Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Service

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Sports Week

What a week we have had! Sports week has been a huge success, despite the best efforts of the British weather to thwart it! A huge thank you to our parents who have had to do battle with wet and muddy kit all week – I imagine frantically rummaging through drawers to find items that could be worn that still fit! Staff have needed to change plans to accommodate the ever-worsening weather too while making sure the children have enjoyed themselves. It has all be worth it though as the children have had the best time.

Y6 SATs tests

Well done to our year 6 children who have completed their SATS tests this term. It was a tricky week for everybody with extra staff needed to monitor the delivery of the tests and children needing to be super quiet elsewhere in school. It is always a relief when it is over, and we all celebrated with our leaver's hoodies. Many thanks to all the Friends groups for gifting these hoodies – it feels like the end of term seeing them all in them.

Summer sun!

Could we ask that children bring sunhats and sun cream into school now but also raincoats (which will probably get more use). We need to get the children outside as much as possible so they can run and blow off some steam come rain or shine. Names in all attire help us to reunite children with their clothes when they cast them off on returning indoors.

Have a well earned rest this half term holiday – we will return on Monday 3rd June 2024.

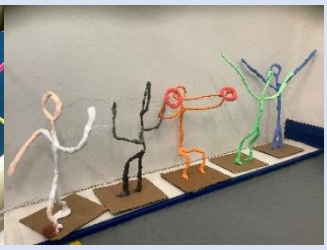
Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 90.6%

At Barton this week, we have been engaged in lots of lovely activities as part of Sports week. We have been participating in sports like cricket, Yoga, kurling, gymnastics and Zumba. The climbing wall has also made an appearance and the children have all enjoyed the challenge of reaching the top.

Both classes have enjoyed completing their Sports Sculptures. Class 3 used wire and modroc, which used up a lot of our resilience and patience to complete. Class 1 used wire and air dry clay, the clay was a special soft, light, mouldable clay that we found easy to roll, squeeze and twist. We also showed a lot of patience and perseverance to complete the project.



A big focus in class 3 at the moment is kindness, and we watched a video titled: 'A ripple of kindness'. This video inspired us to recreate our own ripple of continuing kindness to one another. The whole class said kind things that made each of us feel loved and valued. The children then completed work in a kindness booklet, created by The British Red Cross.

We have installed a new Friendship Bench in school to help at lunchtimes. Anyone feeling worried, upset or lonely or just needs some time for reflection and quiet can sit on the bench. We are hoping that adults and children spot this and offer friendship, comfort or company.

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!
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term, return to school **Monday 3rd June**
Saturday 25th May	Friends Carboot – see attached poster
Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June	Hadrian's Wall Walk in Barton – remember to get sponsors!
Tuesday 4th June	Yr1-6 4Motion session (For 6 weeks)
Thursday 6th June	Yr 5 Chemical Reaction lesson at Richmond School
Thursday 6th June	Forest School 3:30-4:30pm until 4th July
Friday 7th June	KS2 SUP at Ellerton Lake 10-12noon
Wed 12th- Fri 14th June	Yr 5 & 6 East Barnby Residential
Wednesday 26th June – Friday 28th June	New reception taster days – Letter and starter pack to follow
Thursday 27th June	Year 1 Fun Run
Saturday 29th June	Friends Carboot

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Aidan, Ailsa, Rollo x3, Tilly x 2, Esme, Hollie,	**Total for month**	85	91	64
Ellie, Niven, Lucas, Isaac and Beau	**Total for year**	1061	977	1057

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 89.3%

Class news

The first day of May brought about a live wellbeing and mindfulness workshop for class 2 hosted by Jenna Downing, a former World champion inline skater. Our children joined other classes from local schools to learn all about relaxation techniques and ways to deal with anxiety.

The class 2 trip to Middlesbrough was bathed in beautiful sunshine! Our cultural visit took us firstly to the mosque where the children learnt all about what it means to be a Muslim and how they practise their faith. After a short walk across Middlesbrough, the children then explored MIMA, silently sketching some of their lovely exhibits with deep concentration and attention to detail.

Norway Day

On Friday 17th May, we were lucky enough to be joined by Lucas's mum. Mrs Holme-Pearce is Norwegian and 17th May 1814 is a very special day for the people of Norway because this is the date the constitution was signed at Eidsvoll, making Norway an independent country. We started by learning about the history of Norway as a country and its royal family. We went onto learn about some of the ways people celebrate Norway Day including, wearing traditional Norwegian clothing and taking part in a special parade whilst holding placards, waving flags, singing and chanting. We enjoyed trying some Norwegian foods including, waffles, chocolate wafers and best of all ice cream! We then took our placards and flags outside and created our very own parade around the village green.

Thank you to Lucas and Mum for providing us with such an educational and memorable afternoon! Hip hip hurray!

Sports week

Sports week got off to a fabulous start on Monday when we went across to East Cowton. All the children were able to try out climbing up the climbing wall with many reaching the top several times! Whilst the younger children played games with the parachute, the older ones played rounders and tried out orienteering around the East Cowton school site.
Whilst the community walk had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain on Wednesday, we researched terribly unusual sports such as toe wrestling and cheese rolling before managing a Joe Wicks workout as well as archery and indoor games.
Thursday's weather was a little kinder and we managed a village walk in the morning followed by table tennis, badminton, yoga, dancing and of course the long-awaited colour run!!

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Monday 3rd June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Friday 7th June	Stand up paddle boarding at Ellerton Lake
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
Thursday 19th June	Kirkby Fleetham School heritage day 3.30-5pm

Monday 24th June	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Wednesday 26th June	Sports day at East Cowton
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
Friday 19th July	Last day of term

East Cowton Primary School

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

News from Class

Earlier in the month, class 2 had a fantastic trip out to the 'Middlesborough Central Mosque' and to Redcar. The Imran was informative and great with children. The visit was fun: they played games, had a presentation and learnt about the Islam faith. After a picnic lunch, we enjoyed homemade ice-creams or lemon tops at Pacittos. On the beach, we spent time searching for fossils. We found lots of 'devil's toenails,' but the top find was by Ellen, who found a sizeable ammonite! The last activity of the day was a sandcastle competition. 4 teams, constructed 4 fabulous sculptures. We witnessed fantastic teamwork skills, creativity and a general happy buzz of excitement. Overall, a fantastic day was had by all. We'd like to thank 'Friends' for funding the trip and PC Dan Barnes (Millie and Oliver's stepdad) for coming to judge the competition, whilst on duty.

We've had another successful sports week. On Monday, with the addition of Kirkby Fleetham School children, we played a fabulous game of rounders and saw every single child improve their skills within the hour session. The climbing wall, saw children achieve their personal best and reach some staggering heights. We had a whistle stop tour with learning how to read maps and complete an orienteering course. Wow- we've some competitive children; they came back very quickly and very sweaty. Some EC star orienteers were: Jack, Thomas, Ted and Theo, who all completed the course in 8 minutes or less!

On Wednesday, we took a team to the Richmond School 24 maths competition. You could feel the high levels of concentration in the room! The children worked together as a team, and although we didn't win, they had a fantastic morning and made me proud.

In class one, the children have really impressed us with their development and enjoyment in Geography. They have produced some amazing maps and identified physical and human features present in each continent. The following photos are of the class map we made...

Earlier this month, Mrs Whent's chickens and ducklings made a visit to EC. We set them up a home for the day and thought carefully about what they would need. The children all held the chicks, but their clear favourite was the ducklings, whom we had loose in the classroom- we even gave them a bath in the water tray! The children did some science writing, where we compared the two birds. Hopefully, they will visit again so we can look at changes in development over time.

On Tuesday, we were amazed by Dan Howie's presentation about rowing across the Atlantic in 2013.

Dan kindly volunteered to come and inspire us, to follow our dreams and to push our boundaries. We were all fascinated to hear about the 3000 mile, gruelling trip he and his teammate travelled. They left from La Gomera in the Canary Islands and successfully completed the competition in Antigua. They encountered: technical issues; power outages; capsizing and soakings; whales; sharks; dolphins and they even had to celebrate their birthday and Christmas on the boat. However, it was worth the mental and physical challenge as they won the pairs category, raising a whopping £150,000 for three different charities. A fascinating achievement to share –thanks for sharing it with us!

Lilly has been working exceptionally hard with her Rugby. Since Christmas, she has trained with and played for Darlington RFC. Last night she received this trophy along with her fellow team mates for all her hard work!
Well done Lilly - we are so proud of you!

The John Dakyn Trust
This is a local charity that supports young people who find themselves in need of financial support/sponsorship. Contact school if you feel that they may be able to help you with a particular issue – this will be confidential between school and the John Dakyn Trust.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Tuesdays	After school club – Archery with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm **- children need their PE kit and a water bottle.**
Wednesdays	After school club – Sports with ML Sports 3.30pm to 4.30pm **- children need their PE kit and a water bottle.**
Thursdays	After school club – Gardening Club with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.30pm **- children will need a change of clothes, along with waterproofs and wellies**.
Fridays	Parent Worship at 3.10pm - everyone is welcome
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Thursday 6th June	Whole school trip to 4motion in Darlington
Tuesday 11th June	Y5 & 6 Athletics at Northallerton School
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Years 5/6 residential to East Barnby
Friday 14th June	Class 2 attending Triathlon in Harrogate – more information to follow
Monday 24th June	Messy Church 3.30pm to 4.30pm – More information to follow
Tuesday 25th June	KS1 school trip – more information to follow
Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day with Kirkby Fleetham / FOS community BBQ 3.30 to 5.30 - weather dependant
Monday 1st July – Wednesday 3rd July	Richmond School transition days
Wednesday 3rd July	SFX transition day Transition session for new Reception children – 9.30am to 11.30am
Thursday 4th July	SFX transition day Transition session for new Reception children – 9.30am to 12.45pm
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral/Treat afternoon – details to follow

Tuesday 9th July	Transition for new Reception children – 9.30am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 16th July	Whole school trip – more information to follow
Friday 19th July	Leavers Assembly in Church at 2.30pm Last day of term
Tuesday 3rd September	School reopens for the children

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 95.4%

Class News

Our Year 6s have been busy completing their SATs this month. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of them! On the last day of SATs week, we had lovely treats including hot chocolate, sweet treats and receiving our leavers' hoodies, kindly purchased for us by Friends. Thank you!

We have all busy making 3D Olympian sculptures using Modroc! We are really impressed with the skills we have learnt and how our sculptures have turned out.

We have had a great sports week again this year with lots going on both in and out of school. On 20th May, Class 2 children had a lovely morning at Richmond School for Dynamos Cricket. Sadly, we did not get through to the finals, but we tried really hard! Well done team Ravensworth for your resilience.

What a brilliant time we had when the climbing wall came to visit us! Lots of bravery and perseverance was shown to get as high as we dare up the wall, some of the staff were also brave enough to have a go too!

Congratulations to our four Year 5/6 children who took part in a Make 24 maths competition at Richmond School. We are pleased to say that we came fourth! Fantastic effort, everyone!

Despite the very wet weather, Class 1 continued with Woodland Schools. We built shelters to keep us dry and warm, complete with somewhere to sit and even a table in some shelters. The wet weather has brought out so many snails which the children have found fascinating! This has led to learning within the classroom as the children wanted to find out more facts about snails.

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: **last session 12th June** Art/Craft Club continues after half term with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm. Book your child a place here: https://forms.office.com/e/BNftM7Xe8y
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm - all welcome!
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	HALF TERM!!
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school Group school photos
Tuesday 4th June	Friends of School meeting – 6pm at The Shoulder of Mutton, Kirby Hill
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Years 5/6 residential to East Barnby
Friday 14th June	Class 2 Triathlon in Harrogate – details to follow
Thursday 20th June	Whole school trip to 4motion in Darlington – details to follow
Tuesday 25th June	Sports Day – details to follow
Thursday 27th June	KS1 Fun Run at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 28th June	New Starter DEAP session - 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd July	Richmond School transition days
Wednesday 3rd July	New Starter transition session - 9am to 12pm
Thursday 4th July	New Starter transition session - 9am to 1pm
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral – details to follow
Saturday 6th July	Friend Summer BBQ - details to follow
Wednesday 10th July	Greek Day!
Thursday 11th July	School Performance 2pm and 5.30pm (ticket information to follow)
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leaver's lunch at 12pm
Wednesday 17th July	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Friday 19th July	Year 6 leaver's service at 10am **No after school club this day – break up for summer holidays!**

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