



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

"A dynamic community inspiring a lifelong love of learning where every individual is valued and every achievement celebrated!"

At the federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham all staff strongly believe that enjoyment of reading is of vital importance to children throughout all areas of their learning. On Wednesday both schools came together at East Cowton to be entertained by Andy Seed a noted author of children's books. The children had a fantastic time learning and reciting rhymes and the readings were followed by book signings and sales. It was wonderful to see them laughing and enjoying books together, and also to see them huddled together sharing his books at lunchtimes and playtimes.



If you would like help to support you at home with hearing your child read, you could visit the book trust website for ideas:

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/>

## Tour de Yorkshire

The Tour passes through Northallerton on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May as it works its way from Middlesbrough to end in Scarborough. To celebrate the event Northallerton School and Sixth Form will be opening its grounds to the public. If you are looking for a day out and need somewhere to watch the race, there will be car parking available on the school grounds from 8.30am - 4pm. There will also be tea, coffee, bacon butties and typical Yorkshire cream teas on sale all day, with a number of fundraising events and activities arranged. If the weather is good, they also hope to have a teddy bear's picnic for children bringing their own picnic and teddy and some large outdoor games out to play. Everyone is invited!

## Statutory Assessments

A number of parents have been asking about the end of key stage assessments for our pupils, particularly the **KS1 tests**. As you may have heard on the news, the KS1 Spelling Punctuation and Grammar test has been withdrawn this year due to the materials being inadvertently distributed among the sample papers. We will however, still need to teacher assess this area. We will carry out the KS1 tests for reading and maths as part of normal classroom practice during the month of May, and do not want children to feel under any pressure whatsoever.

**KS2 SATs week** commences on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May: English reading test
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Paper 1 grammar punctuation and spelling  
Paper 2 spelling
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Maths paper 1 arithmetic  
Maths paper 2 reasoning
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Maths paper 3 reasoning

The teachers have been busy preparing the children for these tests and are trying to keep the pressure on the children to a minimum. This year results of the KS2 tests will be given as a standardised score, rather than as a level, and these results will be published mid-July.

The **year one phonics test** will take place at some point during the week beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>. Again, this will be part of normal classroom practice.

Should you have any questions about the tests, please do contact your child's class teacher.

### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Daisy for great numeracy, ordering and using CM's

**Beautiful Butterflies:** The whole class for their wonderful work with Andy Seed, our visiting author and their Kung Fu punctuation

**Excellent Elephants:** Sebastian for his independent writing

**Listening Cup:** Daniel H

**Achievement Shield:** Ellie H

**Caring Bear:** Lily R

**Writer of the week:** Ella Reed for her 'Wanted' poster and using a dictionary and thesaurus to self-improve

#### House Points News

**Ryedale** 81 points **Ethan**

**Nidderdale** 82 points **Ruby**

**Wensleydale** 127 points **Lily R**

**Swaledale** 72 points **Alex**

**Headteacher Award** Charles Bendelow

### Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

**Stars of the week:** Rebecca Savage, Lucy Shirt and Frankie Faulks for their resilience and reflective learning. Aidan Macmillan for his literacy and maths work. Lee Stace for his creative writing.

#### House Point News

**Rievaulx** 15 points last week 444 this year

**Jervaulx** 17 points last week 511 this year

**Byland** 17 points last week 480 this year

#### Space Mission

Well done to Lucy, Frankie, Darcy, Mia, Aidan, Kaiden, and Will for moving up to the next level on space mission.

#### Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Thomas, Nel and Mylo

### East Cowton News

**Chimney inspection** Work is being carried out on the chimney near the main reception area.

Workmen may be on site when the children arrive at school, parents are therefore asked to take care when entering the school grounds.

We are extremely grateful to **The John Dakyn (Educational) Trust** for offering to fund a new listening cup. This will replace the existing cup, which has been awarded to many children during its time.

**SATS WEEK 9-12<sup>th</sup> May** During this week Y6 children are invited for breakfast at 8.20am free of charge. The club will be in the classroom with Mrs Mann and there is no need to pre book.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

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 Jun Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School

Thur 16 Jun Y5/6 Bikeability training

Fri 17 Jun Father's Day lunch

Thur 23 Jun Y5/6 Bikeability training

Fri 24 Jun Armed Forces Day 7 for service children

Wed 29 Jun Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

### Kirkby Fleetham News

**Congratulations!** We were delighted to hear that Miss Follon had a baby boy, Freddie, last Saturday weighing 10lb 7oz. We hear that both of them are doing very well.

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**Alfie** We will be very sad to say goodbye to Alfie Martin next week as he moves out of the area to a new school. We are extremely grateful to Emily and Julian Martin for their commitment and unwavering support of the school over many years, they will be sadly missed.

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Wed 15 Jun Group photographer in school

Thurs 16 Jun - Toddler Group Party

Tues 21 Jun Father's day lunch

Wed 29 Jun Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

Wed 6 Jul Federation Olympics

WB 11 Jul secondary schools transition days

Wed 13-14 Jul SFX Induction days

Tue 26 Jul Leavers service St Andrews 2pm