



Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



'Learn with love,
flourish in faith'

Newsletter

Let your light
shine'

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a week of reflection. On Tuesday we held a minute's silence in each of our schools to think about the past year and the way it has impacted everyone's lives. We thought about people that we miss seeing, and all the events that the children have missed out on. We also spent some time thinking about what we are looking forward to in the future.



It was also a time to reflect on the work we have done this term, and to think ahead to Easter and why it is such a special time in the lives of Christians. As you can see in the pictures below.



Moki Bands

Mr Weighman from Barton school has organised Moki bands for all the children in all four of our schools. Moki bands work a bit like a fitbit and will record the children's activity each day in school. We will be setting up some four school competitions after Easter. The Moki bands not only provide the opportunity to improve the fitness of our children, they also provide scope for maths with larger numbers. If you would like to learn more take a look at their website here: moki.health.

Turn On The Subtitles

Some of you may have seen the turnonthesubtitles campaign being promoted by many celebrities. The campaigners claim that having the subtitles turned on whilst children are watching television can have a significant impact on their reading ability. If your children are watching TV over the Easter holidays maybe they could give it a try!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Coronavirus testing over the holidays

As has been the case in previous holidays, schools are required to continue to monitor coronavirus test results for pupils. Please let us know straight away if your child tests positive. If any staff member or child tests positive between now and 1st April, we may be required to contact parents and ask all pupils to self-isolate.

To make things simple, I will be monitoring one admin email address twice a day. If your child tests positive for coronavirus it is essential that you inform us. **Regardless of which of our four schools your child attends, please email kfadmin@eckf.dalesmat.org and we will be in touch with you.** Class teachers have been asked not to check Class dojo or their emails during the holiday so please just use the above email address if you need to get in touch with us urgently.

I hope everyone has a peaceful and restful Easter, and we look forward to seeing all children back in school on Tuesday 13th April.

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
Class 1:	Bea	Ivy	Maci	Tom	Charlie and Bea
Class 2:	Poppy	Phoebe	Finley	Phoebe	Finley and Oscar
Class 3:	Willow	Boo	Chloe	Angelica	Faith and Matty

News from Class 2



Class 2 have had a fantastic creative week of learning this week even though we have had to do some assessments we managed to fit in lots of fun too. In History, we discovered how transport has changed over time and designed a vehicle for the future, in RE we have been reflecting on the meaning of Easter; making palm leaves, working with Class 1 to recognise the symbols of Easter (where we even got to taste some of the foods); and we ended by digitally retelling the Easter story using Adobe Spark. In preparation for the Easter Holidays, we have enjoyed doing Easter crafts and activities with Class 1 and had super fun in our Whole school Easter Hunt. We have also had a visit from PCSO Wilson who has been helping us to think about how to stay safe online, which was age appropriately directed to each key stage there was lots to consider and some great discussions. It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school, but they are all ready for the Easter break we hope you have lots of fun, lots of rest and most importantly lots of Easter Eggs.

Afterschool Sports Clubs

After we return from the Easter holidays, we are very much hoping that with restrictions lifted, we will be able to run after school sports clubs. We have provisionally booked Mike Layfield Sports to run a **multi-skills club** every Tuesday and **football club** every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 from the 2nd week of term. The club should be available for all age groups at a cost of £3 per child. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

A message from our Eco-Team



The Eco-Team would like to give a big thank you to our Eco Warrior in Class Two, Finley, and his sister Florence, for going litter picking around Barton and Newton Morrell with their parents. What an amazing way to take care of our lovely environment.



Barton – Dates for your diary

Mon 12th April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Tues 20th April & Thursday 22nd April	Our first proposed afterschool multi-skills club with Mike Layfield Sports
Mon 3rd May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Fri 28th May	School closes for half term

Kirkby Fleetham CE School

Kirkby Fleetham - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Stars of the Week	Dojo Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class 1:	Annabelle and Isaac	This week	11	10	4
Class 2:	William and Rollo	Total so far	541	476	447

News from Class 2:



Class 2 have had a very creative final week of term. After talking about our emotions and how helpful it can be to put feelings into words, the children were challenged to create a special friend or animal that they could talk to and share feelings with out of clay. The class worked almost silently, as they each developed their amazing little pottery companions. They are currently drying out and awaiting colourful decoration. Children also let their imaginations flow this week writing their own chapter for our exciting class book 'The Explorer'.

After some deep discussions about the creative writing process and looking at how other authors plan and write, the children wrote some fantastic new passages for the book in the style of Katherine Rundell. A special well done to William and Edward for almost filling their whole English book with top quality adventure writing!

'Go Wild' news

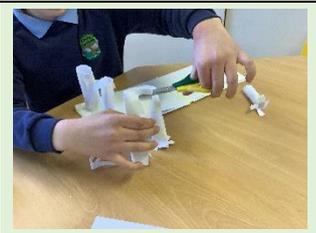


Thank you so much for the overwhelmingly positive response to our Kirkby Fleetham 'Go Wild' Project! The children have already set to work clearing areas and drawing up exciting plans. Next term the children will have some designated time put aside to learn about gardening and wildlife, and will be planting up some willow for weaving with Dr Vasby. Watch this space!

Building challenge



This week the whole school building challenge was making a bridge using only paper and tape. The children used what they've learnt about building bridges to make some impressive sculptures



Friends Raffle Hamper of exciting Easter treats



If you still haven't bought your raffle ticket for the Friends you can call Laura on 07545 952845. Don't forget the draw for the raffle will be done live on the friends Facebook page at 10:00am on Friday 2nd April. Don't worry if you don't have Facebook, the winners will be contacted directly after.

Kirkby Fleetham – Dates for your diary

Mon 12 th April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Mon 3 rd May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Fri 28 th May	School closes for half term

East Cowton CE School

East Cowton - Children celebrating achievements this week

	Certificates	Listening Cup	Achievement Shield	House Points	Bolton	Middleham	Richmond
Class1:	Whole class	Archie		This week	43	63	32
Class2:	Daniel		Colette	Total	2755	2719	2840



A massive well done to Richmond who are this term's house points winners with 2840 house points



News from Class 2



This week Class Two have been mastering the times tables and have become very competitive in the 'Round the Clock' League which is a timed challenge to complete the times tables in the quickest time!

A special mention to Lissy for completing the 12 times table in 25 seconds!

They had a fabulous morning with Mrs Whent on Thursday making outdoor decorations with Class one

This term our Christian value has been "Courage". Congratulations to our pebble award winner which is Maisey!

Easter Events



This year's Easter Eggstravaganza activities demonstrated the fantastic array of creative talent in our Easter egg decorating competition as you can see from the picture of our table of entries. Congratulations to Faye, Kasper, Thomas, Charlotte F, Lilly B, Daniel, Lissy, William R, William H and Korben for their winning eggs!

We also carried out our egg bash on Friday morning which is always a favourite with the children - the winner was Charlotte F!

Staffing news

We are delighted to have been able to appoint Mrs J Gregory to be the new GTA in class 2 every morning. Mrs Gregory will also be teaching in class 1 and 2 three afternoons a week. We feel like we have the best of both worlds as Dr Vasby will still be with us all day on a Monday, and then for Forest schools on Tuesday afternoons.

A message from our school Mental Health Champions:



Over the Easter break the Mental Health Champions challenge you to take part in the Toilet Roll Challenge! You will need 3 toilet rolls to complete the 3 challenges. View a demonstration of the challenges here:

https://youtu.be/lxm4K_GZrvE

East Cowton – Dates for your diary

Mon 12th April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Mon 3rd May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Fri 28th May	School closes for Half Term
Mon 7th June	Teacher Training Day
Tues 8th June	School re-opens

Ravensworth CE School

	Stars of the Week	Writers of the week	Awards from last week's celebration worship
Class 1:	Art & April	Rose & Tilly	Carpenters Cup (for living like Jesus): Samuel
Class 2:	Chloe & Kit	Thomas & Max	Monkey (being the best that you can be): Ethan
Class 3:	Lucy & Mental Health Champions	Kimberley, Elizabeth & Samuel	

News From Class 2:

It has been an enjoyable final week in class 2. We have been working hard on our entries for the COP26 art competition where we drew what we want the future to look like in order to address climate change. With the pleasant weather, we played some parachute games and took our computing lesson outdoors when the internet was temporarily down. On the final day of term, class 2 felt creative enough to create their own Easter cards. Class 2 have been working incredibly hard and are ready for 2 weeks off to recharge our batteries.



Messages from our school office

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day last Friday, the amount raised was **£ 91.85**, well done everyone!

We still have some new sweatshirts, polo shirts, PE shirts and reading folders left in stock. Please feel free to ask for details.

Have a lovely Easter everyone, from Mrs Richmond xx

A message from our school choir:



Our choir have been learning to sing a verse of one of our Easter songs. Anyone can join the choir, so please let Mrs Stanwix know if you are interested.

A message from our school Mental Health Champions:



We have decided to share a few jokes this week. We hope you enjoy 😊

1. Why did the banana go to the doctors? Because he wasn't peelin' well!
2. Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they would be called bagels!

Ravensworth – Dates for your diary

Mon 12th April	Teacher Training Day
Tues 13th April	School re-opens for Summer Term 8.30am
Mon 3rd May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Fri 28th May	School closes for half term
Mon 7th June	Teacher Training Day- school closed
Tues 8th June	School re-opens 8.30am



Governor Profile: This week's governor is Chris Gent

Chris has two children, both of which attended East Cowton Primary School. Chris has retained links with the schools becoming Chair of Governors for both East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham seeing the schools through Federation, joining the Dales Academies Trust and more recently collaborating in the formation of 4 small rural schools – Barton, East Cowton, Kirkby Fleetham and Ravensworth.

Chris runs his own company in education recruitment.

During his time on the governing board he has attended many training sessions

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](#)

Cool Milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

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 2020-2021](#)
[Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

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

Friends of the School Facebook link: [Friends](#)

ParentPay [ParentPay login](#)

Uniform [Uniform order form](#)

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 2020-2021](#)
[Term Dates 2021-2022](#)

Friends of the school link: [Friends](#)

Wraparound care: [Afterschool Club](#)

ParentPay: [ParentPay Login](#)
Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are in credit each week – Thankyou

Uniform Order: [Uniform order form.](#)

Newsletter: [4 school newsletters link](#)

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

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rsfarichmond/

Uniform: [school/uniform/](#)

Parent pay [click](#)

Newsletter [4 school newsletters link](#)

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:

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>

Turn on the subtitles:

Help your child to learn to read whilst they watch television <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

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](#)

Junior Parkrun

They are hoping to restart on 11th April 2021 at **Northallerton Leisure Centre fields**, at present for **4-10 year olds**. It is a free weekly 2km event and to take part a child needs to be registered with parkrun.

They also need volunteers to run this event safely, it is only an hour at most and is great fun to see the kids involved in running. Please check out our website <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/northallerton-juniors> for more information.