



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 4th March 2016

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



World Book Day As you can see from the photographs the children came to school in a wonderful mix of creative costumes, and they thoroughly enjoyed talking about their favourite books. Reading for pleasure and a love of books is something that we encourage in all our children, and there is much evidence to show that it helps children to develop in all the other subjects as well. All children will have brought a £1 book token home and we would encourage parents to help them to choose a book from the World book day range in bookshops. Children in East Cowton can also order online though Scholastic or by cheque with Mrs Bainbridge.

Bakau New Town School - Sticking with the book theme, thank you to those parents who sent in some money for books for the new library for our link school in the Gambia. The headteacher from the school has sent a letter to thank us (attached) and the children of the school have written some lovely letters to our children.



Friends swimming pool party

It was fabulous to see so many of our children at the Swimming pool party on Sunday. Many of you have commented on what a lovely afternoon it was. Thank you to the friends of both schools, and particularly Linda Bainbridge for organising it - A huge success!

Holidays in term time When Ofsted make a judgement about our schools, they will consider attendance rates, and what is being done by the school to improve them. This will help to form their judgement about pupil behaviour and well being.

Please may we remind parents of the legislation regarding holidays in term time. The government has made it very clear that headteachers are not expected to authorise any term time holidays. The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Such as:

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production of confirmation from the organisation/company
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

Please note that any child whose attendance falls below 90% will be classed as a persistent absentee.

Meet the Teacher: Mrs Bradshaw

Mrs Bradshaw joined Kirkby Fleetham school in September 2015 and teaches the year 2 and 3 children in the mornings. Mrs Bradshaw is RE subject leader for the federation. In her spare time she enjoys baking and spending time with her family at their family caravan in Whitby.



Headlice

We have had cases of headlice reported in school this week. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.



East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: George Reed for his fantastic number work

Beautiful Butterflies: William Reed for fantastic work and enthusiasm in phonics

Excellent Elephants: Joe Flintoff for determination in his work

Listening Cup: Lilly Blakey

Achievement Shield: Ella Reed

Caring Bear: Korben Treanor

Writers of the week: Emma Kirby and Daisy Mitchell

House Points News

Ryedale 454 **Charlotte I**

Nidderdale 432 **Ruby**

Wensleydale 570 **Jack B**

Swaledale 540 **Charlie**

Space mission: Congratulations to Joe and Toby for moving two planets

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week:

Jack Sturdy for his efforts in tennis, Owen Verity for his maths work and presentation, Darcy Harper for her exceptional progress in writing, Mia Verity for her invented animal hybrid and Toby marsh for his efforts in Y6 SATS revision.

House Point News

Byland 39 points last week, 381 this year

Jervaulx 33 points last week, 379 this year

Rievaulx 25 points last week, 369 this year

Head Teacher Award

Lee Stace, Leo Kettlewell and Emma Patchett

East Cowton News

Parents evening arrangements: We will be holding a parent's evening on Wednesday 16th March a sign-up list will follow shortly.

Chocolate Bingo will now be on Fri 11th Mar at 6pm in East Cowton Village Hall. No tickets needed, just come along and join the fun. Donations of prizes of Easter Eggs or other chocolatey items are welcome; please bring them to school on Friday or the hall on the evening.

Book Sale Well done Ella and Daniel leading exciting activities during literacy and raising £44.40 at their book sale yesterday. They have agreed that the proceeds will be split 50/50 between their chosen charities.

Kirkby Fleetham News

Parents evening arrangements: We will be holding a parent's evening on Tuesday 22nd March. Further details will follow shortly.

Our children enjoyed a lovely afternoon exploring the books and facilities at our **village community library** as part of their world book day activities yesterday. Children and parents are reminded that the library is open in the village hall every Saturday morning. Please support this fabulous free facility!

East Cowton Diary Dates

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Fri 11 Mar Friends Chocolate Bingo - Village Hall

Weds 16th Mar Parents evening

Mon 21 Mar R/Y6 Height / weight measurement

Thurs 24 Mar Easter Service / Last day of term

Monday 11 April - TRAINING DAY

Tues 12 Apr NSPCC Assembly

Tues 19 Apr Y5/6 NSPCC Childline Workshop

Fri 22 Apr Swimming (1/5)

Fri 29 Apr Swimming (2/5)

Fri 6 May Swimming (3/5)

WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

Fri 13 May Swimming (4/5)

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby

Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

Monday 11 April - TRAINING DAY

Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday

WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

Fri 27th May training day

Wed 15th June Group photographer in school

Wed 29th June Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

Wed 13th July SFX Induction day