Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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December 2023

Dear Parents and carers

The Christmas period is such an exciting and busy time in school and this year has been no exception. Some of the activities have included: Christingles, Nativities, Christmas lunches, Christmas parties and carol singing as well as many, many fun and creative learning in the classroom. I will let the pictures do the talking.

Have a lovely break and a very happy Christmas and New Year

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

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

Class 1

In Class 1, we have been learning about why Christmas is important to Christians. We began by going on a walk through the village to see if we could see any signs that people were preparing for Christmas and then talked about how we get ready for Christmas in our homes. Following on from that, we investigated the questions, 'Who was baby Jesus and why was he important?' We discovered that Jesus was so special because he was in fact God on earth! We loved imagining that a baby as special as Jesus was coming to visit and got busy designing bedrooms fit for a king. Our next sessions focussed on the Nativity story, and we are now really good at sequencing the events and retelling it simply in our own words. Finally, we looked at thankfulness and asked ourselves what the people in the Nativity story had to be thankful for and what we are thankful for ourselves. What creative and thought-provoking work, Class 1! Well done!

Class 3

"In our recent exploration of the book "Tyger" by SF Said in English, our class delved into pencil techniques, utilising art to symbolise the allegorical references embedded in the novel. The children have created some amazing drawings and paintings of tigers and honeysuckle to represent the powers that are growing inside of Adam. We have also studied William Blake's poem "The Tyger" and how this resonates in the narrative. With a focus on visual representation, we have used watercolours and pencils to bring forth the nuanced layers of meaning within the narrative, unearthing the profound symbolism that Said masterfully wove into the fabric of "Tyger." We even made deep connections with the novel and our Hinduism interfaith day, relating the religious symbolism to the three faces of Brahma and the story of Diwali. This synthesis has allowed class 3 to create exceptional writing pieces as well, where they had used some stunning vocabulary! I am so proud of their achievements this term." - Miss Babington

The majestic Tyger's coat is a mesmerising blend of amber and ebony adorned with bold stripes. This Tyger is majestic, and glorious Her eyes are ebony, and dazzling. Her nose is as shiny as a bar of gold. Her fur is golden orange and her glorious scent draws you in.

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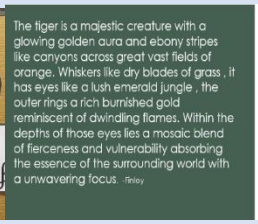
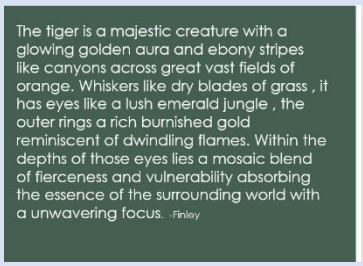




Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the team at Barton.

Barton – Dates for your diary

PE Sessions PM	Monday and Thursday for ALL. Children must make sure their SCHOOL PE kits are in
Monday's PM	KS1 Afterschool Multi-sports club 3:30-4:00pm – first session 15th Jan 2024
Thursday's	KS2 Swimming –KS2 children can come to school in their SCHOOL PE kits – first session 11th Jan 2024
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Thursday 21st December	Break up for Christmas
Sunday 31st December 2023	Deadline to clear any ParentPay debt
Monday 1st January 2024	No longer access to ParentPay
Tuesday 9th January 2024	**School Opens for Spring Term.** Move to My Child at School (MCAS) from ParentPay

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

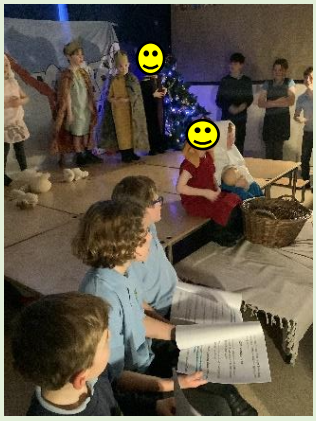
Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Tilly, Beau, Fin, Rollo, Lucas, Ellie and Ailsa	Total for month	78	67	91
	Total for year	503	526	559

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

Class news

On Thursday 7th December some of class 2 joined pupils from Reeth and Gunnerside school at Richmond School for an exciting science workshop. They learnt all about chemical reactions through conducting various exciting experiments!



Friday 8th December was our nativity day and wow didn't all the children do well! The hall was filled with such beautiful singing and our younger children were outstanding in their acting out of 'Wiggly Nativity'.

Wednesday 13th December was a very busy day – we had Dave from Skip2bFit here in the morning and then our Christmas lunch! Class 1 had their very first experience of Skip2bFit and were amazingly enthusiastic. Most of class 2 have, of course done skipping and boxing with Dave before, however he was thrilled to see how much all the children had improved since his last visit. He was especially impressed with Niven who, thanks to his practising in the summer, had improved significantly!

Huge thanks and appreciation must be given to Miss Wilson, who went above and beyond to provide us all with a delicious Christmas lunch. We were joined with our chair of governors, Mrs Lang who was equally impressed with how polite and conversational all the children were.

Tuesday 19th brought about our Christingle in church and as always it was a most magical evening. There was an amazing encore of some of our favourite songs from our nativity, mixed with some thought-provoking poetry from class 2 and the finale of Away in a Manger sung by candlelight.

We had our fantastic finale to our Stone Age topic in the last week of term. The long-awaited soap-carving task kept all children silent for virtually a whole morning – who needs Christmas parties! Children carved a wide variety of Stone Age tools, including scrapers, cores, hammerstones, burnt flints and arrowheads.

Lastly in our action-packed final week was the traditional Christmas party. The party games and Christmas outfits this year were joined with some amazing painted faces, thanks to the very talented Sharon Dobbinson who runs our craft club.

Friends News

The gingerbread evening held by the friends proved to be a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed decorating their creations, some even made it into packed lunches the following day. Many thanks to everyone involved with the organisation of this wonderful evening.

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 21st December	Break up for Christmas
Sunday 31st December	Deadline to clear any ParentPay debt
Monday 1st January	No longer any access to ParentPay
Tuesday 9th January	Return to school and MCAS (new payment system) goes live
Tuesday 9th January	Whole school swimming
Tuesday 16th January	Whole school swimming
Tuesday 23rd January	Whole school swimming

Tuesday 30th January	Whole school swimming
Tuesday 6th February	Final whole school swimming session
Friday 9th February	Break up for half term
Monday 19th February	Return to school

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 97.3%

News from the classes

What a busy and exciting December we've had so far!

Earlier this month, we had a visit from Galena, who came in to teach us about the Stoneage to Iron age time. She brought with her many artifacts for us to investigate and handle. The children learnt about the significance of cave paintings and created their own. They also made bronze age mirrors and designed round houses. It was a very interesting and exciting day- thanks to the friends for funding it.

Mrs Raw always cooks up delicious meals, but the Christmas dinner was extra special! We thoroughly enjoyed it whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers and home-made hats. We welcomed some representatives from the school governing body and the friends of the school. Mrs Raw had the difficult task of judging the best hat design from each class. She decided on Lilly's Santa hat complete with beard from Class 2 and Isobelle's reindeer hat in Class 1- well done girls, we hope you enjoyed the chocolate treats!

The children at East Cowton never fail to impress audiences with their confident musical talents! On Tuesday, dressed in nativity costumes, we had the pleasure of performing in the Beeswing Pub for their annual Pensioners Christmas Lunch. They sang beautifully and the audience appreciated the Christmas cheer that the children provided. Each child enjoyed a sweetie on the trip down to the Church!

The 'Wriggly' nativity and Christingle service was great! It's always nice to see a packed-out church for their performances! The children sang beautifully, acted with confidence and danced daintily! The Christingles shone in the aisle and 'Away in a Manger' was sung. For me

this is the most special part of Christmas- we hope you enjoyed the service too. Congratulations to Ted and Theo for getting equal votes for the pebble award. The children and staff at EC school feel that you are both good examples of being trustworthy!

Congratulations to team Bolton for earning the greatest number of dojos this term. They earnt a staggering 1020! They enjoyed an afternoon off timetable. They made reindeer food; Christmas fudge; iced cakes and gingerbread men, before crafting a sweet box. They ended the afternoon with a short film and hot chocolates. Well done team- the other two houses are on a mission to win the treat next term.

On Monday, we welcomed Oliver and Millicent into Class 2. The children have welcomed them both with open arms - we hope you'll be happy at our school.

Finally, we've been lucky enough to have Skip 2B Fit Dave in school this week. We were lucky with the weather and all sporting activity took place outside. They danced, skipped and were challenged to beat their personal best scores. After break, they did Box 2B fit challenges, and it was lovely to see the children pushing themselves to the limit!

The staff would like to thank you for the Christmas gifts we've received for the staffroom and as individuals. We hope you have a very happy and restful Christmas holiday.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	After school club – Arts & Crafts with Glitter Magic 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesdays	After school club – Sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursdays	After school club – Computing & Coding with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.00pm - everyone is welcome
Sunday 31st December	Deadline to clear any Parent Pay debt
Monday 1st January	No longer have access to Parent Pay
Tuesday 9th January	Return to School
Tuesday 9th January	Move to My Child at School (MCAS) from Parent Pay Whole school swimming – for 5 consecutive weeks 9th, 16th, 23th & 30th Jan and 6th Feb
Monday 15th January	Messy Church at school 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday 25th January	FOS event – School disco – please see FOS notice board for more information.

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 93.2%

This month's been filled with festivities as well as continuing our learning; no wonder everyone is exhausted!

We have had Christingle which was a truly magical service held in a slightly chilly Kirby Hill Church.
Class 1 and Holmedale Pre-School entertained us with their wonderful performance of Humph the Camel; for many of them it was the first time on stage with an audience and we think they did a wonderful job.

Parents joined us in school for another wonderful meal cooked by our fantastic cook Brenda with the help of Neil from Mellors; I'm sure you'll agree it was delicious. During lunch, Friends of Ravensworth drew a raffle with many beautiful hampers being won. Thanks to your kind donations, Friends raised a whopping £393 for school.

On Tuesday, we were joined by local villagers and parents for Carols on the Green, where all the children and the choir sang beautifully. Nathan also impressed us with an amazing solo trumpet performance.

Yesterday we all enjoyed our Christmas Party with a special visit from Santa who gifted all the children a book. We also received gifts for the classrooms, kindly donated by Friends, which the children loved. And the wonderful Mrs Dobinson kindly volunteered to face paint the children.

In amongst all the fun and festivities we have been learning *How can following God bring about freedom and Justice,* we explored the story of Moses, looking at the themes of the story and created a tableau of how they would look in biblical times compared to today. We also used our learning about British Law to put Moses on trial for killing the Taskmaster.

We enjoyed bringing our learning together this week in our Landing pad, sharing our knowledge to construct a village showing Stone Age life, carved tools out of flint (soap!) and made Stone Age jewellery and ornaments. We all agreed we've made lots of discoveries about life Stone Age life and have enjoyed our learning.

Merry Christmas everyone from all at Ravensworth School

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays from 15th Jan	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Wednesdays from 10th Jan	Class 3 – Woodland Schools, please bring school uniform into school in a separate bag Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm
Thursdays	KS2 Drumming lesson
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Thursday 21st Dec	Break up for Christmas – **no after school club this day**
Sunday 31st Dec	Deadline to clear any ParentPay debt
Monday 1st Jan	Parents no longer have access to ParentPay
Monday 8th Jan	Staff training day
Tuesday 9th Jan	Children return to school Balances transferred to My Child at School (MCAS) from ParentPay
Monday 22nd Jan	KS1 Multi-skills Event at Richmond School – details to follow

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