Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Compassion

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for your presence at our multitude of Christmas events: your kind donations towards Christmas raffles, your generous charitable giving over the whole term; in short - for all the support you give to our schools. This time of your is so special when you get to spend your day with excited children. Please enjoy the photographs taken over the past few weeks. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025.**

Christingles

Nativities

Parties and other events

Have a lovely Christmas and a prosperous new year from us all.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 93.1%

What a busy December it has been at Barton! We have all been filled with sparkly Christmas cheer and have been eagerly counting down the days to the holidays on our class calendars. Take a look at some of the festivities below. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please make sure you relax and enjoy the holidays with your family so you can all feel ready for the Spring Term.

Merry Christmas
Learn with love

Barton – Dates for your diary	
PE Sessions PM	Monday for **ALL**- Children must make sure their **SCHOOL PE** kits are in school.
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome
Friday 20th December	**NO COLLECTIVE WORSHIP** Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025	Inset day – staff only
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
Monday 13th January	ML Sports teaching sport every Monday afternoon
Monday 20th January	KS1 Multi skills at Richmond school 10-12 noon– info to follow

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

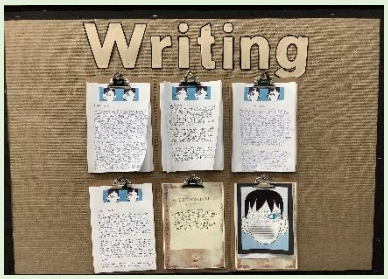
Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Fin, Isaac, Beau, Freya, Hollie, Zara, Faddiei x 2, Ailsa, Ollie and Rosie	Total for month	133	173	174
	Total for year	439	611	618

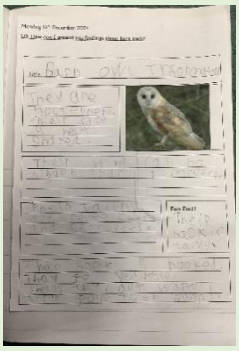
National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 89.5%

Class news

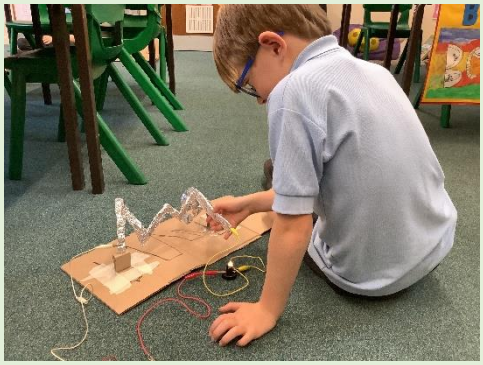
Wow, what a busy month December has been!

Amazing writing...





Fabulous science…



Wonderful performances in our Nativity…

Lots of fun and games at our Christmas party…

Learning about different cultures…

Delicious Christmas lunch…

Special visitor…

Christingle…

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	Please bring PE kits and water bottles to school
Wednesdays	Forest school pm
Fridays	Collective worship 3.05pm – all are welcome
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 7th January	Return to school
Tuesday 7th January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Tuesday 14th January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Tuesday 21st January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Tuesday 28th January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Tuesday 4th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 91.7%

News from East Cowton

The Christmas Dinner was a lovely event. The children were thrilled to have their parents in school! Mrs Raw had worked hard, over several days to create a delicious meal that was enjoyed by all . This year, the children had designed their own Christmas place mats. The winners were chosen my Mrs Raw and Mrs Garner. Well done to Charlie in Class 2 and Jude from Class 1, for winning. Their artwork was described as 'beautiful. '

We enjoyed a whole school cooking session with a lady called Lucy from the Ground works team. The children worked in mixed age teams to create a delicious vegetarian curry. The whole school smelt amazing! Lucy taught the children about budgeting by sharing with them how to spot good deals, such as 3 for 2 offers and by observing the price per 100g information. They also looked at a bank statement and worked out how they could help a guy save on his monthly outgoings. The children took home a recipe book, and I know that some of the children have been using it at home!

This half term we have done a couple of events for people living in the local community. We were invited to sing for a pensioners Christmas Dinner at the Beeswing pub. It's nice to be able to do little events that make people smile in the local community- thanks for having us Beth.

We also took eight children to the Garden Care Home in Darlington. Alongside our friends from the other Cornerstone schools, we did a mini carol concert for our long-standing school governor, Barbara. Barbara is recovering from a sudden medical episode. She was pleased to hear the children sing and see some of the children wearing the beautiful costumes she had kindly made.

Our littlest stars in Class One have been working hard on their nativity, 'Humph the Camel' and were superstars in Church on Tuesday performing in front of their families. Their singing was amazing, the speakers were all loud and clear and they all looked spectacular in their costumes. We most definitely have a few budding West End performers at out fingertips. Their enthusiasm and joy, especially at this time of year, are truly infectious. A special thank you goes out to our Class 2 helpers who stepped in to make up the numbers this year.

We have been busy back in the classroom making cards for our loved ones and some special gifts to take home to hang on our trees.

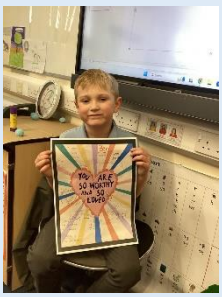
East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.**
Tuesdays	Whole school swimming lessons **Children need their swimming costume/shorts, towel, goggles (if they have them) and a spare bag to put wet items in.** After school club – Free Style Football 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.**
Fridays	Parent Worship 3.10pm in the school hall - everyone welcome
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Wednesday 8th January	Swimming Competition for Y5/6 at Northallerton School

Tuesday 14th January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Tuesday 21st January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Wednesday 22nd January	Cross Country for Y3-6 at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Tuesday 28th January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Thursday 30th January	FOS event – school disco, more information from FOS to follow
Tuesday 4th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Friday 14th February	Finish for half term

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 93.0%

Class News



December has been filled with all things festive beginning with the traditional Christingle Service which always gets us into the Christmas spirit. We had the pleasure of going out and singing in the community for our wonderful governor, Barbara, the children across all four schools did us proud with their beautiful singing. We enjoyed Wriggly Nativity performed by Class One who all impressed us with their amazing performances. Class 1 enjoyed participating in the Nativity play and learning all the fun songs (although were a bit shy to sing them on the night!). Everyone was excited to wear their Christmas jumpers and all looked amazing, thank you for your support. We're sure you'll agree that the carol singing was beautiful despite not being held on the Green. To end a fabulous term, we had Brian's wonderful Christmas lunch and the children were pleased to see Brenda don her pinny to do what she does best! Followed by party day, the children had a fabulous time and all went home very tired but happy, after their visit from Santa and their gifts from Friends of Ravensworth, who they'd like to thank very much. We also appreciate all the wonderful donations that were given to support the Friends raffle and well done to the lucky winners.

In the classes we have also been very busy. We have made some lovely Gingerbread men which we iced and decorated. We have also had fun creating some cards to give to our parents as well as making our own Christmas tree. What a magical month this has been!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson (excluding Wednesday 5th February 2025). To book your child a space, please complete the online form: https://forms.office.com/e/7kHR696Bdn
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club. To book your child a space, please complete the online form: https://forms.office.com/e/EAkC0u4PE4
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome! **There will be no collective worship on Friday 7th February due to the Year 5/6 Dodgeball Event**
Monday 6th January	Inset day!
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
Friday 10th January	Swimming lessons start for KS2 – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!** Please pay via MCAS
Friday 17th January	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!**
Monday 20th January	KS1 Multiskills at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 24th January	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!**
Friday 31st January	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!**
Monday 3rd February	Year 3/4 Dodgeball at Richmond School – details to follow
Wednesday 5th February	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm - details to follow
Friday 7th February	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!** Year 5/6 Dodgeball at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 14th February	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!** Break up for half term – **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