Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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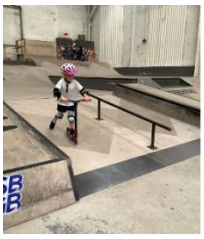
Our Christian value this half term: Truthfulness

June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Sports

We have so much going on at the moment. Children are here, there and everywhere enjoying the summer of sports Mrs Goude, our PE lead has organised for them. It has been a pleasure taking the children out of school – they always make us proud and are gaining so much from these out of school experiences.



East Barnby

Our biannual residential to East Barnby was a complete success and a wonderful time was had by all. Children from all 4 schools beck scrambled (resulting in getting very, very wet); canoed down the River Esk – where we saw a seal - and body boarded on Sandsend beach. It was simply fantastic. The children shared dorms and many made new friends – some saying that was their highlight of the holiday. All children learnt new skills (bed making always being a particularly amusing spectacle) and at least one parent has reported a more independent child on their return! This is one of the key aspects of going away and one the staff at East Barnby are keen to foster. Many thanks to Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Stanwix and Mrs Cosstick for abandoning their own family for a few days to make it such a successful trip.

End of term madness!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for your support in managing the many, many different requests we keep sending you: PE kit, forest schools kit, props, costumes, sun cream, hats – the list goes on. We appreciate that it is hard to keep up with everything – staff are struggling too! We are trying to help with reminders on Seesaw but we appreciate that it is not easy so thank you for doing your best!

Uniform

At this time of year, children are beginning to grow out of their uniform and shoes, in particular, have often taken a good beating! Please do not feel that you need to buy new school shoes at this point in the year – they could have grown out of them by September. However, we do ask that the rest of the school uniform policy is adhered to as much as possible. Children look so smart in their uniform, and we find it helps with keeping lessons calm and with a sense of purpose. Thank you for your support in this.

If you need any help with uniform, there is a uniform shop in Darlington, in the Queen Street Centre which may have items for our schools. Please also ask at school, we often have unclaimed items that we keep hold of if we can't reunite them with their owners.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

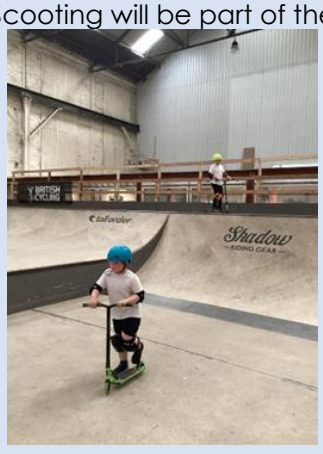
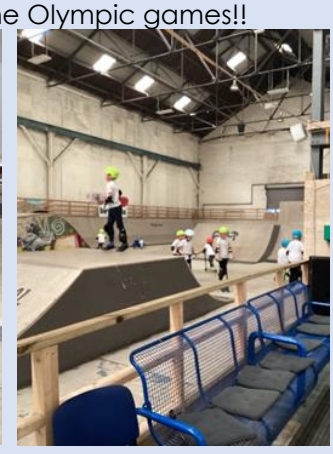
Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 88.1%

In DT in key stage 2, the children have been learning about cooking seasonally. They chopped up lots of different vegetables and made a vegetable tart. The tart smelled delicious, and every child enjoyed a slice. Some even went for seconds! Mrs Godfrey commented on the sensible behaviour of the children whilst using sharp knives; well done class 3!

The children in KS2 (Key Stage 2) had an amazing time at Ellerton Lake, learning how to paddle board. The weather was slightly windy so the instructors advised that group paddle boarding would be the best option. The children donned their wetsuits and helmets and split up into 3 groups. Each group had an instructor that took them across the lake. There were lots of wet, happy faces after the activity and definitely some fears conquered too!

The weekly sessions at 4Motion have been a massive hit with the children from years 1-6. The staff have noticed a huge increase in confidence and balance during the sessions. It has been wonderful to see the progression in the children's skill set and hope that the sessions have inspired some future bikers, skateboarders and scooters. The teachers spoke to Ollie, the manager, who is really impressed with the attitude and mentality of the children. He wants to encourage young children to get into these kinds of sports and he hopes that one day, Scooting will be part of the Olympic games!!

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Monday 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
Tuesday's AM	4Motion until 9th July. Please remember jogging bottoms and water bottle
Thursday's ASC	Forest School 3:30-4:30pm until 4th July. Remember your kit
Thursday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Saturday 29th June	Friends Summer Fair & Car boot, sellers 9:30am 10-1pm
Mon 1st July – Wed 3rd July	Richmond School Year 6 Transition Days
Wed 3rd July – Thurs 4th July	SFX Year 6 Transition Days
Thursday 4th July	Yr 3, 4 & 5 Trip to Waterstones
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Ripon Cathedral followed by a treat! Please fill in form.
Monday 8th July	**Sports Day** – Parents welcome @ 1:30pm
Friday 12th July	Friends Bags2School Collection - 9am
Tuesday 16th July	R & Year 1 Trip to Monk Park Farm – Please fill in form
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Lunch & Leavers Assembly
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Disco 6-7:30pm TBC

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Niven, Lucas, Fin, Beau, Luke, Ailsa x 2, Ellie, Aidan x 2, Christopher x 2, Freya x 2	Total for month	156	150	109
	Total for year	1217	1127	1166

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 88.2%

Class news

The start of the new term coincided with the onset of gymnastics coaching. A short bus ride to Colburn each week takes the whole school to the sports centre where the children explore a range of activities including jumping over the vault, traversing the beam, balances and bar!

Wow! What a windy but wonderful afternoon! Due to the high winds, we were unable to go out on the paddle boards but that didn't stop us from creating our own water adventures! Danny the water instructor came up with some great ideas, did you know that a paddle board can also be used as a water slide! Danny poured water on the board whilst we took it in turns to slide down and into the water! However, we still needed a bit more of a challenge so this time Danny asked us if we could find imaginative ways to jump in the water. Of course, we rose to the challenge; from, dive bombs, 360 degree turns and silly salmons – there was no stopping us! Some of us faced our fears and even though we felt really nervous, we pushed the boundaries and had a go at jumping in! The children worked so well as a team and showed great sportsmanship. A huge well done to everyone!

On Tuesday 11th June our year 5 and 6 children joined forces with East Cowton to take part in a sportshall athletics tournament at Northallerton Leisure Centre. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship was fantastic and they were rewarded with silver medals! Well done to everyone!

Our Heritage Day was a day to go down in history! What a wonderful time was had by children, staff, parents and the local community, as we acted out in-role and explored all kinds of fascinating artefacts, pictures and documents from Kirkby Fleetham school in days gone by. It was a heart-warming and unifying experience to appreciate our rich heritage, and share experiences between four year olds and octogenarian former pupils! Certainly a day never to be forgotten and we express huge thanks to Virginia Arrowsmith and her team.

Well it looked like the children had all taken a bath when we left 4 Motion this week, they were so drenched in sweat and smiles! A truly fabulous time was had by all, with children coming back to school genuinely elated by the personal progress they had made in such a short space of time. All staff were immensely proud of the courage, resilience and sheer tenacity of all pupils. They are a mean team on wheels!

Sports Day at East Cowton was a triumph as ever. Not only were the sporting events of such a high standard, but what was most wonderful to see was the comradery and team spirit. All the children supported each other and there were smiles all round. A very successful, sunny and happy event.

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 1st July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Mon 1st July – Wed 3rd July	Richmond School year 6 transition days
Wed 3rd July & Thurs 4th July	SFX year 6 transition days
Friday 5th July	Leavers service in Ripon Cathedral for year 6 followed by bowling
Monday 8th July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Monday 15th July	Gymnastics coaching at Colburn pm
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leavers performance 6pm
Friday 19th July	Leavers service KF Church 2pm Last day of term
Thursday 26th September	St Francis Xavier School (SFX) open evening 5-8pm

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 96.2%

News from Class

Earlier this month, the children had a fantastic time at 4motion. We have some confident children that attempted tricks on the various jumps. Some children were a little more nervous, however, by the end of the session every child was having a go and riding the courses!

Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition: reported by Mrs May.
We competed in a mixed team with Kirkby Fleetham in the Small Schools Group Sportshall Athletics. We ran relay races, long jump, javelin, obstacle course high jump and other athletic activities. The sportsmanship was great to see, we really were just one big team. We are really pleased with our result, as we came 2nd across the whole competition! Well done team ECKF!!

Last week, we welcomed the current year 2 children into Class 2 for some transition activities. They joined in with making a rocky road recipe and wrote some fabulous instructions. We will see them again in class before the end of the summer term.

Summer has finally arrived, and nothing says Summer more, than a trip to the beach. This week, Class One, were so lucky with a trip to Saltburn, funded by our fabulous friends.
The children and adults had an exciting day. They learnt all about sea safety from Lifeguard Charlie, built the most amazing beach sculptures that were judged by PC Paul, ate lunch in 'Beatrice the Beach Hut' and had a paddle in the North Sea. Finally, they were treated to a yummy ice-cream treat on the promenade. Here are a few snapshots of some very happy children. Please see some more on Seesaw.

Thanks to everyone who attended our fabulous sports day. The children worked hard to score points for their houses, which was not easy on such a hot day! Well done to team Bolton for taking home the House Trophy this year!

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.

They have recently purchased a 'standing desk' for children who find standing easier when working – it is being used well already.

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 1st July – Wednesday 3rd July	Richmond School transition days
Tuesday 2nd July	Y1 and Y2 Multiskills at Northallerton School
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 **No parent worship today**
Tuesday 9th July	Transition for new Reception children – 9.30am to 3.00pm
Thursday 11th July	End of year performance at school. Tickets will be allocated on Monday via email.
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

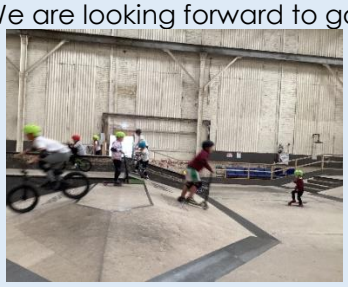
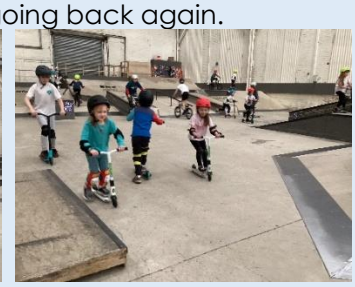
Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 95.5%

Class News

What a busy month we have had with lots of wonderful learning around our topic of Ancient Greece, along with many amazing sporting experiences, some of which many of the children have never tried before. We have been very impressed with the determination and resilience shown.
Whilst Year 5 & 6 children were at East Barnaby, the other KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed an opportunity to experience competing in a triathlon. After lots of trepidation, the response from everyone was that it was great fun, and can we do it again? We were also able to have lunch with the East Cowton children and enjoyed playing and making new friends.

The whole school had a super morning out at 4Motion too. There were some tricky challenges; all the children embraced and encouraged each other to have a go. They were able to choose a bike, scooter or skateboard, many of the children tried all three! It was wonderful to see the progress and courage build over the morning. We are looking forward to going back again.

In the classrooms, the children have been doing lots of interesting learning. In Class 2 the children have had great fun exploring the digestive system in science and in DT, they have been working on food preparation skills and tasting lots of different foods to devise a recipe for a summer vegetable tart that they are looking forward to making and eating!! Class 1 had their final Woodland school session where, despite the hot weather, they enjoyed hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. They then enjoyed a morning at Richmond school taking part in a Fun Run and multi skills event.

On Wednesday some of our older pupils went to compete at Lego Brickmaster's at Richmond School. They had an amazing time, and the creative team were awarded first place which is an amazing achievement against some of the bigger schools. They had great fun and enjoyed the challenge of creating a robot and trying to get it to move around a designated course. Well done Team Ravensworth!

To end this busy month we had our Sports day, commencing with the eagerly anticipated tennis tournament final, where a very well-matched game was played between Eli and Harry. The match went right up to match point to decide the champion – Eli, well done to you and to all the children who took part and to Mrs Stanwix for arranging the event. The children and staff had a wonderful sports day. We would like to thank all the parents who came along, the children love to see you supporting them in school and thanks for helping too. We would also like to thank the Friends for arranging the refreshments for the children, and Mrs Stanwix who organised the day and Miss Crisp who kindly helped with the races in the afternoon.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	After School Sports Club from 3.10pm to 4.15pm – **last session Monday 15th July 2024**
Wednesdays	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm – **last session Wednesday 10th July 2024**
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd July	Richmond School Year 6 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 followed by bowling in Northallerton – see letter for further details
Saturday 6th July	Friends Summer BBQ – see attached flyers for further details. **Please send donations into school from Thursday 4th July 2024**
Wednesday 10th July	Greek Day!
Thursday 11th July	School Performance 1.30pm and 5.30pm. See letter for further details. **No after school club this day**
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leaver's lunch at 11.45am
Wednesday 17th July	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm Book your child(ren) a place using the following online form: https://forms.office.com/e/d8D8M1yudG
Friday 19th July	Year 6 leaver's service at 10am **No after school club this day – break up for summer holidays!**
Tuesday 3rd September	Children return to school

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
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https://www.facebook.com/East-Cowton-CE-School-101930341769707
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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