Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

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Our Christian value this half term: Respect

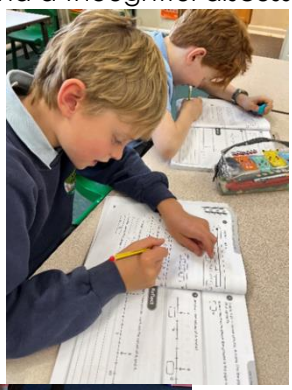
September 2024

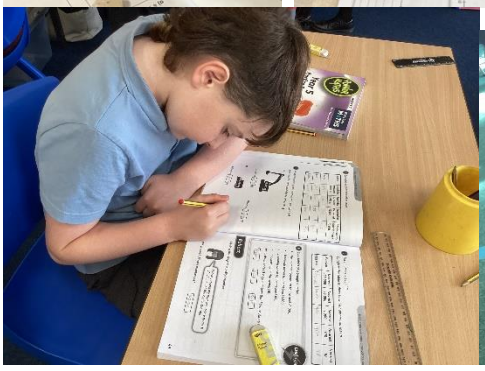
Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a super start back to school after our long summer break. We've loved welcoming our newest children into school and have been very impressed with how quickly they have got into the swing of coming into school every day and making friends. The children all look very smart in their uniforms across all the schools, many thanks to all the parents who have made sure the children are in the correct uniform; it makes a difference.

Curriculum and learning

In classes, the children have spent some time over the past few weeks learning about emotions; how to regulate their own emotions but also understand how others are feeling. Learning how to work with and understand different personalities is such an important part of development and preparation for the wider world. We've also launched into our topics for this term with gusto – the classrooms have been buzzing with quiet determination and a thoughtful discussion. Keep up the hard work children!





MCAS
Many thanks to our parents for making payments into MCAS for school lunches and wrap around care. Could I urge you to, where possible, keep a positive balance rather than running up a large debt and then paying it off - it would make the lives of our admin team infinitely easier as they are spending a lot of their limited hours in school chasing debts. Thank you for your support in this.

Making a difference

Today, Ravensworth and East Cowton have both held MacMillan Coffee Mornings to raise money for a charity very close to the hearts of some of our children. We are incredibly proud of the efforts of the children but also extend a huge THANK YOU to our parents for donating so many delicious cakes. I know how hard it is to find the time for baking in the middle of the week. I think you will agree, it is worth it. We will update you on the amount raised at both schools when we have a final total.

Open Days
As tiny schools, it is always a challenge to make sure people know about us and consider our schools when making the, sometimes difficult, decision about which school is best for their child. Next week, our schools have open days planned for new parents or opportunities for personal tours. Please help us by sharing our Facebook posts and speaking about us to your friends and neighbours. Every little helps! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 94.3%

Class 2

Our Year 4 children entered the Tri-Golf competition at Richmond School. They are a tiny year group, but the fab foursome managed to bag a first-place win!! Well done to Bea, JJ, Bailey and Alice!
Since starting the term, the children have adjusted well to new routines, high behavioural expectations and lots of hard work.
We have started reading 'The Arrival' in English. Our book has no words, so it is up to the children to infer the meaning of the text. We have had lots of deep discussions about symbolism and why the author would use this to paint a picture of the story.
In maths, years 4,5 and 6 have plunged straight into the place value topics.

The younger children have looked at place value up to 1000 and some of the older children have looked at numbers up to and over 1,000,000.

In computing, we have been learning all about networks and how messages are sent from one network to another via a switch or a router.

In PE, our Sports Coach Jacob has been focussing on each competition as it comes around on the calendar. He coached the Year 4's to perfection with a great win in Tri-Golf. His newest sessions have included lots of lap-running, in preparation for cross country.

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Monday for **ALL**- Children must make sure their **SCHOOL PE** kits are in school.
Monday's	Multi Sports Afterschool club – Football 3:30-4:15pm
Thursday's	Starting 12th September – KS2 Swimming. Please pay via MCAS

Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Tuesday 1st October	Friends AGM in school 5:45pm – All welcome
Wednesday 2nd October	Friends Bags2School Collection - 9am
Wednesday 2nd October	Yr3-6 Cross-country at Richmond School 11am-2pm
Thursday 3rd October	Barton Open Evening – Please spread the word
Thursday 10th October	Harvest Festival in the church
Friday 11th October	Children's World Mental Health Day – children can wear yellow and bring a donation
Tuesday 15th October	Tempest School Photographs - 9am

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Fin, Beau, George, Christopher, Freya, Faddiei, Belle, Wren, Rosie, Zara, Hollie, Ailsa, Ellie and Aidan.	Total for month	62	106	90
	Total for year	62	106	90

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 93.5%

Class news

On Tuesday 10th September our year 1 children joined ever such a lot of other children from many other schools for a fun run in Northallerton. All of our 7 runners showed amazing determination and effort with some even achieving medal winning positions!

On Thursday 19th September our year 6 children had an intensive bikeability Day. The children were taught the skills required to keep themselves safe whilst riding their bikes on the road. Well done to all of them for their hard work!

Tuesday 24th September brought about another sporting event with our year 6, and the children from years 5 and 6 at East Cowton taking part together in a hockey competition at Northallerton. As the afternoon progressed, so did their confidence and skill levels which culminated in some fabulous goals! All their hard work was rewarded with bronze medals – well done everyone!

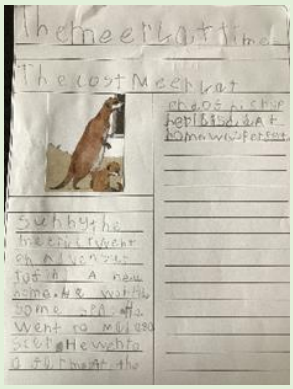
Class 1

We have loved having all of our new starters in school these last 4 weeks! They have brought so much energy and enthusiasm and it already feels like they've always been there. They quickly settled into our classroom and school routines and are making such lovely contributions to all of the lessons. We are well into our Early Years and Key Stage One curriculum for this term, and it's lovely to have so many joining in with the discussions and activities.

The Year 1 children are seeming SO grown up and are working really hard in all areas, showing themselves to be ready for the more demanding curriculum of Key Stage 1. This week they have written newspaper articles about our class text, Meerkat Mail, and I wondered if they had suddenly become Year 2s! They are showing that we can have very high expectations of them this year.

Playing in the areas

Posting a letter to East Cowton



Amazing newspaper article!

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 1st October	Years 3 and 4 Quicksticks hockey competition
Friday 4th October	Open day at school 2.30-5pm
Friday 11th October	World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow
Monday 14th October	Skip2bfit in the afternoon Friends AGM and meeting in school 7.30pm – all are welcome
Wednesday 16th October	Harvest festival service 2pm
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4th November	Return to school

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 98.6%

News from East Cowton

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had here at East Cowton. The children have returned to school so enthusiastically and have made a super start in their new year groups, rising to the challenge and embracing their new roles and responsibilities.

We love this time of year in school, sharing in the children's excitement to be back with their friends and opening a new chapter, some with a new classroom and teacher. We see new friendships forming and developing one's blossom, we've had lots of special moments already. However, one of the highlights so far, this academic year must be our whole school trip to Newby Hall, funded by our amazing Friends of School. The staff we slightly apprehensive to launch with a whole school trip in the first week at school but the children were a credit. They represented our school and our values wonderfully, learnt some fabulous new skills in the African Workshop, appreciated the history of toys and teddy bears during our museum visits, enjoyed a ride on the steam train and topped off the day in the adventure playground with an ice-cream. We are truly grateful to our Friends for providing the children this incredible opportunity, they made memories that will stay will them a lifetime!

Back in school we have had a very sporty start to the year with our Year 1 and Year 2 children having lots of fun participating in both the Fun Run and Multi-Sports events at Northallerton Leisure Centre. They all got involved and explored movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, helping them develop balance, agility and co-ordination. They worked as a team, supporting each other and taking pride in each other's achievements, including cheering on those that won medals. Well done KS1!

Our smallest children have settled well into our school routines. They have taken to school life like ducks to water, enjoying school dinners, Collective Worship, school trips and whole school PE activities, all in the first few weeks here at East Cowton. We have talked lots about ourselves, our feelings and what makes us happy, agreeing our expectations for the school year ahead. The children have enjoyed listening to new stories and retelling some of the more familiar traditional tales and KS1 have launched their English work this year with work around The Jolly Postman. We have made lots of time for talking, they have all confidently shared news about their families and home life, and we have shared some family photographs in class to teach our friends all about us. Our more familiar faces have become amazing role models already, always there to lend a hand. They have all been superstars!

Please remember children need a waterproof coat and water bottle in school every day.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.**
Tuesdays	After school club - Fitness Circuit Club 3.30pm to 4.3pm. **Children need their PE kit and 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 – Dance and Drama with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.30pm **- children will need their PE and water bottle**
Fridays	Parent Worship 3.10pm in the school hall - everyone welcome
Tuesday 1st October	School Photos - time slots given out for younger sibling photos Y3/ & Y4 Quick Sticks Hockey at Northallerton School East Cowton open evening 4pm to 6pm
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow
Tuesday 15th October	Y5 & Y6 Football at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Thursday 17th October	Harvest Festival at the Church, 2.30pm - everyone is welcome
Thursday 24th October	Non uniform day – FOS fund raiser, more details to follow FOS event – film night at school 3.30pm to 5.30pm - more information to follow **No after school club today**
Friday 25th October	Finish for half term
Monday 4th November	Return to school
Tuesday 5th November	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Wednesday 13th November	FOS AGM. 7pm at the Beeswing
Friday 29th November	Flu nasal spray – consent must be given by Wednesday 27th November, information emailed out.

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 96.8%

Class News

Class 1 have quickly settled into the new year and are enjoying learning in their different lessons. The children have been very engaged in science where they have been learning about materials. This has led to some interesting investigations around the classroom especially finding out what is and isn't magnetic. Some of the Reception children were observing our lesson and have carried out their own investigations in our outdoor classroom.

Class 2 have settled into the new school year exceptionally well and all the children are really engaged with this terms topic (migration). The children have adjusted well to new routines, high behavioural expectations and lots of hard work.
We were invited to a Tri-Golf competition at Richmond School. We teamed up with Barton school and one of our teams came first; our other team came fourth.
This term the children have started to read 'The Arrival' in English. This picture book follows a young man as he packs his bag and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another country. The children have enjoyed this book because they have had the opportunity to dive into deep discussions.

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year in Class 3 despite the challenges and limitations of working under a new roof installation, which is thankfully now finished and looks great. We have embraced our learning in all areas enjoying our topic migration by studying The Arrival in English, we have been very impressed with the quality of creative writing produced, in maths we are enjoying learning efficient methods using all four operations in year 6 and extending place value knowledge in year 5. Whilst in Science we have been exploring further into the topic of Light. On Monday two of our pupils were invited to the Green Howards Museum in Richmond by Service Children's Champion to celebrate their history week they then did a great job presenting a Collective Worship sharing their experience.

Brenda

Today has been such a mixture of emotions with the coffee morning being a huge success but then quickly followed by Brenda's last lunch. I don't think we can really put into words how much we will all miss her. She has gone above and beyond for the staff and the children. We all wish her all the very best for a very long and enjoyable retirement. Good luck Brenda – we will miss you.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson from 3.10pm, **excluding Wednesdays 2nd October and 16th October**
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club, **excluding Thursday 24th October**
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 2nd October	KS2 Cross Country Event at Richmond School **Ravensworth Open Evening 4.00 to 6.00pm**, please see the attached flyer. current and prospective families all welcome – **No ASC this day**
Thursday 3rd October	Wensleydale School Open Evening
Thursday 10th October	Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness day!
Monday 14th October	Tempest individual photos
Tuesday 15th October	Skip2BFit
Wednesday 16th October	Harvest Festival in Church – 10.00am, details to follow Messy Church – details to follow
Thursday 24th October	Friends Disco in the village hall – 3.30 to 5.00pm - **No Sports Club/ASC this day**
Friday 25th October	Break up for October half term
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Friday 15th November	KS2 Hockey Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 22nd November	Flu immunisations
Mon 25th and Tues 26th November	Bikeability Training – selected students only, details to follow

Quick Links for Each School

BARTON
School Lunch Menu: School Lunch information

School Holidays/Term Dates: Term Dates 2024-2025

The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising link: Easy Fundraising

The Friends of Barton School amazonsmile link: Amazonsmile

Wraparound care: Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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 2024-2025

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

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 2024-2025

Friends of the school link: Friends

Wraparound care: Afterschool Club

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 2024-2025

Wraparound care: Afterschool Club

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising: - smile.amazon.co.uk

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: school/uniform/

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