



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

"A place where children have equal opportunity to reach their full potential now and in the future fulfilling positively their role as a global citizen!"

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has got off to a very busy start, and the next few weeks will be action packed!

**World Book Day:** Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, as well as bring in their favourite book of all time to share with the class. Throughout the day we will be involved in a variety of different reading activities such as paired reading with our older and younger children, and hopefully a visit to the village library for the children at Kirkby Fleetham. In East Cowton Ella and Daniel are leading the activities as part of their Archie Bishop Award, see below.

**Swimming party:** We are all looking forward to the federation swimming party at the Hambleton Leisure Centre on Sunday, which has been organised by the Friends. Children can swim from 3.30-4.30pm after which there will be some party food in the sports hall. Thank you for the many offers of food - to be enjoyed after working up an appetite in the pool.

## Cross Country

Well done to the children who took part in the second round of the Cross Country event on Wednesday. A special mention to Joe and Jack at East Cowton who qualified for the finals. Your positive attitude and team spirit was highly commendable. We were really proud of you all!



**Archie Bishop news** Well done and thank you to Jack Burton at Kirkby Fleetham who held a cake sale on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February as part of his Young Leaders project. The cakes were delicious and he made an amazing £12.41 for Cancer Research. Ella and Daniel at East Cowton will be holding a charity children's book sale after school on World Book Day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, to raise money for the MRI Scanner Appeal at the Friarage Hospital and also for Martin House. If you have any unwanted children's books (in good condition please), could you bring them to school any day before next Thursday. Thank you for helping us. Many of our KS2 children have completed a challenge, photos, certificates etc are on display in school.



## Governor update

We are fortunate to have such a strong team of hardworking governors who work extremely hard to ensure they keep themselves up to date with the many changes currently taking place in education. Since Christmas they have been very busy behind the scenes ensuring the smooth running of our schools. Mr Ingram has attended a school council meeting and has been assisting with PSHE and the new medicines policy, Mr Price has been in to evaluate standards in Literacy, Mrs Wild has visited both schools to oversee our safeguarding arrangements and Mr Thompson has met with our Bursar to investigate the financial management of the school. Mrs Shields has been involved in overhauling the websites and Mrs Savage and Mrs Wyatt monitor the progress of SEN children, and Mr Cooke and Mrs Savage have been very busy this term evaluating our schools as church schools. Collette Faulks our Chair of governors visits both schools frequently to monitor progress in EYFS.

## Meet the teacher: Mrs Mann

Mrs Mann is the Junior Class teacher at East Cowton CE School and is **Maths subject leader for the federation**. She also shares responsibility for music and runs the East Cowton school choir. Mrs Mann enjoys playing the viola, flute and piano and going for bike rides with her two boys.



### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Tate for his fantastic knowledge about castles

**Beautiful Butterflies:** Colette for great enthusiasm and positive attitude toward her learning

**Excellent Elephants:** Evie for her fantastic attitude to learning

**Listening Cup:** Laura Taylor

**Achievement Shield:** Willoughby Cooke

**Caring Bear:** Isabella Hodgson

**Writer of the week:** Daniel Smithson

### **House Points News**

**Ryedale** 433 **Colette**

**Nidderdale** 455 **William F**

**Wensleydale** 503 **Evie**

**Swaledale** 467 **Korben**

Space mission: Lauren, Charlotte I, Ethan and Emma moved to the next planet

Well done Charlotte B for achieving her Gold Owl award

### **East Cowton News**

#### **News from the kitchen.**

Well done Mrs Turner at East Cowton on achieving a 5\* hygiene rating in a recent unannounced inspection of her kitchen.

#### **School Grounds**

Parents are asked to make sure that children do not play in the entrance to the school grounds, particularly the grass bank. The area is a staff car park and we want to avoid any potential accidents.

#### **Messy Church**

This week's theme was 'growth'; the children planted cress seeds and will enjoy watching them grow.

### **East Cowton Diary Dates**

Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event

Tues 1 Mar Y3/4 Quicksticks hockey

Thurs 3 Mar World Book Day

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Mon 21 Mar R/Y6 Height / weight measurement

Thurs 24 Mar Easter Service / Last day of term

Tues 12 Apr NSPCC Assembly

Tues 19 Apr Y5/6 NSPCC Childline Workshop

Fri 22 Apr Swimming (1/5)

Fri 29 Apr Swimming (2/5)

Fri 6 May Swimming (3/5)

WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

### **Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:**

**Stars of the week:** Jack Sturdy for working well in class, Thomas Landells for his Y6 attitude, Tom Beighton for reaching the top of maturity mountain and Alfie Martin for his super P.E.

### **House Point News**

**Byland 13 points last week, 342 total for the year**

**Jervaulx 17 points last week, 346 total for the year**

**Rievaulx 9 points last week, 344 total for the year**

### **Kirkby Fleetham News**

#### **Out of School Club news**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Miss Follon will be doing a Mother's Day special from 3.30-5.30pm at a cost of £5 per child. If you have not already reserved a place please let Miss Follon know if your child would like to attend.

#### **Clean for the Queen**

As part of a national campaign to clean for the Queen and class 3's Young Leaders project, the whole school will be taking part in a litter pick around the village and forest school area next Friday afternoon. They will be working alongside members of the community using special litter pickers which have been very kindly loaned by Hambleton District Council. We would appreciate it if the children could come with a warm waterproof coat, sensible shoes, hat and gloves.

#### **World Book Day**

Please could Y2 and 3 children bring to school a favourite book that they could write about next Thursday.

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Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March Mother's Day lunch

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March world book day

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday

WB 9<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATs week

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral