



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 22nd April 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,

It has been lovely to see some sunshine this week as we start to settle in to the summer term. The term ahead is a very busy one, so please do keep an eye on the diary dates for events in each School.

All parents should have received their child's curriculum letter for this term. The focus in both our schools will be on improving spelling, grammar and punctuation. As you may be aware the national expectations in this area have significantly increased and we are working very hard to ensure that our children are working at the required level. Next Wednesday morning the children from both schools will be joining together at East Cowton to meet with a children's author, Andy Seed who will be running a workshop to promote reading. We are hoping this may inspire some of our more reluctant readers to give it a go! On the day the cooks from both schools will work together at East Cowton to prepare the children's lunches as normal, and then the normal Wednesday afternoon activities will take place. It promises to be a very exciting and busy day!



Sainsbury's Active Kids

Just a reminder that we are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers and hope to collect enough to be able to buy some new playtime toys and equipment for the children. There are post boxes for the vouchers in each of our schools.

The Queen's 90th Birthday

The children have been celebrating the Queen's birthday this week, and reflecting on her many years of service. A special thankyou to Mrs Turner who decorated the school hall and tables with Union Jacks and prepared a special birthday celebration lunch at East Cowton School of Regal Roast Chicken.



Governor news

As we start the last term of our first year of federation the governors are starting to feel as if we are getting to know both schools a little bit better. We have all now had the chance to get to know staff and pupils from both schools. We are also able to see some of the advantages of the federation starting to come into force - both in terms of efficiency behind the scenes and directly with the children having opportunities together. As part of this term's Governing Board meetings we will be taking stock of how far we have come and looking to next year to see how the federation can be taken forwards. We will also be consulting with parents about their views.

Friends news The Friends of East Cowton have had to postpone the meeting scheduled for 19th April. It will now take place on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm in the Beeswing Inn. Kirkby Fleetham Friends met this week and an update will follow.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Tate for counting up to 30 and persevering to write the numbers down

Beautiful Butterflies: William F for brilliant work on his subtractions

Excellent Elephants: Daniel for his contribution in class

Listening Cup: Lauren

Achievement Shield: Sophie

Caring Bear: Daisy

Writer of the week: Max

House Points News

Ryedale	57 points	Ethan
Nidderdale	69 points	Ruby
Wensleydale	103 points	Jack B
Swaledale	55 points	Daisy

East Cowton News

Lauren Casey was confirmed on Sunday at All Saints Church. She shared her experience with the children during Collective Worship.

ChildLine workshop This week the children in year six took part in a ChildLine workshop, which helped them to think about how to keep themselves safe, and who they would talk to if they had a problem. They should all have learnt the ChildLine number by heart.

Messy Church We enjoyed having Kath in to school this week where we explored the story of the Good Samaritan, and considered the importance of looking after our neighbours. The children also iced buns and were encouraged to give them to a friend or neighbour.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Weds 27 April Andy Seed Author visit
Fri 29 Apr Swimming (2/5)
Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday
Wed 4 May Class photographs
Thurs 5 May YR vision checks
Fri 6 May Swimming (3/5)
WB 9 May Y6 SATs week
Fri 13 May Swimming (4/5)
16-20 May Christian Aid Week
Fri 20 May Swimming (5/5)
Wed 25 May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2
Fri 27 May training day
30 May - 3 Jun SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM
Thurs 9 June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School
Thur 16 Jun Y5/6 Bikeability training
Fri 17 Jun Father's Day lunch
Thur 23 June Y5/6 Bikeability training

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week:

Emma Patchett and Jack Burton for a positive attitude

Lucy Shirt for effort & attainment

William Stace for fantastic homework

House Point News

Rievaulx 13 points last week 429 this year

Jervaulx 20 points last week 494 this year

Byland 19 points last week 463 this year

Kirkby Fleetham News

DB PRIMARY Class 2 Mrs Bradshaw has set an online task on DB Primary for the children in her class to complete. A new community is now available for challenges to be completed and forums and blogs to take place. If you child has forgotten their DB primary log in details, please let us know and we will arrange.

The Eco-club warriors are very near to receiving their Silver Eco-award! One of the criteria they must complete is explaining about their work to the rest of the school and local community. The Eco-club will therefore be presenting their work and findings to the school next Friday 29th April at 3pm, alongside our regular parent worship. It would be great to see you there.

Girls' football club- next week is Girl's football week and we are very pleased that ALL of our girls have signed up for an extra lunchtime session with Mr Lofthouse!

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Thurs 28 April Lunchtime girls football session
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Wed 18th May Bikeability training
Mon 23rd May Bikeability training
Wed 25 May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2
Fri 27 May training day
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Thurs 9 June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School
Wed 15 June Group photographer in school
Thurs 16 June - Toddler Group Party
Wed 29th June Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral
Wed 6th July Federation Olympics
WB 11 July secondary schools transition days
Wed 13-14 July SFX Induction days
Tues 26th July Leavers service St Andrews 2pm