



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

"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 and carers,

This has been a short, but very busy term for us all and it's hard to believe that the Easter holidays are upon us already. Throughout this term the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and about evolution, they have worked extremely hard at both schools to improve their literacy skills, and our Year 6 pupils are now busy preparing for the year six assessments. We will be completing the Archie Bishop projects next term and there are some interesting community projects underway.

We would like to thank all the pupils and staff for their continued hard work this term, and wish everyone a very happy and relaxing Easter holidays.

## Federation PE and French lesson

Following the success of the KS1 Federation afternoons at East Cowton, we are planning to bring the whole of Kirkby Fleetham School to East Cowton on a Wednesday afternoon for a trial period next half term. The plan is that we will split the children into four age groups; EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and year 5/6. Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Tongue will continue to develop the physical skills of the EYFS children; Mr Windwood will teach PE for Key Stage one and two separately and will be supported by teaching assistants from both schools. One of the benefits of this is that the children will have the increased challenge of playing against a larger group of pupils who are the same age as themselves. All children will have the opportunity to spend some time getting to know each other and, with the exception of EYFS will also have a French lesson with Mr Green. Splitting the children into age groups this way for French will also provide additional opportunities for them to be challenged at their own level.

The Year one and two children have really enjoyed their shared afternoons:

**Oscar "Everyone plays with me!"**

**Mrs Mann "Lovely to hear the children interacting"**

**Daniel: "I like playing with Oscar"**

**Ruby "I love playing in the hall"**

**Lily T "I like playing Pacman with Mr Windwood"**



**Shakespeare in the forest** We had a fabulous time in the forest at Kirkby Fleetham where we started by exploring the woods. Some of the children then made scenery and props from items they found in the woods. All the children performed Shakespeare plays, including their own creations. After a really fun time we had hot chocolate and a biscuit - the best part of the day!

## Meet the Teacher: Mrs Rowley

Mrs Rowley is the Early Years teacher at East Cowton School and is responsible for overseeing Early Years across the federation. She is a Peer Support Teacher for the Swaledale Alliance, which means that teachers from other schools come to ask advice and observe her classroom practice. She enjoys playing the piano and walks with her family.



### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Tate Liddle for problem solving with the water run

**Beautiful Butterflies:** Sophie Turbutt for making a special effort to complete her page for the class potion book to a high standard

**Excellent Elephants:** Jack Leggott for writing an amazing piece of Shakespeare

**Listening Cup:** Daisy Mitchell

**Achievement Shield:** Alex Rowley

**Caring Bear:** Charles Bendelow for being a friendly and supportive class mate to his peers

### House Points News

Ryedale	727	Lauren
Nidderdale	628	Ruby
Wensleydale	761	Lily R and Joe
Swaledale	778	Charlotte B

### East Cowton News

**Egg Decorating** The children have had an 'eggciting' time designing and decorating eggs. We are all very impressed with the magnificent display.

**Jack Leggott** would like to thank everyone who donated food, which will be going to the Hambleton Foodstore to help those in financial crisis. Well done Jack for your hard work!



**Congratulations** to one of our foundation governors Stephen Cooke who recently won the Hambleton Community Award for Services to Young People.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 11 Apr - TRAINING DAY  
Tue 12 Apr NSPCC Assembly  
Tue 19 Apr Y5/6 NSPCC ChildLine Workshop  
Fri 22 Apr Swimming (1/5)  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April Andy Seed Author visit  
Fri 29 Apr Swimming (2/5)  
Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday  
Wed 4 May Class photographs  
Thur 5 May YR vision checks  
Fri 6 May Swimming (3/5)  
WB 9<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATs week  
Fri 13 May Swimming (4/5)  
16-20 May Christian Aid Week  
Fri 20 May Swimming (5/5)  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May training day  
Thur 9<sup>th</sup> June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School

### Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

#### **Stars of the week:**

Lily Tabberer for her progress in maths.

Macauley Bowers for his positive attitude.

Tom Beighton, Rebecca Savage, Thomas Landells, Mylo Wimmer, Macauley Bowers, Lucy Shirt, and Toby Marsh for their time away at East Barnby.

#### **House Point News**

**Rievaulx 12 points last week, 416 this year**

**Jervaulx 14 points last week, 474 this year**

**Byland 10 points last week, 444 this year**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### **Football Thursdays**

We are very pleased that James Lofthouse, FA football coach will be returning to our school next half term to teach football on Thursday afternoons. All children in the school will be taking part. He is also hoping to be able to develop girls football and will be running a taster girls session at lunchtime on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Children will need their normal PE Kits.

#### **Easter Wars (Return of the Son)!**

Jen Holder will be running a free holiday club for primary aged pupils at New Life Baptist Church, Northallerton, DL78EG, on 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am - 12 noon

#### **Good luck to Miss Follon**

We wish Miss Follon all the very best as she starts her Maternity leave, and look forward to having some exciting news to report shortly!

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28<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime girls' football session  
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Thur 9<sup>th</sup> June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June Group photographer in school  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup> June - Toddler Group Party  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral  
Wed 13-14<sup>th</sup> July SFX Induction days  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> July Leavers service St Andrews 2pm