



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 4th December 2015

"Provides a safe, caring, fun, stimulating and challenging learning environment!"

Dear Parents,

Nursery Birthday party

East Cowton Nursery has now been running for over a year and the children decided to celebrate this milestone with a birthday party. They worked hard to get everything prepared and wrote an invitation to their friends at Kirkby Fleetham who baked cakes to bring with them.

As you will be aware our **Christingle services** will be happening in the next two weeks. These services have been happening in schools and churches for 47 years. They are celebrations that include songs, prayers and performances and end with the lighting of a candle by each child. They are also a way of supporting the children's society to work with some of the most disadvantaged children in the country. In the next few days your child will be bringing a cardboard Christingle home with them which they may like to fill with a donation to the children's society and return to school by the end of term.



Friends news

Last Friday evening the East Cowton children were treated to a movie night, and the film 'Minions' was a real hit! Thank you to the Friends for organising the event and providing the hot dogs and popcorn. A special thank you also to Mr Blackwood for providing the big screen and projector.

It was good to see so many families at the Kirkby Fleetham chocolate Bingo last night. Many thanks to all the parents who provided the prizes, and to the friends for serving the refreshments.

Most of the 'grow a pound' money is now in and the children have raised well over £800!! Well done everybody! Certificates will be awarded at parent worship next Friday. If you didn't take part in the event please could you make sure you have returned your pound to school.

Joint Swimming activity

The Friends from both schools will be jointly organising a shared swimming party at Northallerton pool on Sunday 28th February, 3.30-4.30 swim, then party food in the sports hall till 5.15pm. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas arrangements at East Cowton

Next Wednesday (9th) is the first matinee performance of Christmas Stars at 2pm. After the performance children will get changed and walk back to school to be collected as normal. Club with Mr Windwood will go ahead as usual.

On Thursday children will again be collected from school, but should return to the village hall for 5.30pm where they will change back into their costumes for a 6pm performance. Children will be collected from the village hall at 7.15pm.

The friends will be holding a raffle and serving Christmas treats and drinks after the evening performance on Thursday.

Christmas arrangements at Kirkby Fleetham

On Tuesday 15th December the first performance of Hosanna Rock is at 2pm. Please can all parents collect their children from school as usual. Children will bring their clothes home with them and should return to the village hall at 5.40pm for a 6pm start.

The friends will be drawing the raffle at the end of the performance.

On Wednesday 16th. Please could all children arrive at church in their school uniforms by 5.45pm ready for our Christingle service at 6pm.

After School Club will continue as usual both nights.

we would be very grateful if anyone has any large cardboard boxes we could use to decorate for scenery and props.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Daisy Ashworth for fantastic handwriting and using joins

Beautiful Butterflies: Korben Treanor for determination with place value

Excellent Elephants: Evie Flintoff for working extra hard in maths

Listening Cup: Jack Blakey

Achievement Shield: Ethan Ingram

Caring Bear: Charlotte Williams

House Points News

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| Ryedale | 700 | Toby Gent |
| Nidderdale | 738 | Sebastian Thompson |
| Wensleydale | 772 | Jack Blakey |
| Swaledale | 701 | Alex Rowley |

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Star of the week: Scarlet Sinclair for her creative ideas and original thinking, Mia Verity for her progress in writing, Leo Kettlewell for being bright and bubbly and always trying his best and Oscar Holme Pearce for writing his name independently.

House Point News

Byland 10 last week, 161 this term

Jervaulx 8 last week, 157 this term

Rievaulx 14 last week, 198 this term

Space Mission

Well done to Harry Sinclair who has completed Venus and has moved on to Earth.

East Cowton News

School Production We are looking forward to the school production next week, remember to contact the School Office for tickets. We are also looking for donations of prizes for the raffle and also mince pies to be served at the evening performance. Any donations would be welcome! Face paints will be used if the children wish, **please let us know if your child has any known reaction to the paint.**

Mrs Turner is planning a parents and siblings lunch for Wednesday 20th January. More details will be coming out after Christmas.

The Christingle service is in church at 2pm on 17th December. Please join us for coffee and mince pies in the school hall afterwards.



Miss Schwald The children said farewell to Miss Schwald during celebration assembly this week, presenting her with a card made of fingerprints.

Fitness club with Kath will be cancelled next week.

Kirkby Fleetham News

Advent lunch Mrs Morgan really excelled herself with the delicious parent lunch this week. 19 parents came to join us and it was lovely to see our school so full of people.

Forest School Despite the rain we had a lovely time gathering natural resources to create art and sculptures on Monday afternoon.



The children chose things to bring back with them so that they could continue creating in school.

Reading books Please can all the children make sure they have their **reading books and reading records** in school every day. We strive to make sure the children read 3 times a week in school, through guided or individual reading. We expect all children to read at home regularly and have their reading records signed by an adult.

Diary Dates

Wed 9 Dec Christmas dinner
Wed 9 Dec Christmas play matinee/dress rehearsal
Thurs 10 Dec Christmas play 2pm and 6pm
Thurs 17 Dec Christingle service
Thurs 17 Dec Christmas party
Fri 18 Dec School closes for the Christmas break
Mon 4 Jan Training day
Tues 5 Jan School reopens to children
Fri 8 Jan Swimming gala Y5/6
18 - 20 Jan Robinwood Y5
Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event
9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

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Fri 11 Dec Christmas dinner
Wed 15 Dec Christmas play 2pm and 6pm
Thurs 16 Dec Christingle Carol service 6pm
Fri 18 Dec Christmas party
Fri 18th December Break up for Christmas 1.30pm
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