Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Service

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I need to say a massive well done to all of our year six pupils for their positive attitudes towards the SATs tests this week. All children respond differently to having to take tests, but I have been so proud of each and every one of them for trying their very hardest and doing the best that they can, especially after the disruptions that they have had to their schooling over recent years. They can now look forward to East Barnby and all the end of term events that are planned.

School attendance

We have recently seen a rise in pupil absences from school and this is having an impact on children's friendships and their learning. The National average attendance is 96% which means that on average most pupils miss no more than 4% of the school year. If your child's attendance falls below this it is a cause for concern, and if their attendance falls below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee and you may be invited in to school to discuss their attendance and explore options for school to help you improve it.

In the Early years pupils learn phonics and early number - the basic skills that they will need to see them through the rest of their education, if they regularly miss school or arrive late, they will inevitably develop gaps in their learning that become difficult to fill. As they move up through the year groups they build upon this vital knowledge and it is important that poor attendance does not cause them to fall behind. The table below shows the impact that poor attendance can have over their school career.

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Punctuality

A similar pattern applies for pupils who are consistently late for school. We tend to teach phonics and spellings first thing the morning, and if your child is regularly late, this will quickly have an impact on their spelling and reading.

Holidays in term time

Headteachers have the discretion to grant leave, but they should only do so in exceptional circumstances. If a headteacher grants a leave request, it will be for them to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school. This leave is unlikely, however, to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Congratulations!

A huge well done to Jack from East Cowton School who has been chosen to represent his country on the England Youth Fly Fishing Team. This is a brilliant achievement; his first event will be a home competition then he will travel to Ireland in July.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman

Barton CE School

Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week:					
	Star of the Week	**Rainbow Learners**	**Writers of the Week**	**Lunchtime Awards**	**SEAL Award**
Class 1:	Tommy	Bea	Peaches and Ivy	Bea	Sophie
Class 2:	Tom	Maci	Thomas and Maci	Maci	Florence
Class 3:	All of Y6	Archie	William and Isla	Eva	All Y4 and 5s

National attendance figure: 96% Barton attendance this week: 94.6% Class Two have the highest attendance this week!

News From Class 3: It has been a funny week in Class Three; because for a lot of it we haven't been together! Our year sixes have been working extremely hard on SATs tests in the hall whilst our year four and fives worked (very quietly!) with Mrs Percival in class. We are all so proud of how focussed, mature and hard-working Y6 were during what can be a stressful time. Everything went just as we had practised and their attitudes were amazing all week long.

We're really getting into The Railway Children and we were intrigued to find out why Phyllis was running down the platform to meet the train. We enjoyed acting out some scenes from the story in class then writing our own ideas about the character's thoughts and experiences. Year four and five have started new units learning about measure in maths.

In Science, we learned about how muscles contract to move our skeletons;, classified animals by their diets and teeth; and looked at how humans change as they age. We had fun tasting and evaluating different sandwich fillings in D&T for our Jubillee Sandwich design project and showed off our computing skills with the brand new Crumble software that the school Friends kindly purchased for us. What hard workers they all are!

Pupil Mental Health Champions

This week, Florence had everyone smiling at playtime with this joke: Where would you go if you wanted to play tennis under the sea? *Tennessee!*

Barton – Dates for your diary	
Friday's	Please join us for Collective Worship at 9.05am
Tues 24th May	Jubilee Picnic Lunch
Friday 27th May	Additional training Day – school closed
Mon 6th June	Return to School
Wed 8th – Fri 10th June	Year 5 and 6 residential to East Barnby

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Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week					
Stars of the Week		Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Beau, Luke, Esme, Isaac and William		This week	77	82	47
		Total for year	1850	1783	1431

National attendance figure: 96% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this week: 96.2%

Class News

We all know SATS typically bring with them a certain amount of upheaval and stress, but our wonderful two Year 6s have sailed through this week making it look like a total breeze! We are so proud of the way they took everything in their stride, and they set a wonderful example to the other children with both their attitude and determination. An enormous well done to two absolute stars.

Whilst Year 6 have been tucked away doing tests, the rest of the school have been in full swing as usual. Our two new recruits in Nursery are now so comfortable in 'big school' that it seems like they've been here for years! This week they have been loving playing on the scooters and enjoying the outdoor area.

Class 2 are well ensconced in their Victorians topic and have been exploring the impact of railways on Victorian society this week. They have become rather knowledgeable in this area, so please do feel free to quiz them on their expert knowledge when they come home! This week we've also got very inspired by the artwork of William Morris and have been designing our own wallpaper designs. Anyone currently involved in home improvements is welcome to book one of our class members for a full interior design consultation!

Norway Day

Tuesday 17th May is Norway Day, and to honour our two Norwegian pupils we are going to be taking part in a festive afternoon learning all about Norwegian culture, heritage and traditions. Children are asked to wear something special to embellish their school uniform such as a bow for their hair or a tie or waistcoat. Parents are invited to join us on the Green at 3pm for a special parade.

Forest School

Class 2 will be doing Forest School next week on Tuesday 17th and Tuesday 24th May. Please can we ask that they bring their forest school kit in for these sessions.

Important Notice – East Barnby Meeting – Year 5 and 6

Reminder that we will be having an information giving meeting for **parents and children** on Thursday 19th May at 5.00pm

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Thursdays	Please bring brass instruments to school
Fridays	Please join us for celebration worship at 3.05pm
Tuesday 17th May	Forest School for Class 2
Thursday 19th May – 5.00pm	Parent and Child meeting for East Barnby Residential
Tuesday 24th May	Forest School for Class 2
Friday 27th May	Training Day – school closed, return to school after half term on 6.6.22
Wed 8th – Fri 10th June	Years 5 and 6 residential to East Barnby

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week								
	Certificates	**Listening Cup**	**Achievement Shield**	**Caring Bear**	**House Points**	**Bolton**	**Middleham**	**Richmond**
Class 1:	Sebastian		Thomas		**This week**	77	65	70
Class 2:	Dan H	Serenity			**Total**	**179**	**149**	**171**

National attendance figure: 96% East Cowton attendance this week: 96.6%

News from Class Two

This week class 2 have shown excellent behaviour and listening skills during the Year 6 SATS tests. The children have been extra quiet when tests have been happening and have supported their Year 6 friends.

We could not be prouder of the Year 6's this week as they have completed their SATS tests. They have shown courage and resilience through each test, coming into school each day feeling positive and being ready for a challenge. We hope they have a restful weekend with lots of praise, they deserve it!

During Tuesday's Collective Worship, Ruby and Daniel rapped a story from the Bible- 'Elijah and The Widow.' They showed great confidence and creativity as they performed to the entire school, encompassing this terms Christian value of service. We've been singing 'The Jugs and the jars' all week!

Class 2 have also been working tirelessly on their narrative stories about The Railway Children. We have seen incredible work where the children have edited and redrafted their writing, resulting in some outstanding pieces. Each child has contributed to a new display within the classroom, proudly displaying their work.

Woodland Schools

Class two will be doing woodland Schools with Dr. Vasby again on Friday 20th May, please bring in appropriate kit for next week.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Parent Worship	Please join us for collective worship on Friday mornings at 9:05am
PE Kits needed:	**Tuesday** afternoon – PE sessions for both classes – PE kits needed in school **Wednesday** for whole school PE session with Kirkby Fleetham
Brass: Class 2	Don't forget your brass instruments on Thursdays
Friday 20th May	**Woodland Schools – Class two**
Tuesday 24th May	Kwik Cricket – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 26th May	**Jubilee garden party – Final numbers being recorded on Monday morning**
Friday 27th May	Training day – school closed return after half term on Monday 6th June
Wed 8th to Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential to East Barnby
Monday 13th June	Kwik Cricket – Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 21st June	Tag Rugby – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 13th July	Year 5 English Day at Richmond School

Ravensworth CE School

Ravensworth - Children celebrating achievements this week:			
	Stars of the Week	**Writers of the Week**	**Other awards**
Class 1	Henry & Sophie	Isaac & Rose	**Monkey:** Whole School
Class 2	All of Class 2, Thomas	Ellie & Nathan	**Carpenters:** Jackson
Class 3	Year 6, Samuel, Florie, Noah	Noah, Effie & Alfie	**Kindness:** Class 2

National attendance figure: 96% Ravensworth attendance this week: 93.5%

News from Class 3

It has been a rather different week for class 3 with children in years 4 and 5 being evicted for part of the morning so the Year 6 children could complete their SATs tests. All the children have coped with the inconvenience and additional stress incredibly well and have shown themselves to be incredibly supportive, caring and resilient.

In English this week the children have begun researching trains in preparation for a piece of work linked to our class novel "The Railway Children". Trains have come a long way since this book was written in 1905 and the children have loved finding out about the bullet train, in particular.

Year 5/6 science this week was learning all about the changes humans go through as they age. We particularly enjoyed the baby pictures and looking for features they recognised (Lucy's eyes, Samuel's mouth). Children in Years 3 and 4 were learning all about skeleton and the important job it does.

Finally, our brass lessons are beginning the pay off. The sound the children are making is lovely, especially when Mr Batty plays the jazzy backing, allowing the children to 'freestyle' in places. It sounds amazing! In Computing, the Year 5 and 6's have been using the Crumble programme to light a sparkler.

Mental Health Champions

Mrs Cosstick and the mental health champions have been working incredibly hard on the outdoor classroom to make it a calm and welcoming place to be during playtimes. They have included chalkboards, cushions, books and a large canvas for drawing on. It is lovely in there now and it is being used just how we wanted – as a place to get away from the busy playground and spend some time quietly. If anybody has any cushions, blankets, old board games etc that we could add to the space, they would be much appreciated. 😀

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Thursdays	Don't forget your brass instruments on Thursdays
Thursday 26th May	Jubilee Picnic Lunch 12-1pm – parents invited, please book your lunch by emailing the office and pay on ParentPay by Wednesday 18th May 2022
Friday 27th May	Training day – school closed. Return after half term on Monday 6th June 2022
Wed 8th to Fri 10th June	Year 5 & 6 Residential to East Barnby
Wednesday 15th June	KS2 Quadkids Athletics – more details to follow
Thursday 16th June	Movie Night – more details to follow

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term-Dates-2021-2022

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

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School Admin email: kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2021-2022

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 order form

Newsletter: 4 School newsletters link

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

EAST COWTON

Admin email address: ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2021-2022

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
Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

RAVENSWORTH

School Lunch Menu: School Lunch Information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term-Dates-2021-2022.

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

Covid 19 Risk Assessments: click here

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