



# Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



'Learn with love,  
flourish in faith'

## Newsletter

Let your light  
shine'

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new look newsletter! We have decided to write one weekly newsletter to cover all four schools. For this week we will send the entire thing out, but going forward you will only receive the pages relevant to your child's school. The full newsletter will be available on the website if you are interested in what the other schools are up to.

It has been a wonderful week in school, and so lovely to see all the children back in the classrooms. I'm not sure whether it was the staff or the children who were more excited on Monday morning, but it is safe to say that our classrooms have been a little livelier and noisier than normal! The children have managed very well and have already started to settle back into the routine of school life and are working hard. This week Maths and English lessons have focussed on the basic skills, and the other curriculum subjects have included a focus on friendship, teamwork, resilience and wellbeing.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Next Friday we are asking children to come to school in their home clothes and wear something red if possible. We will be collecting for comic relief and during the day will be looking at different ways to 'Share a smile'.

### Vision and Hearing checks

Normally vision and hearing checks are carried out for children in their first two years of school. It has been brought to our attention that this hasn't happened for some children. If your child is in Reception or Year One and has not had these checks done, it would be worth booking them in at a local opticians or Boots. They are free checks and quite quick and simple. If you have any difficulties with this, or concerns regarding your child's vision or hearing, please contact Miss Crisp at [amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org](mailto:amycrispsenco@dalesmat.org) and she will try to support you.

### Governor update



As you are aware we now have one Governing Board over our four schools, and I thought I would use the newsletter to introduce our Governors to parents. We are very lucky that Terry Cane has agreed to be our Interim Chair of Governors for this year.

Terry is a National Leader of Governance and has worked with over 30 schools, including primary, secondary and schools with different Ofsted gradings. The role has included supporting Chairs of Governors, facility

ating Governing Board self-evaluations and leading effective Governance sessions. He is a keen golfer and plays regularly in club competitions, he enjoys gardening, walking and when necessary, D I Y. He also prepares the parish accounts for the 2 parishes where he attends church. He has served as a school Governor from 2002, and as a Chair of Governors since 2006.

If you would like to contact the governors, please email your school administrator.

I think there will be some very tired children (and staff) by the end of the day today, I hope that this means that you all have a restful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs H Dudman

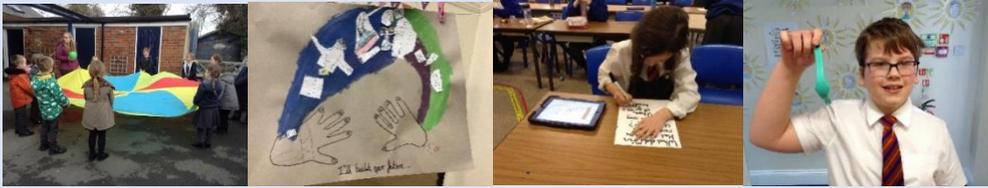


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# Barton CE School

## Barton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Star of the Week	SEAL Award	Rainbow Learner	Lunchtime Award	Writers of the week
<b>Class 1:</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Alice</b>	<b>Maci</b>	<b>Florence and Ivy</b>
<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Bear</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	<b>Maddison</b>	<b>Cayleb</b>	<b>Cayleb and Davey</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Eva-Grace</b>	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Heath</b>	<b>Faith</b>	<b>Matty and Angelica</b>



It has been amazing having a lively, full, fun and exciting school again this week! It's lovely to see so many smiling faces. Children have been terrific at adapting to our safety rules again and they have been happy to find that lots of things are the same as when they were here before Christmas. Class One have settled back in really well and it now feels like they have never been away! They have had lots of fun completing wellbeing activities, settling back into the classroom and learning outside in their outdoor area, completing teamwork activities and games.

Class Two have enjoyed reflecting on their time away from each other and thinking about what they would like for their futures. They have been exploring friendship and what makes a special friend; enjoyed making collages in movement through art and played lots of games to encourage paired work and teamwork. The children are really enjoying playing together and being able to work and learn together once again.

Class Three are loving their class book 'The Explorer', especially the parts about snot and sick! This week they investigated the characters further and explored how we would feel about being an Amazon adventurer. In maths, they have been speeding up our fluency skills, try testing them on their mental addition or 4x table – they are rapid!

We are all excited about Red Nose Day next week, children are invited to free dress and try to wear something red! Please do not send cash into school, if you would like to donate the link is below.



### A message from our school Eco-Team

Our Eco-Team have been working hard to clear the grass in our wild-flower meadow this week, it's looking amazing and we are all excited to see which flowers will grow first. Our recyclers were straight back to work too, collecting paper and boxes from all classes.



### A message from our school Mental Health Champions

This week's joke is from: Boo

"What did Mr W's hat say to the rest of his clothes? *You go on a head!*"

If you have any jokes that you would like to share, please tell Jack, Alfie, Lyla or Chloe

## Barton – Dates for your diary

<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Drumba workshops (am) all children – PE kits needed
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day – free dress, wear something <b>Red!</b> donations to: <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3142">https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3142</a>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School closes for Easter holidays
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Teacher Training Day
<b>Tue 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School re-opens for Summer Term

# Kirkby Fleetham CE School

## Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Fin, Hollie and Isaac	This week	27	25	21
Class 2:	Rollo and Leo	Total so far	521	450	437

### News from Class 1



Class 1 have had a fantastic week of learning and fun, turning our classroom into a building site! Taking themes from our English text 'What we'll build' the children have unleashed their imaginations in writing, art, outdoor play and construction. They have also had some very deep and interesting discussions about life, resulting in writing a letter to their future selves.

### News from Class 2

Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed being back together in class again, and have made an almost seamless transition from home learning to school learning, which has been very much evident in the quality of their work. We have taken an 'emotional literacy' approach to our English work this week, and been comparing our own feelings and emotions through the characters in our brilliant text 'The Explorer'. It has led to some very mature and insightful discussions about how the world sees us on the outside, compared to how we feel on the inside. We have also created some pretty stunning Greek pottery designs!

### Whole School Team-Building Bridges



On Wednesday afternoon the whole school worked together in teams (real ones not virtual ones!!) to create bridges out of different materials. They were challenged with lots of interesting criteria and had to work collaboratively in mixed-age groups. There was some wonderful teamwork and some fabulous examples of creativity. I think we certainly have some budding engineers among us!

### A message from our Junior Mental Health Champions



"We have had really good fun working with clay this week, It has made us feel really happy and positive. The Junior Mental Health Champions are going to make sure we do more of this kind of work in school as it's very good for our mental health!" Esme (JMHC)

Joke of the week from Oscar Holme Pearce:

What do you get if you cross a dog with a T-Rex? A nervous postman!

## Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Drumba workshops (pm) all children – PE kits needed
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term

# East Cowton CE School

## East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Ted	Milie		This week	House Points will be rolled over to next week!		
Class 2:	Claudia		Charlie	Last week			

### News from Class 1



Class One have settled in extremely well this week, and have very quickly familiarised themselves of our school routines and how to behave in Class. They have been thinking about the importance of washing their hands, the children loved getting their hands dirty and then had to wash those germs away! In English, the children have been using the text 'What we'll build' to develop creativity, imagination and there have been many amazing building construction sites around the classroom and outside area.

### News from Class 2



Class Two have returned keen, eager and ready to work! It's been a pleasure seeing everyone back in class this week with a can-do attitude testament to the high standard of work over lockdown and the support of our amazing parents. This picture taken at break time showing everyone playing and mixing together sums it up perfectly! This week we have been sharing experiences of lockdown and how that made us feel and we've expelled plenty of energy during our multi-skills PE session! Class Two also welcomed a new pupil, Claudia, to our school family this week – welcome Claudia!

### Club News



Mrs Tongue ran the first Eco club of 2021 last night! The children have been designing posters to remind you to, 'Love our World' and Daniel has designed a quiz to check how Eco-friendly people are, which included a commentary developed by the whole club starring our very own, Mrs Eco (aka Mrs Tongue).

### A message from our school Mental Health Champions



This week's joke is from Mrs White  
 What do you call a sheep with no legs..... A Cloud  
 If you have any jokes that you would like to share please put them in the box in the Pupil Entrance.

### East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Drumba workshops (pm) all children – PE kits needed
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term

# Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	
Class 1:	Eli & Tilly	Rose & Ellie	
Class 2:	Kit & Oliver	Amber & Holly	
Class 3:	Florie & Alanna	Charlotte, Bobby & Alfie M	

## News from Ravensworth



It has been wonderful to see the children back with their friends again at long last. We have talked and played and learnt but mostly just enjoyed being back together. The playground has been a really exciting place to be with lots of fun and games but also some children just enjoying talking with their friends.

Much of school is exactly the same as when the children left at Christmas; we are still in one bubble, we can play and work together if we need to but the tables are arranged in rows, which can be challenging but also useful for keeping attention at the front of the room! We have spent much of the week reminding the children of the Covid rules (catch it, bin it, kill it, frequent handwashing and keeping our distance) Class 2 really loved checking their handwashing skills with poster paint! It is tricky getting to all the nooks and crannies!

The classes have been focussing on mental health and wellbeing this week with time to discuss emotions as well as fun activities to get the children talking; the parachute was a big hit with Class 2, Class 1 have just loved their new outdoor area and Class 3 have enjoyed lots of creative activities this week. Whilst we have enjoyed getting the structure of the school day in place, we are making sure the children are settled back in before we start with more formal lessons next week.

### A message from our school Active Youth Team



The active youth team provide loads of activities for children during playtimes with loads of exercise involved. There are tires to go on, skipping ropes, hoola hoops and football of course.  
By Bobby

### A message from our school Mental Health Champions



Mental health is a big thing especially throughout Covid 19 and our school is trying our best to help with children's mental health like with a worry box for children to put their name in and a teacher will talk to them.  
By Kimberley

## Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Durham University Trainee Teacher in Class 1 for placement with Miss Galloway
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Drumba workshops (am) all pupils. PE kits needed
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose day – non-uniform for a donation in a sealed envelope
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter holiday 3.10pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term 8.30am

## Quick Links for Each School

### BARTON

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2020-2021](#)  
[Term-Dates-2021-2022](#)

The Friends of Barton School easy fundraising at no cost to you: [Easy Fundraising](#)

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1062743-0>

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

Parentpay [ParentPay Login](#)

### KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2020-2021](#)  
[Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Wraparound care: [Breakfast and Afterschool Club](#)

ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Uniform <https://www.eckf.dalesmat.org/our-school/uniform/>

### EAST COWTON

Admin email address: [ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org](mailto:ecadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org)

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2020-2021](#)  
[Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay Login](#)

Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are in credit each week – Thankyou

### RAVENSWORTH

School Lunch Menu: [School Lunch Information](#)

School Holidays/Term Dates: [Term Dates 2020-2021](#)  
[Term-Dates-2021-2022.](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

Ravensworth School Friends quick fundraising:-

[smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi\\_chpf\\_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=1087682-0&ref=smi\\_ext\\_ch\\_1087682-0\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=1087682-0&ref=smi_ext_ch_1087682-0_cl)

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/)

## 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 [SENCO@dalesmat.org](mailto:SENCO@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:

[www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

### 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](#)

### Links to Free online books:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/download-e-books-e-magazines-and-digital-audiobooks>



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