Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

# Cornerstone Schools

## Building Futures with Love

## Our Christian value this half term: Trust

November 2023

Dear Parents and carers

**Interfaith day**

This term Miss Coxon at East Cowton has organised an interfaith day for all the schools with the focus on Hinduism and Divali in particular. The children learnt about: Hindu worship in the Mandir and at home; we listened to Hindu stories associated with and celebrated at Diwali; the children made sweets and thought about how Hindus prepare for the celebrations; we made Rangoli patterns as a sign of good luck and wealth. The smell of incense wafted about the school - it was a total immersion in the festival which the children just loved learning about. Next term, we will be following this with a second interfaith day based on Islam and Eid.

**Remembrance service**

Some of our older service children were invited to the Festival of Remembrance for service children at Ripon Cathedral on 10th November. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to be a part of this special community of children who all share a similar experience of having a parent in the armed forces. The festival was packed with wonderful singing from the Military Kids Choir and local secondary schools as well as a very special dance from some Nepali children in traditional dress.

**Charity and awareness raising**

November 13th was odd sock day! This is a non-fundraising event that is simply to raise awareness of difference and celebrate each child's unique qualities. We had some funky socks on display, and it started conversations about difference. November 17th was **Children in Need**. This national charity day is a favourite part of the calendar for many children who love coming to school without their uniform on. Thank you so much for your support – we raised a fantastic £232.01!!

**My Child at School**
You will have had information this week about the move from parent pay to MCAS which will be happening over the Christmas holidays. This change will enable us to communicate with you more efficiently. Please help us with this change by paying any outstanding debts by 31st December after which parent pay will be deactivated.

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

# Barton CE School

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance: 97%  Barton attendance this month: 92.7%**

**News from Barton**

What a great month we have had! So much to do and to celebrate with Remembrance Day, Sports, Odd socks for Mental Health, Diwali and Children in Need. In between all this excitement we have continued to learn and grow.

We learnt about the importance of Remembrance and the significance of the poppies. Did you see the lovely display at the front of school? We also had some great activities out in the discovery areas.

Mrs Whiteley and Mrs Rankin met with the School Council and Eco Council to discuss ideas and projects. It was such a pleasure to see the older children supporting and encouraging the ideas of the younger children. The School Council said they were pleased with playtimes and lunchtimes over the summer and loved the new equipment going forward they asked if we could move some of the equipment on the front playground for the Winter. Other ideas discussed were pop up goals and replacement gardening equipment for Spring, Poppy asked to do a coffee morning in aid of The Lewy Body Society in memory of her Grandad and to upgrade the toilets especially looking at the taps. Mirrors for the toilets were also mentioned and this has already been implemented.

The Eco Council were given some jobs to do over the next couple of terms which included keeping the sheds tidy, taking the recycling out and emptying the indoor bins regularly. The team had already independently made a rota and shared out this job. They have also been asked to create some posters explaining what can be recycled in the white classroom bins, reminding everyone to turn off the lights and turning off the taps in the toilets. We discussed creating a compost heap in the Spring, Mrs Rankin will support with this as we do have a compost bin in school. With regards to our school garden, if anyone has any ideas how we can add 2 more raised beds for free please get in touch.

Both the School Council and Eco Council were pleased with the updated and renewed displays and agreed that the minutes to the meetings would be displayed near to these.

| Barton – Dates for your diary | |
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| **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! |
| **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 - Don't forget your donation candle |
| **Tuesday 12th December** | Christmas Lunch 12-1pm Please wear your Christmas jumper |
| **Thursday 14th December** | Class 1 Nativity 2:30pm |
| **Wednesday 20th December** | Santa visit & Christmas parties |
| **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 |

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| **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 |
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| Niven, Elsie, Ellie, Christopher, Luke, Ailsa, Aidan, Dylan, Lucas, and Isaac | **Total for month** | 78 | 139 | 138 |
| | **Total for year** | 425 | 459 | 468 |

**National attendance figure: 94.7%  Target attendance figure 97%  Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 88.7%**

## Class news

On Tuesday 7th November, some of our year 5 and 6 children joined East Cowton and took part as a joint team in a football tournament. Although they weren't placed in any medal winning positions, everyone displayed maximum effort and great team spirit. A special commendation must be made to Lucas who was picked out by the organisers for his outstanding work in goal!

On Tuesday 14th November our year 2 children joined another 102 children in Northallerton for a fun filled multi-skills afternoon. It was very daunting joining in with so many children but the boys showed enormous bravery, sportsmanship and support for each other. Well done boys, you were amazing!

For Children in Need day we wore non-uniform and managed to raise a fantastic £62.20, well done everyone!

**Interfaith Day**

What a wonderful day we had exploring Divali! In the morning the whole school worked together to create a dramatic re-telling of the Rama and Sita story, followed by and incense-infused lesson about puja and how Hindus worship. Children in Class One also made some beautiful Divali lamps.

**Bike Day**

Well despite waking up to some torrential rain, bike day went ahead as planned and we all had a fabulous time! In the morning children were whizzing round the playground in and out of a range of obstacles, and then did some Bikeability skills out on the road. In the afternoon we took to the woods and got very wet and muddy, flying over the jumps and racing round in a circuit. The children showed great resilience and determination, and at the end of the afternoon we did a fast race back to school, led by Ms Hume on a very tiny bike!

**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

**Carol singing**

The children have been invited to join the community at the village hall on Sunday to sing carols together at 5.45pm. We have attended this event in the past and it is a lovely occasion. The children have been busy practising and it would be lovely if as many as possible could join in.

**Royal British Legion**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our poppy appeal this year – we raised a fantastic £29.32!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

| Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary | |
|---|---|
| **Mondays** | Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school |
| **Fridays** | Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome |
| **Sunday 3rd December** | Carol singing at the village hall 5.45pm |
| **Thursday 7th December** | Year 5 science workshop at Richmond School |
| **Friday 8th December** | Nativity play 2pm |
| **Monday 11th December** | Gingerbread event run by the Friends 5.30pm |
| **Wednesday 13th December** | Christmas lunch |
| **Tuesday 19th December** | Christingle service at KF Church 5pm |
| **Wednesday 20th December** | Christmas party |
| **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 |
| **Tuesday 9th January- Tuesday 6th February** | Whole school swimming at Richmond pool for 5 consecutive Tuesday afternoons |

# East Cowton Primary School

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

## News from the classes

### Sports

On Tuesday 7th November, the children in Years 5 and 6 made a football team with the children from Kirkby Fleetham school. Unfortunately, we didn't come away with medals or trophies this time, but every child had a great afternoon, worked well as a team and all got just that bit better at playing football!

Year 1 & 2 enjoyed an afternoon of Multi-Sports in Northallerton. They got to try a variety of skills, with the emphasis on learning something new and having fun. All the children behaved beautifully and fully embraced each activity with a big smile. We were very proud of Dan, who was awarded a medal for sportsmanship.

During bonfire week, Mrs Raw put on a very exciting bonfire themed dinner. The children really enjoyed their hot dogs and beautifully iced 'bonfire buns!'

### Interfaith Day

During the week when Hindus around the world celebrate Divali, we at East Cowton had our own Interfaith day to learn about Hinduism and Divali. The children learnt about the story of Rama and Sita through crafts and drama. Class 2 discovered that there are many Hindu temples in the UK, the closest being in Middlesborough, and learnt about how Hindus worship using the Puja tray. The whole school had a marvellous Indian dinner with a firework cake created by Mrs Raw. Finally, Class 2 learnt how the Hindus celebrate by inviting Lakshmi into their home and having feasts- we made a selection of delicious Hindu sweets to share with our friends and family. Whilst class one, made rangoli patterns and made diva lamps from clay.

### Messy Church

We had an enjoyable 'Messy Church' after school club; it was great to see children and parents having fun! There was singing, games and lots of crafting going on. We did fingerprint pictures and looked carefully at the uniqueness of each individual print. They created paper plate faces and thought about the different people around the world with different faiths, cultures and skin tones. At the end of the

session, we reflected and reminded ourselves that we are all unique and are all special people. This was the first of several sessions and we look forward to welcoming more children and adults in the spring term

**Class 2 out and about**

A massive thank you goes to the Friends of East Cowton school for funding the Class 2 trip to the Life Centre in Newcastle. What a fantastic day we had! The children learnt about fire and ice in a science show and saw a fire tornado. They did experiments with splitting water into gases to make explosions; they learnt about pullies and forces and electrics and sounds waves... to name but a few. The planetarium was a big hit-the children were amazed at the thought of stars exploding into a supernova!

We saved the day by identifying the mixed-up white powders in the kitchen - no one fancied eating a cookie made with baby powder! The day ended with a 40 minute ice-skating session in the rain! Everyone got a little wet, but the smiles on their faces told me they didn't mind a bit of water!

**Other news**

On behalf of The Friends Committee, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to the teachers and their families that found the time to be able to support the wreath making event. It was great to see so many; it's by far the most support we have had at an event.

Thank you for all your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal, East Cowton raised a fantastic £77.06.

| East Cowton – Dates for your diary | |
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| **Tuesdays** | Art & Craft club starting 9th January |
| **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 |
| **Tuesday 12th December** | Christmas Lunch at school – Children to wear Christmas Jumpers, no donation required. |
| **Tuesday 19th December** | Christingle at the Church at 2.00pm - everyone is welcome |
| **Thursday 21st December** | Christmas Party at school. Break up for Christmas holidays |
| **Sunday 31st December** | Deadline to clear any Parent Pay debts |
| **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<br>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: 93.5%**

**This month...**

KS2 attended a Quicksticks hockey festival at Richmond School. No medals for us this time, but it doesn't matter because we had fun and we didn't give up! We also displayed brilliant sportsmanship. Go Team Ravensworth!

We had a wonderful Children in Need day. Brenda made us some amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits and we all looked fabulous in our bright and spotty clothes. Thank you for all your kind donations too!

Miss Herbert led us as we took part in anti-bullying week activities. This year's theme for anti-bullying week was 'Make a noise about bullying', which means speaking up about bullying that we see or experience in school, in a public place or online.

Why have Stonehenge when you can have Biscuithenge?! Our history learning has led to KS2 children learning all about the ancient monument and having lots of messy fun in the process!

We are exploring all religions over the course of this year and our first interfaith day celebrated Diwali Day by recreating the story of Rama and Sita, exploring the puja tray, eating offerings, smelling incense, using kum kum powder and making rangoli patterns.

Our wonderful library area has been transformed thanks to a kind donation from the Dakyn Trust. We have also been able to purchase lots of amazing new books! We are pleased to say the library is now open for borrowing and browsing.

Class 3 attended playleader training at Richmond School. We came back with lots of brilliant ideas about how to set up and lead games for our younger children.

Class 3, who teamed up with Year 5/6s at Barton school, recently attended Sportshall athletics, taking part in a variety of track and field events. We are thrilled to say we won the whole event, competing against some much bigger schools! Everyone showed their amazing abilites and, most importantly, had fun. Go Team Ravensworth!

**Cauliflower Christmas Cards**

Thank you to everyone who ordered through the Cauliflower Christmas card project, we raised £64.50 in commission for the school which is fantastic!!

**Friends of Ravensworth**

A great big thank you for all your support with the North East Air Ambulance Collection, we raised a fantastic £136.00. This was a whole community effort, with lots of local villages doing their bit to support both the air ambulance and the school. Well done everybody.

**Christmas hampers** - this year we are going to do different themed hampers for the Christmas Raffle. Each class are going to have a different theme. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could donate a prize to put into the hampers:

**Class 1** - Chocolate/ Sweets Hamper

**Class 2** - Pamper Hamper

**Class 3** - Cheese, Crackers, Chutney and Wine Hamper.
Please could all donations be sent into school by **Friday 8th December 2023**

**Raffle tickets** – books will be sent home with your child/ren this week. Tickets are £1 each, please return all completed stubs with the raffle money by **Tuesday 12th December 2023.** If you need any extra tickets, please speak to a member of the Friends committee or the school office. Thank you!

**School Disco** – 4.30-6pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023

| **Ravensworth – Dates for your diary** | |
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| **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! |
| **Tuesday 5th Dec** | Christingle Service – 5pm – **no after school club this day** |
| **Tuesday 12th Dec** | KS1 Christmas Nativity – **no after school club this day** |
| **Wednesday 13th Dec** | Christmas lunch – 12pm |
| **Wednesday 20th Dec** | School Christmas Party – Santa visit – please bring party clothes in a separate bag<br>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** |
| **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<br>Balances transferred to My Child at School (MCAS) from ParentPay |

**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