Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Thankfulness

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and carers

It's been an excellent week for Cornerstone Schools with so much going on. Making the most of the dry weather we have been out and about again with Barton and Ravensworth taking part in the Key Stage 2 cross country run at Richmond school. It is always a wonderful event and so inclusive: everybody can take part. Well done to all the runners but an extra special well done to Thomas Wise at Barton on achieving 11th place in the Y5 boys race. What an achievement!

East Cowton took children from years 3 and 4 to Northallerton School for a 'Quick Stix' Hockey competition. They had a wonderful time and all showed superb team-work. The icing on the cake was a win to Team A. Well done to all the children; as always the behaviour was exemplary.

Kirkby Fleetham have been busy working on their fabulous heritage project. They fixed their expertly made bird boxes to the trees at Great Fencote church; we are hopeful of having plenty of birds nesting in them come the spring. This is a wonderful project to be a part of. Thanks Dr Vasby (Kat) for all your hard work.

Uniform

Now the weather is becoming decidedly more autumnal, please remember to send children to school every day with a waterproof coat – we do like to get the children outside for playtime even when it is damp. You can also really help us by naming all clothing items. It is incredibly hard to reunite children with their jumpers when they all wear the same! The sniff test is not infallible but a name is! It does not need to be a fancy label – a sharpie name in the label is just as useful.

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We'd like to invite everybody to join thousands of people across the country in wearing yellow. No donation is required as this event is about raising awareness about children's mental health.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

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Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this week: 93.4%

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:

	Awards of the Week							
Class 1:	**Star**	**Joey**	**Christian Value**	**Freddie We**	**Writer**	**Charlotte**	**Lunch**	**Sean**
Base 2:	**Star**	**Dylan**	**Christian Value**	**Riley F**	**Writer**	**Bea**	**Lunch**	**Alice**
Base 3:	**Star**	**Finley**	**Christian Value**	**Oscar**	**Writer**	**Isla**	**Lunch**	**Flo**

Winners of the Dojo House Point Cup: Richmond

News from Class 3

Class 3 has been a hive of activity this week. Cross country was amazing – the children ran their socks off and did themselves proud. It is always a real challenge this run, and it can be quite daunting – I was so impressed by their resilience. Well done team Barton.

Base 3 went bell ringing again this week – this week they learnt 'backstroke' which meant the hands needed to be pulled down and let the rope take your arms back up. It looked rather technical and required a lot of concentration, but it sounded great.

Our English text 'The Nowhere Emporium' is super exciting. This week the children have been delving into the characters – Daniel in particular. Charlie said, 'Daniel is the best – he's funny!' Finally, the children have made Stoneage necklaces. They loved making them and the looked great too.

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 See letter sent
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Wednesday 11th October	Prehistory visitor visiting Class 3
Thursday 12th October	Open evening - 5-6.30pm
Friday 13th October	Flu immunisations R-Year 6
Monday 16th October	Friends AGM – 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th 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**
Ellie, Hollie, Luke, Ollie and Tilly	**Total for week**	**65**	**48**	**54**
	Total for year	**232**	**214**	**223**

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 91.5%

Class News

This week class 2 visited the community heritage site at Great Fencote church again and carefully chose special places to hang their bird boxes. In order to maximise the chances of encouraging cavity nesting birds, the children learnt that the best locations were trees that could support a box in a north easterly direction, between 1.5-2m off the ground and not too close to another nest box. We hope that our little feathered friends will appreciate all the love and hard work the children have put into our project and take up residence very soon!

Children in Year 2 and 3 have been having a fabulous time in English this week. Inspired by their book The Stone Age Boy they have been making a fabulous 'stone age' stew for us all to try, made of berries, hazel nuts, pears and honey – yummy! Children in Year 5 and 6 have also been thoroughly immersed in their text 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' and we've had some of those special lessons where we're all deeply engrossed in the narrative, 'oohing' and 'aahing' about plot twists and turns, and cheering on our protagonists – a wonderful, literature-rich week.

Friends News

This week the Friends had their Autumn Term meeting and AGM. They said an extremely fond farewell to Frances Hilyer who has been our formidable Chair for many years. Her outstanding commitment, creativity and drive will be hugely missed, however the impact of her hard work, and funding streams in particular, will benefit the school for many years to come. What a legacy! Thank you so very very much to the wonderful Fran.

The new committee has Rebecca Pitcher as the chair, Verena Duffield as Secretary and Amy Fearnley as treasurer. If you would like to suggest any brilliant ideas or are willing to help in any way please do not hesitate to speak to any of the committee.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Monday 9th October	Open evening, 5-6.30pm
Thursday 19th October	Harvest festival 2pm
Monday 23rd October	Flu immunisations
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

Class 1 star of the week - Gracie
Class 2 star of the week -Thomas
Listening Cup - Ollie
Achievement Sheild – Dan
Caring Bear- Lilly

Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Weekly Total	213 Tommie Lee 30 Jack 29	223 Isabelle 33 Ollie 30	185 Wilbur 27 Gracie 22
Total to Date	394	377	324

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this week: 98.1%

News from the classes

In Class One this week, we were extremely lucky to virtually meet a real-life Castle Ditcher, Reginald William Groundsbury. We listened in awe to his amazing stories of castle life and asked some super questions. Reg taught us lots of fabulous facts including how and why castles were built; how they were defended from the enemies and holding rich feasts! We also learnt about the gruesome jobs such as a Gong Farmer, which will make for an interesting follow up session next week! Thank you to the friends of school for funding such an informative, entertaining guest-the children loved it!

In class 2, we have been learning about personal hygiene. The children have discussed why it is important to brush their teeth for 2 minutes, twice a day, to keep them healthy and our breath fresh! We've also learnt about germs and the importance of washing our hands, faces and bodies regularly. The children were also reminded that it is important to change their dirty clothes and to put their dirty items in the wash basket! If the children have forgotten to brush their teeth, they can now do this at school.

Tuesday was a proud day for the Year 3 and 4 children. They attended a 'Quick Stix' hockey tournament at Northallerton School. They played many games; they worked together as a team; their behaviour was impeccable and East Cowton 'A Team' won! They were unbeatable! A special mention goes to Theo, who out of about 60 children, won an extra medal for being an excellent Sportsman!

Congratulations to the new house and vice team captains. The speeches were the best I've heard, and it was difficult to decide between the candidates. The results are: Richmond Captain- Lilly and vice- Ellen; Bolton Captain- Ted and vice Jack and Millie; Middleham Captain: Ollie and vice Thomas. We look forward to you representing your teams soon.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Friends of the School for funding our upcoming trips.
And, to our parents, when we ask for parent helpers for trips and sporting activities, you really do go above and beyond. We are very grateful for your support.
Messy Church is coming to East Cowton School soon. We are hoping to run the sessions half termly for parents and children- watch this space for more information!

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 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 at school from 3.30pm
Tuesday 24th October	Class 1 trip to Bolton Castle
Friday 27th October	Break up for half term, back to school Monday 6th November
Sunday 5th November	FOS event – Fireworks Night – please see flyer attached to email
Tue 7th & Wed 8th November	Parents Evening – confirmed slots will be emailed out to parents soon
Thursday 23rd November	Class 2 trip to Life Science Centre – letters to follow shortly
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

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Other Awards	
Class 1	Henry & Louie	Jessica F & Sophie	**Monkey**	Zoe
Class 2	Ellie & Art	Art &James	**Kindness**	April
Class 3	George, Chloe & Oliver	Thomas & Chloe	**Carpenter's Cup**	Dexter

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News from Class One

We have had a very busy and exciting week! As part of our history topic on castles we took part in the wonderful and informative story telling from the virtual Castle Ditcher, Reginald William Groundsbury. We were amazed at his stories of castle life and we asked him some brilliant questions to help us with our understanding of life back then.
In English we have been continuing with the theme of castles and have been reading the fairy tale Rapunzel. We have been comparing and contrasting the characters in the story and the children are enjoying retelling this story in the small world area.
There was much excitement amongst the children when they saw a brand new playhouse was being erected in our outdoor area. This is now ready for us to enjoy much to the children's delight and we would like to thank Friends of Ravensworth for providing such a beautiful little playhouse for our garden.

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be held in school due to the Church having no heating, it will start at 9:30 and Friends of Ravensworth will be providing juice and biscuits afterwards, we hope you can join us.

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

To help raise awareness of the importance of looking after our wellbeing we are supporting the Stand out and Show up for young people's mental health campaign again this year, the children are invited to bring something yellow in to wear after the Harvest festival on Tuesday 10th October. Please make sure the children wear school uniform for the Harvest Festival, many thanks.

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 10th Oct	Harvest Festival – **9.30am in school**, all welcome!
Thursday 12th Oct	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Monday 16th Oct	Flu Immunisations

Thursday 19th Oct	KS1 Trip to Bolton Castle – details to follow
Friday 20th Oct	Yr 5/6 boys football at Brompton on Swale Primary School
Friday 27th Oct	Break up for half term
Monday 6th Nov	Children return to school
Tuesday 7th Nov	Parents Evening – details to follow
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