



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 12th February 2016

"A place where children develop independence, self-motivation, cooperation and creativity in their thinking!"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in both our schools; not only have we learnt about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent, but we have also explored Chinese New year and E-safety day. The children have made e-safety posters to display around school, and staff at both sites were really impressed by how much the children already knew about keeping safe online.

We have a lot of events planned for next half term so please do keep an eye on the diary dates for your school. Thursday 3rd March is World book day, and we would like to ask the children to come in dressed as a book character of their choice. Friday 18th March is sports relief day. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in sports clothes in exchange for a donation towards Sports relief. The school councils will be organising sporting events on the day!

The Early Years and Key Stage one federation afternoons on a Wednesday have proven to be very popular with pupils from both schools and Mr Windwood has really enjoyed having the Key stage one group to teach. We would like to continue next term, when the children will be learning some tennis skills.

Meet the Teacher As we strengthen our staff team over the federation we are increasingly working together to plan, assess and improve learning outcomes for all pupils. We thought it would be nice to introduce staff as some parents have mentioned that they don't know who everybody is yet.

Mrs Hume joined Kirkby Fleetham School in September 2015 and teaches the Junior class. She is an experienced teacher who has taught in both inner city and rural schools. She is the **Literacy subject leader across the federation** and is responsible for monitoring progress and improvements in reading, writing, spelling and phonics. She is also **art** subject leader across the federation and runs the choir at Kirkby Fleetham School. In her spare time she plays the piano and writes music.



Chinese New Year

The children in Early years have been learning about Chinese New year. At **East Cowton** they listened to the story behind the naming of each year, tried noodles and prawn crackers and made Chinese lanterns. At **Kirkby Fleetham** they celebrated the year of the monkey by painting monkey masks, making lanterns and eating prawn crackers. Year 2 children painted monkeys in Chinese style.



East Cowton Friends News Thankyou to everyone who came to the recent Friends 'Cake Eating Meeting' where we had plenty of cake and scones and a chance to make some plans for joint events over the coming months. We are looking forward to the swimming event on Sunday 28th Feb, and are planning something bigger for the summer term to celebrate the first year of the Federation. We would also like to welcome Frankie Cooke as the new Chair of East Cowton Friends and to publicly say a big thank you to Carrie Stokes for her very hard work over the last several years! We also welcome Anne Preston and Svenya Mitchell to the Committee. This week we also held our usual Friends meeting where we discussed the forthcoming Chocolate Bingo - look out for further details.

We will once again be collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers this year. These can be used to buy additional playtime and PE equipment for the children. Collection boxes are in the entrance to school. Many thanks.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Nate for being super at following our golden rules

Beautiful Butterflies: Lily Reed for persevering with her fractions work

Excellent Elephants: Charlotte Ingram for fantastic e-safety work

Listening Cup: Toby Gent

Achievement Shield: Daniel Harding

Caring Bear: Max James

Writer of the week: Laura Taylor

House Points News

Ryedale	372	Colette
Nidderdale	399	Sebastian
Wensleydale	423	Lily R
Swaledale	396	Daisy

Space mission: Progression to Jupiter: Lauren and Josh and **Neptune:** Jack, Evie and Charlotte B

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week: Leo Kettlewell for trying his best, Lee Stace for creating a poster about synagogues, Tara Patchett for structuring her writing with titles and headings, and Tom Beighton for super literacy work.

House Point News

Byland 25 points last week, 329 this year
Jervaulx 24 points last week, 329 this year
Rievaulx 24 points last week, 335 this year

Head Teacher Award Lily Tabberer, Alfie Martin, Lucy Shirt, Frankie Faulks, Mylo Wimmer, Oscar Holme Pearce and Grace Stephenson.

Christian Value Jack Burton (wisdom)

Kirkby Fleetham News

Pancake races

The children enjoyed pancake races on Shrove Tuesday organised by the children's worship group. They all took part in a team relay race and they had to toss the pancake as they ran. There was a lot of cheering and laughing as pancakes were caught and dropped.



East Cowton News

Hi5 Netball Our intrepid East Cowton netball team took part in the NSSG Hi5 Netball Tournament on Wednesday.

Evie, Emma, Jack, Archie, Josh and Ethan put in an excellent effort against the other teams. We were pipped at the post this occasion but had a really fun time.



Special Report Our names are Evie, Emma and Charlotte B and we held a cake stall on Monday to raise money for Sports Relief and the Donkey Sanctuary. In all we made £82.15, half going to each cause. Thank you to all who supported us.

PE lessons

Gymnastics takes place in the village hall on a Tuesday afternoon for KS2 pupils and tennis on a Wednesday at East Cowton for KS1. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate kit in school each week.

East Cowton Diary Dates

15 - 19 Feb Half term break
 Tues 23 Feb SEN Governor to meet pupils
 Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals
 Thurs 25 Feb Messy Church
 Thurs 25 Feb Governing body meeting
 Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event
 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
 Fri 22 Apr Swimming begins
 WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

15 - 19 Feb Half term break
 Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals
 Thurs 25 Feb Governing body meeting
 Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event
 Wed 2nd March Mother's Day lunch
 Thurs 3 Mar World Book Day
 Fri 4th Mar Clean for the Queen
 9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6
 Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term
 WB 9th May Y6 SATs week