts, children devised a set of questions with a stone-age theme to ask parents in worship on Friday. We have had so much fun talking about ourselves and our behaviours. If you are coming to worship, please come prepared with a pen ready to be psychoanalysed by the children with clipboards when you walk in!

As we fast approach Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies as usual for children and families to buy. This year we have also been provided with some 'slap bands' to sell which have the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal emblazoned on one side and a ruler detail on the back. If you would like to purchase either a poppy or a band, please bring your donations any morning in the first week back.

Friends News

Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School wish to spread the word about easyfundraising. Over the past year, this has proved to be a brilliantly easy way for the friends to raise an amazing £812.05 for the school. If you have not yet signed up, please follow the link below which takes you to the easyfundraising website. So long as you register and follow the instructions, most online purchases you make create a donation to school – it quite simply is money for nothing!

Kirkby Fleetham easy fundraising link

easyfundraising

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term
Monday 6th November	Return to school
Wednesday 8th November	Parents evening
Tuesday 28th November	Tempest photography for individual photographs
Thursday 7th December	Year 5 science workshop at Richmond School
Monday 11th December	Gingerbread event run by the Friends
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 14th December	School nativity
Tuesday 19th December	Christingle service at KF Church 5pm
Thursday 21st December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 9th January	Return to school

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Class 1 star of the week - Dan
Class 2 star of the week - Millie
Listening Cup - Jack
Achievement Sheild – Tobias
Caring Bear- Tommie-Lee

Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Weekly Total	111	135	118
Class top scorer	Class 1 Tobias for Richmond and Tommie-Lee for Bolton (tie) Class 2 Thomas for Middleham		

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

News from the classes

This week, Class One went on an adventure to Castle Bolton and what an amazing day we had. Upon arrival we were greeted by Mick, who gave us an informative guided tour. This taught us some of the castle's secrets about battles and banquets, but also gave us the opportunity to learn more about the unusual parts of the castle. Our favourite part was seeing the weapons! Nathan managed to hold a real sword and try on some of the heavy armour. Maybe ask your children at home why the helmet was named a Kettle Helmet. Throughout the day we watched a bird of prey display where we loved seeing Hugo the Saker Falcon. He was super speedy in the air and very well behaved for Kelly the trainer. We also met a wise raven and a not so wise owl. We had a storytelling session where we learnt secrets of the castle dragon Alfredo. Finally, we had an archery demonstration before heading back to school. It was Phoenix's 7th birthday; he was incredibly lucky to eat his lunch on a throne. Thank you to our Friends of School for funding the trip, we are extremely grateful.

Outdoor Spiritual Area

Friends of School have been incredibly generous and have funded a new summer house, which has become our outdoor 'Spirituality Shed.' The Spiritual Area is our special sacred place at school where we can go to be with God; be calm and quiet; reflective; have a chilled out reset and enjoy the beautiful nature that surrounds us.
The spirituality shed is for EVERYBODY. It's for people of all faiths and people of no faith, who wish to spend some time in a calm, quiet environment to reflect on the current day or even life events. The children love their new space and have been enjoying it all week.
The Friends of East Cowton School have also given us funds for furniture to improve our classrooms, and for storage of the picture books in the library. We are also waiting for some new KS1 and KS2 atlas books to support the children with their learning of Geography. We are very grateful for the fund raising you do- we'd like to say a big 'thank you' from all the children and staff.

As we fast approach Remembrance Day, please could we let you know that we will be selling poppies for children and families to buy. This year we have also been provided with some slap bands/ wrist bands to sell. If you would like to purchase anything from the box, please bring your donations any morning or at collective worship in the first week back, as these will go into the poppy appeal collection pot. There will be no school remembrance service at the church this year because 11th falls at the weekend. We will learn about remembrance though our collective worship.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Wednesdays	After school club – sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm - **No club on 20/12/23**
Thursdays	After school club – kitchen skills with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.45pm - **No club 21/12/23**
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.00pm - everyone is welcome
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term, **return to school Monday 6th November**
Sunday 5th November	FOS event – Fireworks Night, please see FOS noticeboard for more information
Tue 7th & Wed 8th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th November	FOS AGM 7.00pm at The Beeswing
Thursday16th November	Diwali Interfaith Day- KS2 children. Special Indian themed buffet for lunch

Monday 20th November	Messy Church in the school hall – 3.30pm to 4.30pm - children and parents' welcome.
Thursday 23rd November	Class 2 trip to Life Science Centre – more information available soon
Friday 24th November	FOS event – wreath making at The Beeswing, please see the FOS noticeboard for more information
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, **return to school Tuesday 9th January**

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Oliver & Dasha	Isaac S & Rose	**Monkey**	Rose
Class 2	Harvey & Rose	Rose & Freddie	**Kindness**	Effie & Amber
Class 3	Thomas	Zoe & Jessica	**Carpenter's Cup**	Holly

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this week: 98.3%

News from Class 1

What better way to end our first amazing term than a trip to Bolton Castle! The children had such a fantastic time, from making a 'tusy wusy' in the kitchen with a proper fire to heat us up and candles to provide light, to marching to battle holding spears, visiting the room Mary Queen of Scots stayed in and finally learning a dance in the banquet hall. It was such an enriching experience, culminating this terms topic on Castles. It was no wonder a couple of children fell asleep on the bus home! Thank you to the Friends of Ravensworth School as well as to the parents, for making this trip possible.

In PE the children have been learning how to control the ball using their feet and have been demonstrating some very impressive skills, especially when trying to 'knee' the ball.

We have had some very enthusiastic scientists this term who have enjoyed exploring habitats and finding out interesting facts about a variety of mini beasts.

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 27th Oct	Break up for half term, children return to school on **Monday 6th November 2023**
Tuesday 7th Nov	Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 8th Nov	Yr 3/4 and 5/6 Hockey Event at Richmond School
Friday 17th Nov	Great North Air Ambulance Bag Collection Young Leaders event at Richmond School – details to follow
Thursday 23rd Nov	Friends Event - Movie night – 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
Wednesday 20th Dec	Friends Event – School Disco – 4.30pm to 6pm – **no after school club this day**
Thursday 21st Dec	Break up for Christmas – **no after school club this day**

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