Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Justice

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

March has been absolutely jam-packed with exciting events and activities that the children not only loved doing but gained so much from. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers and more who have come along to support the children; it makes such a difference.

World book day

Children celebrated World Book Day in lots of different ways this year. The real focus was on the joy of reading. All schools held a 'reading cafe' which proved to be a huge hit with both adults and children. Thank you to all the families that joined us – it was a joy to see the sharing of books in such a positive way.

Science Week

Miss Gregory, our science lead, planned a truly exciting science week for all children. Most children took part in exciting 'experiments' that taught them about maths, physics and biology in a really exciting way. I'm sure many of you have heard about it and possibly had to recreate some at home!

Easter Services

What a delight it has been to be a part of all four Easter services this year. It always makes it special to get into church (although it can be just as special in school when that is not possible). Our church school distinctiveness is such an important part of what we do in school and this is a very visible way of celebrating this.

Red Nose Day

Cornerstone Schools take pride in supporting small local charities but work hard to take an active part in the big, national charity events. Across our 4 tiny schools we raised an impressive £184.89

Have a lovely Easter holiday
Kind regards,

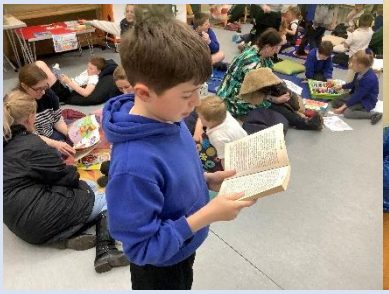
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 89.9%

We are having a successful year for Sports this year at Barton. It is so lovely to see and hear the children getting excited to venture out to the local sporting competitions and attend their swimming lessons. Archery has been on the agenda this term and we are so proud of our Year 5 and 6 champions coming 2nd at the Richmond School tournament. Well done!
Class1 have had some excitement in school with the new balance bikes. We have invested in some larger sized balance bikes to cater for our year 1 and 2 cohorts, they have enjoyed getting to grips with balancing and coordinating their legs to push themselves along.

Our World our world Book Day Reading Cafe was a great success and was very well attended by parents, grandparents and careers. Thank you all so much for supporting us with this. It was such a fantastic feeling walking into the school and seeing so many happy, smiling children and adults really engaged and excited to be looking through books.....and eating cake!
All the left-over books were donated to the Moro Lounge in Richmond who are sending them over to Africa for children of all ages to better their education. The children of Barton School 'Building Futures with Love' across the globe.



Science Week
This year's British Science week was all about Time.
Class 1 were thinking about human and seasonal timelines.
The children made jelly with fruits and tested which fruity jelly would/ would not set and looked at the work of Albert Einstein through the story of 'Little People, Big Dreams'.
Base 2 were learning about geology timelines and focussed on the work of Mary Anning, the 'curiosity' collector. The children also enjoyed finding out about the functionality of water clocks.
Class 3 were learning about evolution timelines and compiled a timeline of his personal achievements. They enjoyed learning all about Stephen Hawking and his work on black holes. We watched baby calves come into the world on 'Farm Vet Live' and the children enjoyed watching the chemical reactions of our homemade lava lamps.
Our children in Base 2 and Class 3 have also designed posters for the British Science week competition. They had to think about 'time' and could be as creative as they liked. The staff at Barton will pick 5 entries for the school and the winners of each age category will be picked after the closing date of 28.3.24. Fingers crossed!!

Stay and Play

Last Thursday, Class 1 invited parents, carers and siblings into class for an hour to play and learn in our discovery areas. Some of the children taught their parents how to follow instructions and measure out the ingredients needed to make play dough. We definitely have some budding teachers and budding bakers in class! Inspired by science week, we also experimented with making rainbows, using skittles and warm water. We loved watching the colours spread and mingle! 🌈 Next we investigated outside and found some frozen sea animals that needed setting free. We were very creative in our rescue approach and used toothbrushes, little hammers and the sunshine! A big thank you to all who came. Please don't worry if you couldn't make it – we will definitely hold another one next term.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Monday and Thursday for **ALL**- Children must make sure their **SCHOOL PE** kits are in school
Monday's PM	Afterschool Multi-sports club 3:30-4:00pm - All children welcome
Thursday lunchtime	Freestyle Football Club 12:30-1pm
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All Welcome!
Sunday 31st March	East Barnby Residential outstanding balances due
Tuesday 9th April	Return to school for Summer Term
Tuesday 16th April	Friends Bags2School collection 9am
Wednesday 17th April	Mini Tennis Event Years 3-6
Saturday 20th April	Friends Car boot 9am-1pm
Wednesday 24th April	Bike Day
Wed 12th- Fri 14th June	Yr 5 & 6 East Barnby Residential

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Lucas x 2, Tilly, Ellie x 2, Ailsa, George, Luke, Niven, Ollie, Freya, Isaac, Beau and Christopher	**Total for month**	42	40	45
	Total for year	842	787	902

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 90.6%

Class news

Cycling lessons as part of our PE curriculum have proved to be a great success. The children learnt all about bike safety, had limbo competitions, held 'slow races'and even had a go at cyclo-cross!

As part of our Christian value 'justice' this half term, class 2 have been exploring how the justice system works and even acted out a court case. Unfortunately, our defendant was found guilty and sentenced to several hours of community service!

As you know we celebrated World Book Day a day late this year and we also mixed it up a little by suggesting that the costumes could be either based on a book or a word. The children looked absolutely fantastic, sporting excellent outfits based on amongst others, 'shadow', 'opposite', 'extra-terrestrial' and 'blue'.

On Tuesday 12th March our years 5 and 6 children took part in a Hi 5 netball competition in Northallerton. Their confidence grew as the afternoon went on as a consequence of all their tenacity and hard work they very deservedly won silver medals! Well done to all our team, you should be very proud of yourselves.

We had a very special visitor on Wednesday 13th March! Power Down Pete visited both classes and discussed with the children all about ways in which they can help to look after our planet. They were reminded of which things they could recycle and how.

Friday 15th March was Red Nose Day and our children didn't disappoint with a fabulous array of red themed clothing. We also managed to raise a fabulous £26.50 for this wonderful cause!

On Monday 18th March we walked to St Mary's for our Easter service in glorious sunshine. The children treated all the audience members to a display of wonderful art and beautifully hand written prayers.

Science week was filled with all sorts of things science related including live lessons and experiments. Class 2 learnt all about how the shape of a bird's beak adapted to what food source it relied upon. They then conducted an experiment to determine which tool was the best for picking up the various food types. Much fun was had trying to pick up grains of rice, aka seeds, with a cocktail stick and flower nectar, disguised as coloured water with a peg! Another experiment involved harnessing a cream egg down various zip lines made from different materials and trying to predict which might be the fastest.

On Thursday, the 3rd of March, Class 1 went on an amazing trip to learn about train travel and life 100 years ago. We got dressed up in period clothes and had all sorts of historical experiences. The children learned all about life in a village, pretended to buy train tickets, saw the games and toys children played with in the past and got to play some exciting instruments! We also had 2 trips on an actual train. It was such a memorable day!

Reading Café

We were delighted by the success of our first ever 'Reading Café', that took place in the week of 'World Book Day'. It was wonderful to open our doors to so many parents, families and members of the local community. Children thoroughly enjoyed reading with adults in our cosy reading area, but we suspect the highlight of the afternoon was the tremendous spread of homemade cakes!

We're hoping we can making this an annual event. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

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 8th April	Training day
Tuesday 9th April	Return to school Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 16th April	Class 1 woodland school am
Sunday 21st April	Community litter pick

Monday 22nd April	Pro Ride bike day
Tuesday 23rd April	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 30th April	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 7th May	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 7th May	Class photos
Tuesday 14th May	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 21st May	Class 1 woodland school am
Wed 12th – Fri 14th June	East Barnby for years 5 and 6

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 97.9%

News from Class 2

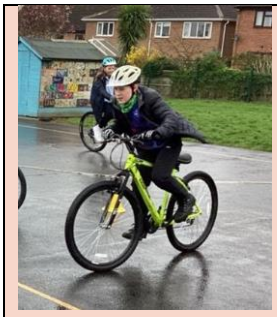
Spring Term Dojo points:
Richmond 717 Middleham 761 Bolton 665

This term has been very busy and the children have benefited from some exciting learning experiences!

We celebrated world book day with a Beatrix Potter theme. The children enjoyed sharing stories; learning about the life and work of the author / illustrator and created some beautiful watercolour artwork. Later in the day, we had a very successful book cafe, where we saw children sharing books with their parents and munching on a delicious selection of cakes. With a generous donation from the Friends to match that of the donations we raised over £400 to spend on books to update the library. Thanks to all who came to the event, gave generous donations and to Friends for helping us collect the money and to the donation.

Science week was brilliant. The children had challenging STEM activities to sink their teeth into with the theme of 'time.' We learnt about world time zones and made water clocks. We watched live streamed lessons about farming and veterinary practice provided by the NFU. The children did a whole host of fun experiments including: chocolate egg zip lines, slime, bicarbonate and vinegar rockets and making lava lamps and homemade cinder toffee (which didn't quite go to plan, but we tried)! We had a science information poster competition where children researched Mary Anning or Time. Congratulations to Jack and Lucy for winning the lovely prizes donated by 'Friends.'

On Thursday, the children had a fantastic morning on their bikes learning about road safety and bike riding skills. It was a shame about the cold, wet weather but the children persevered with enthusiasm.



Congratulations to Middleham- the winning house- for earning a whopping 761 dojos this term. They enjoyed an afternoon treat of making Easter nest cakes and creating Easter crafts. Keep up the great work and try to earn those Dojos for the end of summer term treat.

News from Class 1

The children have been fascinated by their growing seeds and bulbs. The children, over the past month, have been recording and observing the growth. They were excited to take them home today -please send in any updates (via seesaw) on their progress; hopefully they will bloom!

Trip to Wensleydale Railway

In history, we have been learning about the history of transport. We enjoyed a fantastic trip, with our friends from Kirby Fleetham, to Scruton Railway Station. What a great local resource to have nearby. The day was led by volunteers, who captivated our children in their roles from 1910. The children were engaged in their learning and should be proud of their behaviour.

World Book Day

This year we decided to spend the whole day emersed in the stories written by the author Beatrix Potter. It was such a lovely day, spent with Class 2, sharing stories and painting pictures.

Science week

The theme for Science Week this year was time. We launched the week by looking at how we tell the time and at how clocks have changed through history. We were fascinated to learn that time was told using fire and water.

We then explored changes over time, how we change and how the things around us do too. We conducted an experiment to test whether jelly sets faster with fruit in it or without. The children learnt all about Charles Darwin and why he was an important scientist. They were so interested in his travels and the things he discovered. We then compared him to Sir David Attenborough and the work he has done as a scientist. I hope the children shared their learning with you and their passion for looking after our wonderful world.

Easter Gardens

As part of our RE topic, we have been asking ourselves why Easter is important to Christians. We have retold the story about Holy Week from the bible and collectively made a Class One Easter Garden to represent the morning when Jesus came back to life. We have donated this to our local church to share with the congregation and for them to enjoy over the next couple of weeks.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	After school club – Dance with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Forest School for Class 1 Tuesday afternoons** – 09/04, 16/04, 23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 14/05 & 21/05. **Please ensure your child has their full kit with them, including waterproof trousers/coat, hat, gloves and wellies.**
Wednesdays	After school club – Sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursdays	After school club – Outdoor activities with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Forest School for Class 2 Thursday afternoons** – **last session** 11/04 **Please ensure your child has their full kit with them, including waterproof trousers/coat, hat, gloves and wellies.**
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.10pm - everyone is welcome
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter holidays
Sunday 31st March	**East Barnby – please ensure that all outstanding balances are paid by today**
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to school

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 98.6%

Class News

We have had an amazingly busy month in school and have filled it with lots of wonderful activities and learning opportunities ...

On 6th March, Class 3 travelled to Richmond School to take part in an archery, curling and boccia tournament. We are delighted to say that we won! Fantastic teamwork and effort all round.

We celebrated World Book Day with lots of fantastic reading; thank you to those parents who joined us in the Reading Cafe and for helping the children to create some wonderful word and character costumes.

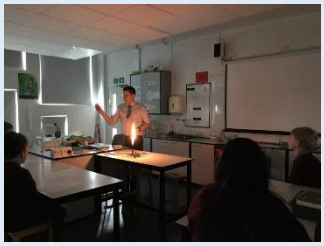
A fab science week was had by all! We took part in lots of activities such as creme egg ziplines, exploding volcanoes, making yummy jelly, crafting working water clocks, looking at world time zones and making giant timelines. We also had a visit from Power Down Pete, who taught us how to save energy at home and at school. Thanks to Miss Gregory for arranging lots of fun experiments and visitors.

Class 2 and 3 have had a wonderful time at woodland schools this month, despite some interesting weather! We are having great fun exploring Mainsgill Wood, creating and modifying dens, learning how to tie various knots and making bows and arrows.

KS2 have also enjoyed drumming sessions with Mr Mole. They have really enjoyed these sessions and put on a wonderful performance for Holmedale preschool and Class 1.

Following our Easter service, we worked together in our School Houses and with parents to create Easter gardens and then enjoyed another one of Brenda's amazing lunches.

On 21st March, Year 5 took part in a science workshop at Richmond School.



The year 5s thought it was an amazing morning, the experiments were so fun and exciting, they are all looking forward to seeing more of Richmond School.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Wednesdays	**Class 2 – Woodland School**, please bring school uniform into school in a separate bag on the following dates: **10th April, 17th April & 24th April** Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter
Sunday 31st March	**Year 5 & 6 East Barnby Residential – please ensure that all outstanding balances are paid by the end of March**
Monday 8th April	**Non-pupil day**
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to school for the summer term
Friday 12th April	Pro-Ride bike day in school – details to follow
Friday 26th April	Friends Great North Air Ambulance bag collection
Thursday 2nd May	Years 3/4 Panathlon Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Monday 20th May	Years 3/4 Boys Dynamo's Cricket Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 24th May	KS2 Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) at Ellerton Lake – details to follow
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Years 5/6 residential to East Barnby
Thursday 20th June	Whole school trip to 4motion in Darlington – details to follow
Thursday 27th June	KS1 Fun Run at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral – details to follow
Saturday 6th July	Friend Summer BBQ - 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