



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 11th December 2015

"A place where the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith underpin the social, moral, spiritual, cultural and physical wellbeing of every individual!"

Dear Parents,

It certainly feels like Christmas in both of our schools and it has been lovely to hear all the carols and other songs around school as the children make final preparations for Christmas plays and Christingle services. As a staff we have been extremely impressed with the behaviour of children in both our schools as, despite becoming increasingly excited, they are still displaying the excellent behaviour that we expect of them. We really have enjoyed watching our older children helping the younger ones in rehearsals.

The Xmas factor

Well done to the East Cowton children who have certainly got the Xmas Factor! There were some excellent performances in this week's plays, including a very mean and nasty Herod with some cool moves, some rapping wise men, dancing angels and stars, and a boy band of shepherds! Well done to all our soloists and children with main parts who did such a good job of leading the other children.

A big thankyou to Mrs Mann for all her hard work in bringing the play together. An insight into the preparations is given later in the newsletter.



Residentials Next Term

Robinwood

The Robinwood trip will soon be upon us and the final preparations are now in place. There will be 60 children from the cluster joining together for the trip, and our children will be accompanied by Mrs Dudman and Mrs Hodgson.

We will be hosting two Robinwood meetings for the parents of all schools in the cluster. These will be on Tuesday 5th January at 6pm at Kirkby Fleetham, and on Thursday 7th January at East Cowton at 6pm. At the meetings we will discuss the activities the children will be taking part in and answering any questions you or your children may have. Children are also welcome to attend. If you are not able to attend either of the meetings, please do come and see Mrs Dudman with any queries you may have.

East Barnby

The Mount Grace Federation (Swainby, Osmotherley and Ingleby Arncliffe Schools) and Ainderby Steeple School will now be joining us on our Y6 residential to East Barnby. Parents meetings for this trip will be on 23rd February 6pm at East Cowton and 24th February 6pm at Kirkby Fleetham. Parents are welcome to attend either meeting.



Christmas Dinners

Both schools have held their Christmas Dinner this week. We were pleased that some of our Governors and other volunteer helpers were able to attend, as this is our opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work over the course of the year.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears:

Beautiful Butterflies:

Excellent Elephants:

Listening Cup:

Achievement Shield:

Caring Bear:

All will be revealed
next week...

House Points News

Ryedale

Nidderdale

Wensleydale

Swaledale

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Star of the week: Alfie Martin for always trying his best, Jack Sturdy for his improved attitude and concentration, Rebecca Savage for her confident and convincing acting skills and William Stace for working so hard on learning his lines.

House Point News

Byland 11 last week, 156 this term

Jervaulx 16 last week, 173 this term

Rievaulx 11 last week, 209 this term

East Cowton News

Christmas Party

Friday the school holds its Christmas party where lunch will be: sandwiches/wraps, vegetable sticks, cakes and biscuits, crackers and LOTS OF FUN!

Class 2 newsletter

This week the children in Class 2 have produced their very own newsletter containing some fabulous articles and a selection of Christmas word problems; we are attaching a copy so that you can see what our budding reporters have been up to.

Christmas production

An insight into the preparations for our amazing production this week.



Kirkby Fleetham News

Raffle tickets

Please could all parents bring their raffle ticket stubs in to school on Monday morning so that they can be folded ready for the draw at the evening performance of the Christmas show on Tuesday night.

Christingle service Please could all children arrive at St Mary's Church in full uniform by 5.45pm on Wednesday night ready for the service at 6pm. All children will be holding lighted candles so please make sure long hair is tied back.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is next Friday morning and children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes (nothing too special we will be playing party games in the village hall). Mrs Morgan will be preparing a party lunch for the children and a special visitor might pop in with some presents before the children go home! Please collect your children from the village hall at 1.30pm

Diary Dates

Thurs 17 Dec Christingle service

Fri 18 Dec Christmas party

Fri 18 Dec School closes for the Christmas break

Mon 4 Jan Training day

Tues 5 Jan First day of term

Tues 5 Jan School reopens to children

Fri 8 Jan Swimming gala Y5/6

18 - 20 Jan Robinwood Y5

Wed 24 Jan X-Country finals

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

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Fri 11 Dec Christmas dinner

Tues 14 Dec Christmas play 2pm and 6pm

Wed 15 Dec Christingle Carol service 6pm

Fri 18 Dec Break up for Christmas 1.30pm

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