Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth CE Schools

Cornerstone Schools

Building Futures with Love

Our Christian value this half term: Friendship

April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of last term culminated in 4 gorgeous Easter services led by the children and our vicars. We were lucky enough to get to church for the Barton and Kirkby Fleetham services, whereas Ravensworth and East Cowton held theirs in school. The children all spoke beautifully and made sure Easter, new life and new beginnings were celebrated.

Assessment season

Summer term marks the beginning of assessments for many of our children. Our Year 6 children are first with tests starting on 12th May. Year 4 children will be assessed on their times tables during late May and then our Year 1 children are assessed on their phonics knowledge in June. Staff do all they can to ensure children are calm and understand the process and often the youngest children know very little about the 'test' and don't even know it has happened. We'd like to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck and to remember that SATs tests only assess a tiny proportion of what makes them, them. We all know that lots of things count more than maths and reading scores!

Pupil absence

Please help our admin team by letting us know if your child is unwell and therefore not attending school before the official start of the school day (9am, 8.30am for Ravensworth). Chasing absences takes a lot of time which could be avoided by a quick phone call or email to school. Thank you for your support in this.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Petch

Executive Headteacher

Barton CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance: 97% Barton attendance this month: 96.2%

Easter Service

Our Easter Service in church was wonderful! Class 2 children presented a lovely retelling of the Easter Story and Class 1 sang Spring Chicken beautifully. Thank you to everyone that joined us and to Jennifer who led the service.

Bingo and Bunny Drive

What a fantsatic night we all had! There were so many Easter eggs and prizes to be won that everyone who came went home with a big smile and a prize. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this event. Friends raised £435.70 towards the Field Trim Trail.

Easter Activities

What a fabulous last day of term! The children were very excited to hear that the Easter bunny had been spotted in Barton! The children had a fantastic time hunting for treats the Easter bunny had hidden for them whilst they laughed and played in the sunshine together. The whole school also enjoyed making Easter nests and crafts.

School Initiatives

The school council and eco council have been busy at Barton this month thinking of ways to improve our school linked to our School Vision of Building Futures with Love. Our new ideas are recycling bread bags, growing our garden area, composting and raising money for the new trim trail on the field.

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
Wednesday 30th April	Mini Tennis – Info to follow
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY – Please see information about the VE Day celebrations
Thursday 8th May	Coffee & Cake in aid of Stroke Association – 2:30pm
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS
Thursday 15th May	Class 1 'Dinosaurs Everywhere' Trip
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June	Return to school

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

Stars of the Month	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Freya and Murray	Total for month	29	26	22
	Total for year	815	1076	1013

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% Kirkby Fleetham attendance this month: 98.2%

Class news

Before we broke up for the Easter holiday we were lucky enough to be able to walk up to church for our Easter service in glorious sunshine! The children sang and read their lines beautifully. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us on this wonderful occasion.

The whole school came together for some lovely Easter projects including making these clay pots which came in very useful for the Easter eggs they found later in the week hidden all around school!

Class 1 had a wonderful session in the sunshine creating some fantastic Easter gardens which were very much admired by all.

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 6th May	Tempest photography in for class photo
Saturday 10th May	Friends party
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June	Return to school
Tuesday 3rd June	Sports hall athletics for year 6
Thursday 5th June	Box2bfit pm
Wednesday 18th June	African dance workshop pm
Monday 30th June	Richmond school transition day for year 6
Tuesday 1st July	Richmond school transition day for year 6
Wednesday 2nd July	SFX transition day for year 6
Thursday 3rd July	SFX transition day for year 6
Tuesday 8th July	KS1 multiskills event
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 to Oakbridge Primary for author event
Friday 18th July	Children break up for the summer holidays

East Cowton Primary School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure 97% East Cowton attendance this month: 94.4%

News from East Cowton

Class One went on a lovely farm visit at the beginning of April. They fed the sheep with some Sugarbeet they pulled from the ground, then fed some lambs with milk and held some chicks.

Rev. David's 'Hot Cross Bun' Easter (messy church) service was fantastic and delicious! What a wonderful way to explore the meaning of Easter. We were reminded of the Easter story through, video, songs, prayers and of course... the delicious Hot Cross buns that we took home to bake!

Well done to team Middleham for winning the Dojo treat morning. The children went home with East cakes and crafted baskets. They had a relaxed morning to celebrate their hard work. The Dojos have now been reset; we have two new children contributing to the teams... good luck everyone- earn those points!

Eid was celebrated by Muslims earlier in the month. We had a whole school afternoon learning about the significance of Ramadan and Eid in the Muslim calendar. The children created mobiles, made sweets from dates and condensed milk and made seed bombs. We found out how Muslims in the UK celebrate Eid and why it's important to them.

East Cowton – Dates for your diary	
Mondays	**Please can children bring their PE kits into school for the whole week.**
Tuesdays (29.4 – 20.5)	After school club – Tennis 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Children need their PE kit and water bottle.**
Wednesdays (23.4 – 16.7)	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
Monday 28th April – Monday 9th June	**Forest Schools** – Class 1 (this will replace PE) Please bring a coat and suitable clothing.
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	Break up for May half term.

Ravensworth CE School

National attendance figure: 94.7% Target attendance figure: 97% Ravensworth attendance this month: 92.0%

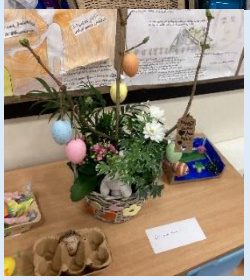
Class News

Class One have been enjoying lots of Spring activities. We have been watching our caterpillars turn into a chrysalis, we have planted and looked after sweet peas which we then took home to plant. We have been exploring and moulding with clay which we then made some wonderful Easter decorations with.

I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of everyone in Class 2 for putting on a fantastic Easter production of The Three Trees! We've been working so hard on this for such a long time, and the children have truly shone - they were absolutely brilliant. The play was magnificent, and every child performed their best. Well done to all! A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us!

Friends of Ravensworth Easter Egg Competiton

We had lots of entries for the Easter Egg Competition everyone put in a wonderful effort and our Governors who kindly agreed to judge found it very tricky to award the prizes to each Class. Well done everyone for taking part.



	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
1st	Leah	Rose H	Ellie
2nd	Annabelle	Sophie	Nathan
3rd	Edith	Louie	Dexter

The children also enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the school grounds, they all decorated a card egg which were then hidden outside, and the children had to help each other find their own eggs, once they had been found they all enjoyed a treat donated by Friends of Ravensworth – thank you very much!

Sporting Achievements: A special well done to Art who came 19th in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Finals having done incredibly well in the heats to earn a place. Congratulations Art – we are super proud of you.

A polite request
Could we please ask that any changes to end of day arrangements are kept for emergencies only to ensure that the end of day goes as smoothly as possible. During March we had **88 changes.** Not only does this cause considerable work for staff but also increases the chances of a mistake being made. Thank you for your support in this.

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary	
Wednesdays – 3.15-5.30pm	Art/Craft Club with Mrs Dobinson
Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm	After School Sports Club
Fridays	Collective Worship from 2.40pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 30th April	**Class 3 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY!
Wednesday 7th May	**Class 3 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Monday 12th May	SAT's Week for Year 6
Wednesday 14th May	**Class 3 – Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Wednesday 21st May	**Class 3 – Last Forest School Session** – please send clothes into school in a separate bag
Friday 23rd May	Break up for Whitsun half term – **No ASC this day**
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school Tempest Class photos
Wednesday 4th June	Box2Bfit day (in school), please send PE kit into school **Class 1 – Forest School Sessions start**

Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check this week
Friday 13th June	KS2 at the Brownlee Triathlon in Harrogate – details to follow
Tuesday 24th June	New starter DEAP session – 10.30am to 12pm
Wednesday 25th June	African Dance Workshop (in school), please send PE kit into school
Thursday 26th June	New starter DEAP session – 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Friday 27th June	KS1 Fun Run at Richmond School – details to follow
Saturday 28th June	Friends Annual Ball!
Monday 30th June	New starter session – 9.00am to 11.30am (children only) Richmond School Year 6 transition day
Tuesday 1st July	New starter session – 9.00am to 12.30pm (children only) Richmond School Year 6 transition day SFX Year 6 Information Evening – 5pm to 8pm
Wednesday 2nd July	SFX Year 6 transition day
Thursday 3rd July	SFX Year 6 transition day
Friday 4th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Ripon Cathedral and activity – details to follow
Tuesday 8th July	Sports Day!
Friday 18th July	Break up for the summer holidays – **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