Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Courage

January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

January often seems like a long month, and we have certainly had our share of challenges with wind, snow and ice to name just some of the things sent to try us! Thankfully, for most of the children this adds a touch of excitement to the school day.

Our new learning this term is inspiring the children to produce some fabulous work and super learning. Class 1 are putting their focus into learning about cities and finding out all about London in particular. Class 2 (and 3) are learning about the Vikings and linking this to work on coasts and Lindisfarne. Here are the children hard at work (while also having some fun!)

Early Years

Key Stage 1

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Key Stage 2

Online safety and mobile devices

Many of your children may have had devices for Christmas. Below are some useful links to help you to put parental controls on various devices to make sure that what the children can access is appropriate for them. I would urge you to monitor what your children are viewing, particularly if you are allowing them to have social media. Young children struggle to understand the impact of social media which is why age restrictions on many apps exist. Primary age children should not be accessing TikTok, snapchat, Instagram, Facebook or even WhatsApp as they are all 13+. Mobile phones should not be in school unless previously arranged to be held by the office for after school arrangements.

Apple: **https://www.apple.com/uk/privacy/control/**

Microsoft: **https://support.microsoft.com/.../stay-protected-with...**

Google: **https://safety.google/security/security-tips/**

Samsung: **https://www.samsung.com/uk/security/**

Kirkby Fleetham School

Many of you will have seen the news regarding the proposed closure of Kirkby Fleetham School. Kirkby Fleetham is a very special place, and the news has hit staff, children, parents and the wider community hard. Until the secretary of state makes the final decision, we do not know the outcome but I'm sure you will all understand what a challenging time it is for all at Cornerstone Schools navigating through this period.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Petch

Barton CE School

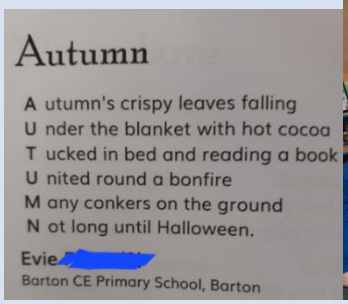
National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 96.8%

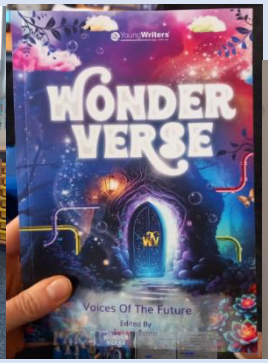
In Class 1 we have enjoyed learning about Chinese/Lunar New Year. The story of 'The Great Race' was the highlight of the week. We learnt about the kindness, resilience and teamwork of all the animals in the story. Look at all the fantastic creative learning activities we have been involved in.

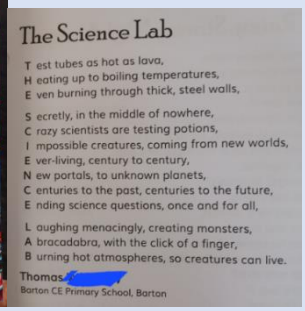
In Art this term we are learning to mix the primary colours; it was great fun to see what different colours we could mix. The children have continued to enjoy this learning in the Discovery areas.

We had a fabulous morning at Richmond School getting stuck into the multi skills activities on offer. Barton children were polite, well mannered, listened well to the instructions and had a great time.

Wow! A great effort by our year 4,5,6 children who have had their poems published in a book. We are so proud of them.







Barton – Dates for your diary

PE Sessions PM	Monday and Thursday for **Class 1**, Monday and Friday for **Class 2** - Children must make sure their **SCHOOL PE** kits are in school.
Friday's	Collective Worship 3pm – All welcome
Monday 13th January - Monday 10th February	ML Sports teaching sport every Monday afternoon Multi Sports ASC – 3:30-4:30pm for those who have confirmed places.
Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February	National Story Telling Week
Friday 14th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 24th February	School opens for second half term
Wednesday 5th March	Year 5/6 Archery, Curling & Boccia Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day

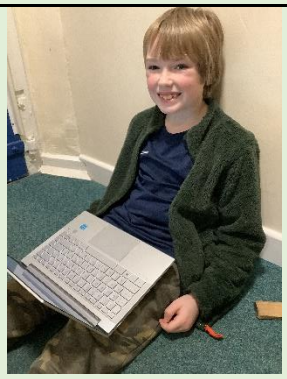
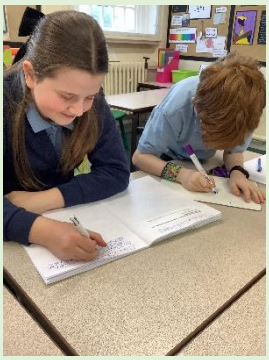
Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
James, Murray, Hollie, Isaac, George, Ellie and Freya	Total for month	74	168	119
	Total for year	513	779	737

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 90.1%

Class news

Class Two have been working incredibly hard in their English and Maths lessons this week. Beau has become an absolute wiz at maths, Hollie and Isaac are steaming ahead with preparation for SATS and George has done some fabulous writing. Children also wrote a persuasive 'Battle Cry' inspired by our class text Beowulf - we clearly have some very powerful leaders in our midst!

Class 2 had a fabulous visit to York as part of our Viking history topic. The day began at 'Dig' where children were challenged to work as archaeologists and identify relics from the past across the centuries. We then went to Jorvik and had a wonderful tour in little cars that took us back in time. It was such an inspiring day and made our learning and knowledge of this topic extremely memorable.

In Class 1 we are loving our learning this term! We are learning about animal families in Science, about cities in Geography, who made the world in RE, the amazing story of Grace Darling in History (after half term), how colour can show feelings in Art, how to write using a computer in Computing and in PSHE we are learning how to build resilience and persistence and how to keep ourselves safe.

In English our Reception children are starting to write words as part of their English learning, and Year 1 and 2 are using different sentence types, learning many types of words and writing their first creative story. We are so excited to share some of these with you in Parent Worship today!

Here are just a few snapshots of the learning and experiences we have had so far this term:

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 4th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Thursday 6th February	Class 2 gymnastics at Colburn
Tuesday 11th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool pm
Thursday 13th February	Class 2 gymnastics at Colburn
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 98.5%

News from East Cowton

We have made an amazing start to our swimming sessions at Richmond Pool. Despite a few setbacks with the weather and freezing temperatures we have all dipped our toes this term. Some of our youngest children in school, some who have never swam before, have fully immersed themselves into the sessions and are like little fish already. We have had many of our older children also showing great courage and quite literally throwing themselves in at the deep end; some whilst they are fully clothed!

In Class 1, we are exploring what life is like in a city and have been enjoying the text 'Katie in London.' The children have produced some fabulous writing; our Year 2 children have been busy writing a diary entry through the eyes of Katie.

In PSHE we are busy learning about how to keep our teeth healthy. We have been learning that our teeth are such an important part of our body as they help us to eat, speak and more. We have looked at ways to make brushing fun whilst learning some new skills to help us take care of our own teeth. If you would like to share some of these ideas with your child, including an app which can encourage brushing time, more information can be found here; https://www.aquafresh.com/en-gb/oral-care-information/kids-oral-care-information/

In maths the whole class have been exploring double numbers in different ways, from learning what a double is to what a 'near double is' the children are loving our double challenges. We also love to sing along to Mister Double Trouble, who has been helping us learn them: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyy7Ih6Wceo

Class 2 are enjoying all things 'Viking.' Thanks to the Friends of EC school, we had a fantastic trip out to York. The children experienced what it's like to be an archaeologist at 'York Dig.' They discovered skeletons, toilets, coins and many more exciting artifacts. After a lunch break, we visited Jorvik Viking Center- we were greeted by a real Viking, who was impressed at our prior knowledge! The Buggy ride was fascinating- the manakins were life-like and the smells were authentic! Finally, we looked around the museum and handled some interesting objects.

Last night, the children enjoyed showing off their dance moves at the school disco. Lots of fun had by all... thanks again to the Friends for arranging it and supervising the children!

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 4th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool
Friday 7th February	FOS event – Ceilidh Dancing at The Beeswing – see flyer for more information
Tuesday 11th February	Swimming lessons at Richmond pool – change of lesson for Tuesday 21st January.
Friday 14th February	Non uniform day – FOS fundraiser Finish for half term
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Thursday 6th March	World book day
Monday 10th March	T-ball Competition for Y3/4 - more information to follow
Tuesday 11th March	Class 1 trip to Baydale Farm - more information to follow
Tuesday 18th March	Dodgeball Competition for Y5/6 - more information to follow

Ravensworth CE School

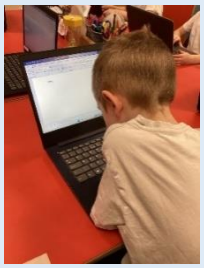
National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 95.3%

Class News

In Earth Club we have been celebrating the Chinese New Year. We have learnt that it is the Year of the Snake. We also found China on the globe and have seen that it is in the continent of Asia.

In computing we looked at adding text to a document, using the space bar as well as moving the text cursor so that we could add text anywhere on the page.

We were fortunate enough to join lots of other primary schools at a multi skills sports event in Richmond School. We had great fun and enjoyed seeing the children from Barton too on our bus journey!



In Class 2, we embarked on an exciting excavation activity, searching for clues to uncover the theme of our new story. The children discovered several intriguing artifacts, including a sword, some coins, a bracelet, pieces of armour, and two mysterious objects that were hard to identify. Using their knowledge from last term, the students quickly pieced together that they would be diving into the world of *Beowulf*. This hands-on exploration not only sparked their curiosity but also set the stage for our upcoming reading adventure.

Class 3 have also embraced our new topic of learning and exploring the book Beowulf this term, we are particularly enjoying the gory description of Beowulf's defeat of the gruesome monster Grendel. We have written a CV for Beowulf to be given the job of defeating Grendel and written a newspaper report informing the people of Grendel's defeat.

We are enjoying gymnastics in PE seeing our flexibility and mobility improve each week and in science we are further investigating the properties of materials; so far, we have determined whether they are electrical or thermal conductors, their transparency and their hardness.

If that is not keeping us busy enough, KS2 have also had an amazing start to our swimming sessions at Richmond Pool this term! Every single child has been giving their all, trying their hardest, and showing incredible determination in the water. From the very first session, all the children have bravely stepped into the pool - some even fully clothed which demonstrated just how capable and confident they are. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and progress.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson (excluding Wednesday 5th February 2025)
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 7th February due to the Year 5/6 Dodgeball Event**
Monday 3rd February	Year 3/4 Dodgeball at Richmond School
Wednesday 5th February	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm – please complete the online form below to book your child a space: https://forms.office.com/e/NEGa71NiSZ
Friday 7th February	KS2 Swimming lessons – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!** Year 5/6 Dodgeball at Richmond School
Wednesday 12th February	Friends AGM – 6.30pm at the Shoulder of Mutton in Kirby Hill, all welcome!
Friday 14th February	Last KS2 Swimming lesson – **bus leaves at 8.30am prompt!** Break up for half term – **No ASC this day**
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 5th March	Year 5/6 Archery, Curling & Boccia Event at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 14th March	Skipping Leaders Event at Richmond School – selected children only
Wednesday 19th March	Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.00pm – details to follow
Tuesday 1st April	Year 5 Science transition at Richmond School – details to follow
Friday 4th April	Break up for the Easter Holidays – **No ASC this day**
Tuesday 21st April	Training/Inset day
Wednesday 22nd April	Children return to school

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