Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Respect

October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn term is always super busy and this half term has been no exception. From launching new curriculum topics to sporting events – there has been such a lot going on. We have some very tired children who have struggled to get to the end of this half term – I'm sure you have noticed it at home too. Our youngest children have had a lot of new routines and expectations to get used to and this takes its toll. We are all in need of a rest and some recuperation time.

PE kit

As the weather begins to get colder, it may be worthwhile considering PE kits. We endeavour to get the children out as often as possible. Please make sure your child has something warm to wear – a jumper and joggers or tracksuit bottoms – preferably black or navy is ideal. Thank you for your support in this.

Out and about

Most children have had the opportunity to leave the confines of the school gates to experience life beyond the classroom through sporting events. It can be rather daunting being faced with hundreds of children when visiting the large secondary schools, but it is such a valuable experience. It is also vital for our older children to get a taste of life beyond our tiny schools and really see what exciting opportunities await them at secondary school.

Attendance matters
I am delighted with our positive start to the year with a high percentage of children across our four schools attending school every day. Thank you!

At Cornerstone Schools we will continue to support pupils and parents by working together to address any barriers to attendance. Please be reminded that the DfE issued new guidance from August 2024. They do not consider the desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. There is no code on our registers for authorised leave for a holiday any longer. In the past, Headteachers were able to authorise leave in term time for children in Reception who had not yet turned five - this is no longer the case. I am unable to authorise leave for holidays in term time for children in reception to Year 6. This year's school holiday dates are accessible on our websites, please click here, so you do not mistakenly book your holiday during term time.

School friends
We'd like to thank our wonderful Friends groups for their tireless work raising funds for the children while also organising exciting events for the children to enjoy. We do appreciate your time and efforts, often in between working for many of you. The children get so much from your efforts.

MCAS (My Child At School)

Many thanks to those of you who have started keeping your accounts in credit. This is making it so much easier for our admin team. If you have not done this yet, it is easy to change the amount you would like to add to your account to enable it to be in credit. If you need any technical assistance, please speak to our talented admin staff in school.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch
Executive Headteacher

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 96.3%

The yearly trip to Richmond for the Cross Country came upon us this month. All the children in class 2 went, with most of them participating in the course. It wasn't easy but they gave it their all and were super proud of themselves when they returned to school.

We welcomed Dave back to school for Skip2BeFit this month. We love his enthusiasm and energy for skipping and fitness and get really excited about his sessions. He worked on skipping with class 1 and a combination of skipping and Box Fit with class 2.

We came together in yellow on World Mental Health day to raise vital funds and show our support for children and young people. The staff and children at Barton sent an important message to all children in the world that they're not alone with their mental health. Thank you for your support. We raised £26.60.

Thank you all for attending the service at the church and bringing the children along to play their part in supporting the local community and farmers with this very special church event. Class 2 gave a brilliant presentation on the importance of limiting your food miles; shop locally and in this country. Class 1 performed 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and did us all proud singing their hearts out.

Goodbye and Good luck Mrs Luce

We all wish our wonderful school cook Mrs Luce all the very best for her new role at another local school. Mrs Luce has been her for 5 years. We will all miss her wonderful cooking and her smiling face.

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 – Tag Rugby 3:30-4:15pm 11th-9t
Thursday's	Starting 12th September – KS2 Swimming. Please pay via MCAS
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4th November	Return to School
Tuesday 12th November	Year 1-6 Parents Evening – booking available after half term
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – wear something bright or spotty – **No parent collective worship**
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew – info to follow
Tuesday 26th November	Friends Non-Uniform Day for Colour hampers
Tuesday 26th November	Flu Nasal spray R-Yr6 – 1pm – please fill in the form emailed
Thursday 5th December	R & KS1 Nativity
Friday 6th December	Friends Christmas Fair 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Christingle in Church – 2:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Friends Santa Fun Run – 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch - TBC
Thursday 19th December	Santa Visit and Christmas Parties - PM
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Luke, Faddiei, Rosie	Total for month	Rolled over to next month		
	Total for year			

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

Class news

The new month started with another sporting event! Some of our years 3 and 4 joined up with the children from East Cowton to compete in a hockey competition in Northallerton. The soggy weather did nothing to dampen their enthusiasm and although our team did not return with any winning medals, the level of team work and encouragement for each other was priceless. Mr Burgess, the organiser also awarded a special medal to George who had caught his eye throughout the tournament for putting into action all the 'top tips' he had been shown! Well done to all, we are so proud of you!

On Tuesday 15th October, class 2 went to Northallerton for a small school's football tournament in which they showed great resilience in all their games. A special thank you goes to Jack from East Cowton who offered to become a Kirkby Fleetham team member for the afternoon!

Our harvest festival in church was a most special occasion. The children had put such a lot of hard work into learning their lines and the words to all of the songs. Many thanks to everyone who joined us for the service and to those who donated food items for the food bank in Richmond.

We were fortunate to be visited again by Dave from Skip2bfit on Monday 14th October. We were equally blessed by the glorious sunshine! The children took part in 2 sessions, firstly skipping challenges and then followed by circuits of boxing-based exercises. Dave was very impressed with how all the children pushed themselves to improve their own personal targets and how all the children worked so well together.

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 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4th November	Return to school
Thursday 7th November	Parents evening
Monday 11th November	Tempest photography in school for individual photographs am
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 29th November	Flu vaccinations in school
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 7th January	Return to school

East Cowton Primary School

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

News from East Cowton

In science, the children in Year 5 and 6 have been learning about light. We learnt about the angles of incidence and reflection and made a working periscope to look around corners- it was fun!

The Year 3 /4 hockey tournament was on a cold, wet day! However, it didn't stop the children from both schools working well as a team. Well done to Faye, who achieved a special medal for her amazing sportsmanship skills!

Well done East Cowton School- we've raised £50.00 for 'Mind' based in Darlington. The charity supports people with their mental health in the Darlington and Richmondshire area. The children have learnt about the work 'Mind' do in collective worship and have done some 'Mood-booster' activities throughout the day!

Last Monday, we had a very active start to the week with a visit from Skip 2 B Fit Dave. As always Dave greets the children with a smile and his infectious enthusiasm drives even our smallest children to persevere and learn a new skill. As always, the children impressed us with their determination to succeed and keep fit. Some of them want to have a go at home and try to beat their skipping scores!

On Tuesday 15th year 5 & 6 went to an afternoon of football at Northallerton Leisure Centre. They played five other local small schools. Mrs May was very proud of their sportsmanship and behaviour. The two Millie's put in admirable performances; Jack valiantly stood in as the goalie for Kirkby Fleetham. Ted performed exceptionally well both in and out of the goal bolstered by the rest of the team. It was a fun afternoon, and the children all came home with medals!

The annual Harvest Festival at East Cowton Church was lovely- the children worked hard to learn words, songs and sketches. We received lots of donations of goods, that have been delivered to 'The Women's Refuge' in Darlington- we'd like to thank you for being so generous.

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
Friday 25th October	Finish for half term
Monday 4th November	Return to school Class 1 parents evening
Tuesday 5th November	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Thursday 7th November	Class 1 and 2 parents evening
Wednesday 13th November	FOS AGM. 7pm at the Beeswing
Thurs 14th and Fri 15th November	Bikeability for Y5 and Y6 children – more information to follow
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – wear something bright or spotty
Tuesday 19th November	Crucial Crew for Y6 children
Friday 29th November	Flu nasal spray – consent must be given by Wednesday 27th November, information emailed out.
Monday 2nd December	Messy Church at school 3.30pm to 4.30pm - more information to follow
Friday 13th December	Christmas Lunch – more information to follow
Tuesday 17th December	Nativity and Christingle at the Church, 2.30pm - everyone welcome
Friday 20th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 96.3%

Class News

We have had a very busy month leading up to half term with lots of wonderful sports, fundraising, and celebrations happening, alongside all the tremendous learning.

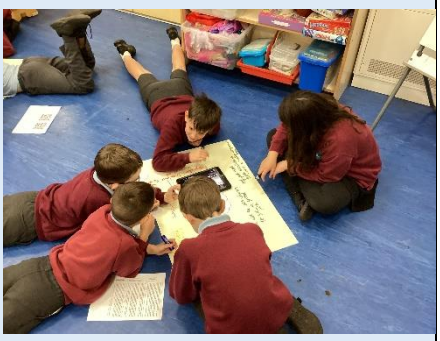
Class 2 and 3 took part in the Cross Country at Richmond Secondary school, all the children showed great resilience and determination, we are so proud of them all, in particular, Art from Class 2, who was placed 5th which would see him progressing to the National competition. Well done, Art!

Dave from Skip2BFit come in for a morning of skipping and boxercise, all the children put in a super effort and had an enjoyable morning.

We also enjoyed raising our awareness of the importance of looking after our Mental Health, along with raising money to support Darlington Mind charity where Mrs Gregory now works. We took part in lots of fun activities that involved resetting our minds, being restful and calm and getting out into nature. Thank you very much for all your kind donations, an amazing £91.45 was raised.

Thank you also for your kind contributions for Harvest Festival to support Storehouse Foodbank, the children made us proud once again with their beautiful readings and prayers, along with their lovely singing.

In addition to all this, there has been some super learning going on in all classes. Class 2 and Class 3 joined together to explore the Big Question – Why do migrants/refugees come to Britain and what is the impact? They enjoyed a SOLE (Self Organised Learning Environment) session working collaboratively to research, sharing their learning and then presenting their findings to each other. Class 3 then extended their learning by writing a persuasive speech to Parliament to highlight the plight of the refugees and the need to support the refugee crisis.



In the summer, Class 1 planted some potatoes and watched them grow whilst carefully watering them when needed. This week we harvested our potatoes, washed them and were lucky enough to have them cooked for us. We enjoyed a delicious feast at snack time.

Many thanks to the Friends of Ravensworth school who arranged a spooky disco for us in the village hall. All the children had a super fun time dancing and playing games.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and will see you again on Monday 4th November 2024.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson (excluding 20th November, 4th December and 11th December)
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome! **No Collective Worship on the following dates:** Friday 15th November (due to Hockey event) Friday 22nd November (due to Flu Immunisations)
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7th November	Parents Evening – please book via MCAS, bookings close at midnight on Monday 4th November
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – wear something bright or spotty for a donation KS2 Hockey Event at Richmond School
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 at Crucial Crew
Wednesday 20th November	Messy Church – details to follow
Friday 22nd November	Flu immunisations
Mon 25th and Tues 26th November	Bikeability Training – selected students only
Wednesday 4th December	Christingle service at 5pm
Wednesday 11th December	Class 1 Nativity - (afternoon and evening performances) - details to follow - **No ASC this day**
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas – **No ASC this day**

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