



Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School Newsletter Friday 6th March 2015



This week started off with an action packed science day in which the children carried out investigations to learn about science concepts such as air and water resistance, ice cube melting rates, and sound waves. The younger children investigated the way that bubbles travel, and all children thoroughly enjoyed the egg drop challenge which



involved them designing a way to protect an egg when it was dropped from the office window. Most of the designs were really impressive and we only had a few breakages!



It was world book day yesterday and the children all enjoyed sharing their favourite books. It was lovely to see the older children engrossed in a book with an infant. The children were all given a

£1 book token. This needs to be spent before the 29th March.

Next week Lucy Christie is boldly heading off to East Barnby for a week with 70 other children from the Cluster - Have a fantastic time Lucy, we look forward to hearing all your stories!

Congratulations!

Star of the Week Awards



Congratulations to the following children who received Star of the week awards in our last celebration worship: Darcy for improvement in her writing, Rebecca for giving above and beyond in school council and Lily for being consistently polite.

General News

Federation consultation

The federation consultation closes today. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the debate even the children have had their say. The governing body will now discuss all of the responses and decide if it is the right thing to do for our school. The governors of East Cowton will do the same. The two governing bodies will then meet and make a joint decision on whether to go ahead with the federation. We will let you all know the outcome of that meeting as soon as we can. At the moment the joint meeting is due to take place on the 19th March.

Pre-school consultation

Attached to this letter you will find a consultation document regarding our investigations into lowering our admission age to 3 and creating a foundation stage class which would admit three year olds for mornings only to work with our reception children. This is very much in the early stages and a questionnaire concerning the feasibility of such a proposal will be going out to parents of pre-school children in our catchment.

If we were to go ahead it would mean that next year we would have three classes in the mornings:

- Foundation stage (including reception),
- Class one (years 1, 2 and 3 - 10 children)
- Class two (years 4, 5 and 6 - 18 children)

In the afternoon the current class structure would be in place.

We would be very grateful if you would return the attached consultation form to hear your views on this. If you know of any parents of pre-school children in the area who we have not managed to reach with the consultation, please let us know so that we can get in touch with them.

Thank you for your support with this.

This will be on the agenda of the parent forum meetings to be held at 3.30 and 7pm on Tuesday 14th April.

Extreme read

Thank you to all the participants in our extreme read competition, they certainly found some very creative and extreme places to enjoy reading a book. We all really enjoyed looking at all the photographs and the winning ones were as follows: Winning teacher photo went to Mrs Flanagan, as chosen by the school council, Mr and Mrs Harper in the parent category and Scarlet's scary reading high up in a tractor's scoop was awarded top slot in the children's section.

Egyptian Day

As a conclusion to their Egyptians topic, the Junior class will be creating an Egyptian museum on Wednesday 25th March. They will be holding workshops for parents and visitors to listen to (and join in with) their music and dance, book a holiday in our Egyptian travel agents or write their name in hieroglyphics. We would like to invite parents to come in to join in with the fun between 2.30 and 3.30pm. To make it more authentic, the children would like to dress like Egyptians for the occasion.

As it is parents evening that night, the work will be left out for those who are unable to join us during the day.

Sumdog

For the past year our school has been using the Sumdog.com website, which uses fun multiplayer games to encourage students to practice their mathematics. The next North Yorkshire sum dog contest will be running from 13th to 19th March - let's see if we can equal the fantastic results of last year! Over the course of next week we will be checking that all children can use their log-ins at home, please let us know if you encounter any problems. We are aware that some children do not have access to the internet and will provide opportunities during lesson and break times for them to take part. Miss Follon will also be providing opportunities for those children who attend after school club to take part.



Comic Relief

Red nose day is next Friday, and the theme is 'make your face funny for money'. However as we have swimming that day we will just be asking the children to wear red, and will ask them to make a funny face mask for homework which they can wear on the afternoon if they wish. They can also bring in anything they would like to wear in the afternoon to make their face funny.

Next week in school

Sadly Fi is going to be off school for the rest of the term. The children have sent her cards and messages to wish her a speedy recovery. A new cook will be starting next week and the meals will continue to follow the North Yorkshire menu next week (week 3).

Monday - Mrs Flanagan and Lucy to East Barnby

6.30pm full governors meeting

Wednesday - Mrs Dudman - East Barnby

Friday - Red nose day

Key steps gymnastics competition

Diary Dates

6.3.15	Federation consultation closes
9-13.3.15	East Barnby
13.3.15	Gymnastics competition Red Nose Day
18.3.15	Area cross country finals
20.3.15	Marie Curie coffee afternoon
23.3.15	Ripon trip
25.3.15	Juniors Egyptian museum day Parents evening
27.3.15	Break up for the Easter holidays
13.4.15	Training day
14.4.15	Parents forum meetings 3.30 and 7pm