



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 18th December 2015

"Nurturing a sense of awe and wonder towards the world in which we live and enabling children to participate confidently in an ever-changing global society!"

Dear Parents,

Our first term as a federation has been a very busy, but successful one. Staff now meet at fortnightly joint staff meetings for planning and professional development, and subject leadership shared across the schools is strengthening. It is proving very beneficial to be able to share ideas and to moderate and monitor the work in books across the schools, learning from each other's strengths. Next term the older children will be getting to know each other better through joint residential visits to Robinwood and East Barnby, and the younger children will be having some joint PE lessons. I would like to thank parents for their commitment to the federation and for their support during this time of transition.

Kirkby Fleetham School Rock!

This week saw Kirkby Fleetham's production of 'Hosanna Rock'. A fresh look at the Christmas message, and what is really important to us through the eyes of young children. There were some super performances including some excellent soloists, and some children conquering their fears to speak on stage for the first time. It was lovely to see confident children really enjoying themselves. A big thank you to Mrs Hume and the rest of the staff for all their hard work in bringing it all together.



Christingle Services



Both schools have taken part in Christingle services at church this week, and I'm sure that everyone who attended will agree that they were very special events. The children spent some time finding out about the children's society's work with vulnerable children in the UK, and about the symbolism of the Christingle and they were able to share this at the services. Between the two schools we raised over £100.



Young Leaders Event

The children from Class 2 have completed the first of their four projects towards the Young Leaders Award. They helped Beth at the Beeswing Inn with the Pensioner's Christmas lunch on Wednesday, they made games, wrote jokes, sang Christmas songs and also had the opportunity to take orders and make desserts. William and Lily also joined Class 2 in the choir. Well done to you all!

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Each class received a certificate this week
Beautiful Butterflies: to congratulate them
Excellent Elephants: on their outstanding
Listening Cup: performance
Achievement Shield:
Caring Bear:

House Points News

Ryedale	864	Lauren Casey
Nidderdale	920	Sebastian Thompson
Wensleydale	928	Lily Reed
Swaledale	881	Daisy Ashworth

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week: Grace Stephenson for her work with fractions and Macauley Bowers for his positive attitude

House Point News

Byland	21 points last week, 177 this term
Jervaulx	16 points last week, 189 this term
Rievaulx	14 points last week, 223 this term

East Cowton News

New member of the team

We are delighted to be able to welcome Miss Phoebe Crabbe to our staff team. Miss Crabbe will run our breakfast club and then work as a GTA supporting the Beautiful Butterflies class every morning for phonics and literacy.

Pebble Award

The pebble award for service was given to Jack Leggott.

Brilliant Bears have had a super time this week making Christmas crafts.



Kirkby Fleetham News

Farewell

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Harry and Scarlet this week. They will be greatly missed, but we wish them all the very best at Barnard Castle School and hope they will come and let us know how they're getting on from time to time.

Gambia update

This morning we received a fabulous bundle of letters and Christmas greetings for the children and staff in our partner school in Bakau New Town. It is lovely to hear about the impact that Mrs Njies visit to our school in the summer had on her class.

Diary Dates

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
Thurs 7 Jan Music service visit to showcase services
Fri 8 Jan Swimming gala Y5/6
18 - 20 Jan Robinwood Y5
Wed 24 Jan X-Country finals
15 - 19 Feb Half term break
9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

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Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From all of us at the Federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools