Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Compassion

November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The Autumn term is always a long one and therefore a good opportunity to fit lots in – often extra-curricular in nature as well as opportunities to deepen our learning about our topics for this term. Our schools have really made the most of these opportunities: exploring the local area, taking traffic surveys, sporting events and learning how to keep safe.

Uniform

The weather has certainly changed these past weeks. With that in mind, please make sure children have a coat every day and any items (hats, scarves, gloves) are named. If girls choose to wear leggings rather than tights, please make sure they wear a school skirt too as leggings by themselves are not part of our uniform. PE kits should, ideally, be brought in on a Monday and left here for the week and should include something warm as we are usually outside for PE. If parents could check jumpers are named on a regular basis and that children have the correct jumper it would really help us; it is hard to keep children and their clothing united!

Christmas Events

The calendar is filling up with lots of events. We will endeavour to keep you informed and use seesaw to remind you about events as we appreciate it can be hard to keep up with everything, particularly if you have children in different schools/settings.

Friends Groups

Our various friends' groups are working tirelessly, as always, planning and running exciting events that the children love whilst managing to raise money at the same time. We often go cap in hand and are rarely turned down so thank you for your time, effort and creativity! We are very lucky to have you on our team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

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

It has been a busy month at Barton with Remembrance, Children in Need, Crucial Crew, Tag Rugby and the cold weather setting in. During all this, the children have continued to work hard, enjoy their learning and challenge themselves.

Class 2 have enjoyed starting their DT project on bridges. They have looked at different bridges and what makes them successful and safe and have then gone on to design and make their own.

The children have been enjoying their tag rugby session after school with Matty. It is lovely to see the older children supporting the younger children with the rules of the game. Tag Rugby is a fantastic teamwork game that develops positive values. Honesty is encouraged as players admit they have been tagged and it develops a sense of achievement.

We really enjoyed our Children in Need Day at Barton, dressing up in bright colours in aid of this very important charity. We are proud to have raised £70 and really enjoyed decorating biscuits, colouring, mask making and joining together as a whole school.

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-9th
Thursday's	Starting 12th September – KS2 Swimming. Please pay via MCAS
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome!
Thursday 5th December	R & KS1 Nativity 2:30pm in School
Friday 6th December	**Friends Christmas Fair 3:30-6:30pm**
Tuesday 10th December	Bedtime Stories Event – 5:30-6:30pm Information to follow
Thursday 12th December	Christingle in Church – 2:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Friends Santa Fun Run – 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch – Information to follow
Wednesday 18th December	Afternoon Christmas Tea & Cake – 2:30pm in school – information to follow
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
Ailsa, Ellie, Faddiei, Rosie, Isaac, George, Aidan, Belle, Luke, Christopher and Ollie	Total for month	191	224	268
	Total for year	306	438	444

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 94.4%

Class news

At the end of last term, class 1 went on an exciting trip to Mainsgill farm shop. Not only did they meet the famous camels but also chose a pumpkin each from the field where they had been growing!

Class 2 have enjoyed some extra PE sessions this month from Mr Burgess, our school games organiser. These sessions have included activities such as tag rugby, keep fit and designing their own games where Mr Burgess especially enjoyed the hobby horse activity!

On Tuesday 19th November, all the year 6 children from Cornerstone schools visited Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge. This involved several workshops aimed at educating the children on water, fire, drugs, smoking and online safety.

The whole school have had lots of fun in the forest this term! Not only have they been den building, making poppies and playing games but they have even had time for hot chocolate and toasting their own marshmallows over the fire.

And in amongst all these delightful activities that enhance and enrich our curriculum, there have been hours and hours and hours of deep, concentrated hard work. The Autumn term is always the longest, and often the one where new knowledge, ideas and skills are embedded and developed. This term, every child has celebrated personal academic success, from learning to say and read their very first sound, to tackling the complex strategies involved in ordering and comparing fractions. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous and charismatic group of pupils at Kirkby Fleetham! A very happy Christmas to all of you and we can't wait to have you back to explore all our new topics next term.

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
Thursday 12th December	Nativity performance 5.30pm
Monday 16th December	Christingle KF church 5pm
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas party pm
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: 94.9%

News from East Cowton

Children In Need biscuits made by Mrs Raw

Earlier this month we held a non-uniform day for 'Children in Need.' Pupils came to school dressed in colourful outfits and Mrs Raw made some delicious Pudsey Bear biscuits! Thank you for the donations made.

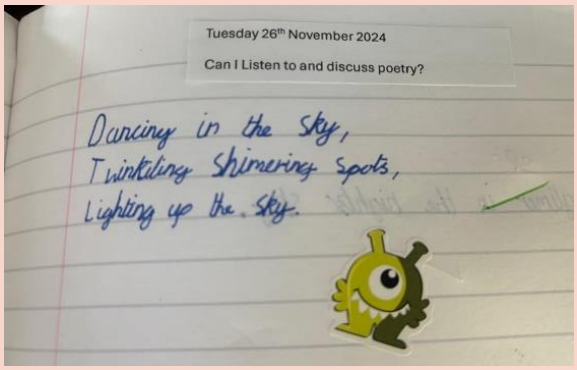
The Year 5/6 children had a successful bike ability session. They learnt some important road safety skills, developed their techniques for riding a bike and came away with certificates and badges.

The children at East Cowton School took part in the annual Remembrance Day service at the war memorial, outside All Saints Church. The children made us proud; they listened intently to the service and showed respect while some of our children shared the thoughtful prayers they'd written.

On Tuesday 19th November, our year 6 children from Cornerstone schools visited Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge. This involved several workshops aimed at educating the children on water, fire, drug, smoking and online safety. A fun morning for all with some serious messages to remember.

The children in class 1 have been enjoying their music lessons. They have been learning to sing with an awareness of pitch. They love it when the box of untuned percussion instruments arrive in class; we've been exploring sounds to represent different weather.

The children in Class 2 are enjoying the book Wonder' by J D Palico. There is an underlying space theme, which we've latched onto this week, to learn and write our own poetry. Miss McLean has dangled some rather lovely planets from the classroom ceiling, and they've been investigating 'Space Oddity' by the late David Bowie. The following Haiku was written by Ted in Yr 5. Haiku's follow a strict syllable pattern of (5,7,5) to describe something in nature. Can you work out what his poem describes?



East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.**
Tuesdays	After school club - Dodgeball 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 – Art and crafts with Mrs Godfrey 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Fridays	Parent Worship 3.10pm in the school hall - everyone welcome
Monday 2nd December	Messy Church at school 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas Lunch 12.00pm
Tuesday 17th December	Nativity and Christingle at the Church, 2.30pm - everyone welcome
Friday 20th December	Christmas Party Lunch for Children Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 8th January	Swimming Competition for Y5/6 at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Tuesday 14th & 21st January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm – more information to follow
Tuesday 14th & 21st January	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm – more information to follow
Wednesday 22nd January	Cross Country for Y3-6 at Northallerton School – more information to follow
Tuesday 28th January & 4th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm – more information to follow

Ravensworth CE School

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

Class News

As part of National Tree Week 2024 Class One counted the trees in our school grounds and found out what type of trees they are. We are also trying to get a horse chestnut to germinate. If we are successful, we can plant these to help our earth We have also planted an oak tree in our woodland area.

KS2 attended a hockey tournament at Richmond School, all the children worked extremely well together, had a great time and a team from Class 2 were the overall winners of their tournament, whilst a team from Class 3 came 2nd .We are so proud of our small school showing great resilience and sportsmanship, against some strong competition. Well done everyone!

Class Two have been enjoying reading 'Stitch Head' this term and each child has created their own creation similar to that the professor made. They have used lots of high-level vocabulary when describing them.

We also raised money for 'Children in Need' where the children wore bright and spotty colours in school. We all enjoyed Mrs Richards outfit! Thank you for the donations made, we raised a total of £76.30!!

The year 6s went out to Carlton Lodge to learn some very important life skills, led by Crucial Crew. The children were all engaged in the activities and picked up some very useful skills to support them as they transition into secondary school. Year 6 children also had the opportunity to develop their bike skills this month, led by the NYC Bikeability team. They had two mornings learning about keeping their bikes in a safe riding condition and how to keep safe when cycling on the roads around the villages.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson (excluding 4th December and 11th December)
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome! There will be no collective worship on Friday 20th December, but we would like to invite parents into school for carols to end the term!
Wednesday 4th December	Christingle service at 5pm at Kirby Hill Church – **No ASC this day**
Monday 9th December	Friends Great North Air Ambulance Service Collection
Wednesday 11th December	Class 1 Nativity – at 2pm and 5pm - **No ASC this day**
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day!
Tuesday 17th December	Friends Movie Night – details to follow – **No ASC this day**
Wednesday 18th December	**Carols on the Green**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in school – 9.30am to 10.30am. Please complete the following form if you are able to attend: https://forms.office.com/e/5RfHy9X4iW **Christmas dinner** – for children only **Christmas party** – please send party clothes into school in a separate bag
Friday 20th December	**Christmas buffet lunch** – for children only **Christmas Carols from 2.40pm** - all welcome! Break up for Christmas – **No ASC this day**
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

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