



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 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,

We are lucky to have such a supportive group of parents in our schools, and this week saw the first joint Friends meeting. Parents from both schools came together to discuss a number of joint projects, the first of which will be the swimming event on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, details will be provided next week.

## **SIAMS**

We are very pleased with the Kirkby Fleetham SIAMS report which judges the school to be good and highlights some clear improvements since the last inspection. The inspectors comment that 'The school through its Christian character, provides a safe, secure and caring environment in which children flourish and make good progress socially and academically'. The full report should be available on our website by Monday.

## **Literacy Focus**

As you will be aware, both of our schools are focussing on improving literacy this term. On Monday Mrs Mann's class travelled to Kirkby Fleetham to begin work with Mrs Hume's class on a joint explanation and story writing project. After thrashing out lots of ideas, and experimenting with technological vocabulary to improve their work, they all designed an imaginary machine. The ideas were very creative and futuristic and included ideas such as Willoughby's 'train transporter' which can take you anywhere in the world by touching a globe, Lucy Shirt's 'Guardian angel 3000', to protect and strengthen the weakened warrior, and Kaiden's PTD, a machine to undo past mistakes. Work on this project will continue throughout next week.

## **Phonics and Grammar evening**

Thank you to those parents who came to the phonics and grammar evening on Wednesday night. Teachers from both schools explained how we teach phonics and spelling in school from our 3 year olds right up to our oldest year 6 pupils, they explained how the expectations for even our very youngest children have been significantly increased, particularly in grammar. **The importance of hearing children read at home was emphasised** as this is where children become familiar with spelling and grammar rules that they will be applying in their writing. Handouts from the evening are available on request.

## **NSPCC Number Day**

Today is the NSPCC's number day. Our Key stage two pupils have used this as an opportunity to explore child poverty and food waste in the UK. They have taken part in the 'Live below the line' project in which they had to plan 5 days' worth of meals for a family of 4 with a budget of £20. It was interesting to see what they counted as essential items at the end of the project.

## **E safety day**

Next Tuesday is e-safety day and our children will be reminding themselves about how to keep safe on line. Should you wish to help your children at home with this, there is advice for parents and carers on the CEOP website [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) or alternately [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Daisy for super subtraction and addition

**Beautiful Butterflies:** Charlie Ashworth for his great topic work

**Excellent Elephants:** Emma Kirby for using amazing technological vocabulary in literacy

**Listening Cup:** Oliver Leggott

**Achievement Shield:** Charlotte Williams

**Caring Bear:** Alex Rowley

**Writer of the week:** Colette Cooke and Charles Bendelow

### **House Points News**

<b>Ryedale</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>Ellie Haymer</b>
<b>Nidderdale</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>Ruby Helliar</b>
<b>Wensleydale</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>Jack Leggott</b>
<b>Swaledale</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>Daisy Mitchell</b>

**Space mission:** Isabella Ruby and Daisy got their astronaut selection

### East Cowton News

**Grandparents lunch** We were delighted that so many grandparents could join us for lunch this Thursday; we would like to thank Mrs Turner for her hard work. The children were proud to show their grandparents around their classes and some of the displays of their work.

**Archie Bishop News** As part of the Archie Bishop project, Evie Flintoff prepared a fabulous meal of chicken pesto pasta for her family and Jack Leggott made a special presentation to Mrs Turner as a random act of kindness.



### East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 8 Feb Cake stall after school

Tues 9 Feb Friends meeting

Wed 10 Feb Hi5 Netball

15 - 19 Feb Half term break

Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals

Thurs 25 Feb Messy Church

Thurs 25 Feb Governing body meeting

Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

### Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

**Stars of the week:** Brogan Kirk for amazing maths, Grace Stephenson for her hard work in maths, Aidan for his enthusiasm in topic work and Will Hume for his clay work.

### **House Point News**

**Byland 19 points last week, 304 this year**

**Jervaulx 23 points last week, 305 this year**

**Rievaulx 19 points last week, 311 this year**

**Head Teacher Award** Owen Verity (3<sup>rd</sup>), Brogan Kirk (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Christian Value** Emma Patchett (friendship)

### Kirkby Fleetham News



The children in class 1 are enjoying the topic about castles and this week Sir Oscar came to visit us. He has completed his training to become a knight.

In class 2 the children are looking at explanation texts. They have been set a challenge to find an explanation text at home and explain what the features of the text type. We look forward to hearing about what they find.

Next Friday (12.2.16) class 3 will be looking at things that are important to us, linking in with our work on the creation. Mrs Bradshaw would be very grateful if the children could bring in something that is special to them, and explain how and why it is important. Nothing too valuable or breakable please! Thank you.

We would also like tell you about Jack Burton's cake sale after school next Friday. Jack has decided to organise a cake sale in aid of Cancer Research as part of his Young Leaders project and would be very grateful for customers. He is also doing a sponsored swim should anyone wish to sponsor him to do as many lengths as he can in half an hour.

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