Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Service

April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The start of the summer term hasn't started with the longed-for sunshine, but it has started with a bang. Children have come into school excited to be back and willing to work hard in this final term of the year.

Sports week

This term will see the welcome return of sports week. This will be a little different to last year as the intensity of so many trips packed onto a week was rather stressful for staff and exhausting for children. There will be just as much sport but some of this will be in school and some of the trips are spread over the summer term. Bike day, which has already happened, being a part of this. More details will be shared closer to the time, but you will have been receiving some permission slips already.

Wedding bells

As part of the RE curriculum, Key Stage 2 children have been learning about wedding ceremonies and traditions. This has included mock wedding for some children, complete with ceremony, reception and wedding breakfast! Our fabulous cooks have done a super job of making it special as well as members of our local churches supporting the event. A wonderful time was had by all.

Statutory assessments

This term we also have the KS2 (year 6) statutory assessment week in May (13th – 16th). Children have been preparing for these for a few weeks, so they become confident in the formality needed (the rules are rather strict). We try and make the process exciting; it becomes a 'rite of passage' for many children and just part of being in Year 6. Parents can help us by making sure the children get a good night's sleep that week and a hearty breakfast. All children will be assessed over the course of the term, but I will send a separate letter detailing all of these.

Holiday season

Please be aware that the rules around taking children on holiday in term time are clear and therefore unlikely to be authorised. Advice for headteachers from the DFE states:
"*As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday*." **Working together to improve school attendance, DFE 2022.** Thank you for your understanding.

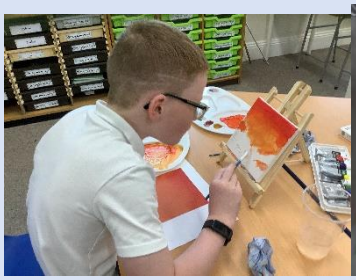
Have a lovely weekend,
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 92.8%

Wow what a great Bike Day we had! All 3 classes had their own sessions spread across the day which meant we had 3 small groups participating in lots of different bike related obstacle courses. Two children in class 1 learnt to ride a pedal bike without stabilisers. What a great success!

On the first day back after the Easter holidays we had a very special visitor in school to work with 10 children across Base 2 and 3. Angela, the Service Children's Champion, included us in her 'All Together Now' art workshops, which was a collaborative piece of art between 10 schools involving 100 children and was inspired by the local artist Lucy Pittaway. Angela ran it as part of the 'Month of the Military Child'.



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
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May	Year 6 SAT's
Thursday 16th May	Forest School 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday 23rd May	Friends Litter picking around the village
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term, return to school **Monday 3rd June**
Tuesday 4th June	Yr1-6 4Motion session (For 6 weeks)
Thursday 6th June	Yr 5 Chemical Reaction lesson at Richmond School
Friday 7th June	KS2 SUP at Ellerton Lake 10-12noon
Wed 12th- Fri 14th June	Yr 5 & 6 East Barnby Residential
Thursday 27th June	Year 1 Fun Run

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Ailsa, Aidan, Hollie, Fin, Freya, Esme, Tilly x 2, Ellie, Niven, and Luke	Total for month	134	99	91
	Total for year	976	886	993

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

Class news

In Class 1 we have been loving our Woodland School sessions on Tuesday mornings! We are learning SO much about plants, animals and all of the changes that happen as spring arrives. Our walk to the woods is just as exciting as our time there, as we are noticing interesting trees and animals on the way. When we get to the woods we have all sorts of adventures—from den building to creating habitats for small animals. We are learning how to look after the plants as well as how to be safe in the woods. We are especially excited for next week when we'll build our first fire and enjoy hot chocolate!

Our other big Class 1 news is that we have started a new way of experiencing stories, called Drawing Club. Each week we will focus on a different story, learning challenging vocabulary and using our imaginations as we think about and discuss the story. Each day the children have a different drawing challenge—from drawing a character or setting to creating a different ending to the story. The children's imaginations are running wild and they are having the best time—there is always a cheer when they find out it's time for Drawing Club!

As part of class 2's PSHE lessons this month, the children joined in with a Minecraft themed yoga session. Great flexibility in positions of trees, crafting tables and chopping axes were displayed by all!

On Thursday 11th April we were visited by a volunteer from the RNLI who taught the children all about water safety, whether at the beach or further inland. We learnt all about the 4 key things to remember: make sure an adult knows where you are, stay together, if you fall in – float and call 999 or 112.

Years 5 and 6 conducted an experiment earlier this month to find out all about our digestive system. Who'd have thought mixing Weetabix and banana could create such hilarity!

Although the weather wasn't fantastic, it didn't dampen the fun for us all on Monday's bike day. Phil from Pro Bike provided the children with a great opportunity to practise skills, negotiate obstacles, learn road safety as well as travel over some jumps in the woods.

Over the past few weeks in lego club the children have been building a huge tower. It started off as a challenge to try and build something taller than Ellie and grew and grew and grew! What took weeks of precision and patience then took seconds this week to destroy. We await the next fabulous construction!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Tuesday 30th April	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 7th May	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 7th May	Class photos
W/C 13th May	SATS week
Tuesday 14th May	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 21st May	Class 1 woodland school am
Tuesday 21st May	Dynamo cricket for years 5 and 6
Monday 3rd June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Friday 7th June	Stand up paddle boarding at Ellerton Lake – details to follow

Monday 10th June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Tuesday 11th June	Sports hall athletics for years 5 and 6
Wed 12th – Fri 14th June	East Barnby for years 5 and 6
Monday 17th June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Monday 24th June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Thursday 27th June	4motion session am – details to follow
Monday 1st July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Friday 5th July	Leavers service in Ripon Cathedral for year 6
Monday 8th July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Monday 15th July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 95.7%

News from Class 2

This term Class 2 have started investigation the metaphor: 'Life is a Journey.' We've looked at different religious ceremonies to welcome babies / children into a faith. We've found out about Baptism, Bat mitzva and the Hindu ceremony of the sacred thread. Next, we moved on to Christian weddings. Rev David Bartlett married off two of our children in a lovely church ceremony. He ran the traditional wedding but explained the symbolism and values associated with marriage. We had lots of fun; beautiful outfits (carefully tailored by Mrs May;) and a showstopper wedding cake made by Mrs Raw!

In Science, we've been learning about healthy eating and nutrition. The children were fascinated that food products had a traffic light system to help consumers understand the nutritional values of products. They were shocked at how 'high' some foods are in saturated fat and salt like pringles crisps and breakfast cereal.

We're enjoying our class text for the term 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell. So far, we've learnt about playscripts, wrote about a musical performance at the Royal Albert Hall by Nigel Kennedy and are now beginning to write a very serious formal letter that could well affect Sophie's future with Charles!

In geography we have launched our topic by making a large world map. The children used pieces that made the continents to try and make their own large-scale jigsaw for our classroom display.

We are now looking at 'The secret sky garden', the children have explored the effect of rubbish on wildlife and nature and have created some lovely posters they want to put up around East Cowton to encourage people to bin their rubbish. Watch out for them in the village.

Class one, have enjoyed some sunny Spring weather doing forest school. They have been thinking about the animals that live in the woods and have made some dens for the foxes and mice.

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** – 30/04, 07/05, 14/05 & 21/05. **Please ensure your child has their full kit (named) with them, including waterproof trousers/coat and wellies/walking boots.**
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
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.10pm - everyone is welcome
Thursday 2nd May	KS2 trip – Middlesbrough Mosque and Seaside – information sent via forms.
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 20th May	Messy Church 3.30pm to 4.30pm – More information to follow
W/C Monday 13th May	SATs week
Friday 24th May	KS2 Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) at Ellerton Lake – information sent via forms. **Please return medical forms by 3rd May.** Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Thursday 6th June	Whole school trip to 4motion in Darlington – details to follow
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Years 5/6 residential to East Barnby – more information to follow
Monday 24th June	Messy Church 3.30pm to 4.30pm – More information to follow

Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day with Kirkby Fleetham / FOS community BBQ 3.30 to 5.30 - weather dependant
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral – details to follow
Friday 19th July	Leavers Assembly in Church at 2.30pm. Last day of term

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 97.2%

Class News

Reception children have started Earth Club which ties into their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. We have started to develop our vegetable garden and have spoken about keeping our garden tidy in some areas but messy in others so wildlife can thrive. We have planted two varieties of potatoes which have been chitting on our windowsill for the past few weeks. We have also planted sunflower seeds and tomatoes and are making a compost bin.

As part of our sports week activities, we have had a Bike day with Phil from Pro-ride. The children love taking part in this event and it is wonderful to see how their confidence and has grown and the progress they have made as they practise skills, negotiate obstacles, learn road safety as well as travel over some jumps.

To support our learning in RE, in which we are exploring *how and why believers show their commitments during the journey of life,* Class 2 and 3 staged a mock Christian wedding officiated by Rev. Anthony. We had a splendid morning, with Rev. Anthony explaining the ceremony, both classes acted as the wedding party, and the rest of the school were guests. We all had a wonderful time and Brenda did us proud with an amazing wedding buffet and cake.

Class 2 had their final session of Woodland schools led by Dr Vasby-Burnie, they have had a great time over the weeks; building dens, learning whittling skills and fire lighting, spotting changes in nature and identifying and tracking animal prints. In this final session they had a wonderful treat of hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm
Wednesdays	**Class 1 – Woodland School**, please bring school uniform into school in a separate bag on the following dates: **1st May, 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May and 12th June** Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Thursday 2nd May	Years 3/4 Panathlon Event at Richmond School
Monday 6th May	**BANK HOLIDAY – school closed**
Wednesday 8th May	Messy Church – 3.15-5.00pm
Saturday 11th May	Friends Spring Ball – Dalton Village Hall - 7pm
Week commencing 13th May	SAT's Week
Monday 20th May	Years 3/4 Boys Dynamo's Cricket Event at Richmond School
Tuesday 21st May	Climbing Wall in school
Friday 24th May	KS2 Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) at Ellerton Lake **No after school club this day** Break up for Whitsun half term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school Group school photos
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
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leaver's lunch at 12pm
Wednesday 17th July	Messy Church – details to follow
Friday 19th July	Year 6 leaver's service at 10am **No after school club this day**

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