



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first federation newsletter! At the recent parent forum meetings, discussions were held with parents about the current format of the newsletters. At both schools, parents felt that they would like to have a joint newsletter so that they could feel more like they were part of a federation and start to get to know the other school a little better. As you will see the children in both schools follow a very similar curriculum and share many of the same experiences.

## The federation takes part in a British Values project

A huge well done goes to Daniel and Emma from East Cowton and Mia, Frankie and Darcy from Kirkby Fleetham who last Friday represented our schools extremely well when they joined fifteen children from other local small schools for an exciting project on 'British Values'. They worked with a performance artist and through some games and drama activities they explored the four pillars of British Values; Rule of Law, Democracy, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

There are some follow up activities planned for children to carry out with their peers in their own schools, and then the original five children will be involved in making a short film about what they have learned. This film will then be used as a learning resource across the five schools involved.



## Governor news

This week saw the third full Governing body meeting of the term. Governors hold responsibility for the standards in the school and have an important role to play in monitoring all that is going on across the federation. We are very lucky to have such a committed and hardworking team to support us. Mr Price our link governor for standards and progress has been in to meet with Mrs Hume our English subject leader and Mrs Mann our maths subject leader. Mr Thompson has been in school to meet with our business manager to monitor how we are using our budgets, Mrs Wild has looked at the safeguarding documents, Mr Cooke has been in to Kirkby Fleetham to monitor Collective worship and Mr Ingram has been in to school to monitor the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of our curriculum. Mrs Faulks our Chair of governors regularly visits both schools to oversee all the work that is going on.

If you would like to know more about who our governors are there are now profiles on our websites.



**Lunches** As small schools we are lucky to have our own school cooks and freshly prepared meals each day. Both our cooks are extremely committed, and during NY County Caterer's recent World Food week event, they cooked enough meals between them for Unilever to donate over 200 meals to children around the world who do not have a meal each day. Well done Mrs Turner and Mrs Morgan!

NYCC have recently been awarded the Soil Association Bronze Award Food for Life Catering Mark, which recognises the high quality and sustainable elements of the meals provided in school.

The children at Kirkby Fleetham have enjoyed learning about Thanksgiving this week and enjoyed their special American themed lunch yesterday. Many thanks to Mrs MacMillan for the information she sent in to the Junior class.



### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Tate Little for sharing fantastic information about nocturnal animals

**Beautiful Butterflies:** William Francis for amazing literacy work

**Excellent Elephants:** Willoughby Cooke for excellent maths division

**Listening Cup:** Sebastian Thompson

**Achievement Shield:** Charlie Ashworth

**Caring Bear:** Oliver Leggott

### House Points News

**Ryedale** 605 **Lauren, Charlotte I and Ethan**

**Nidderdale** 638 **Sebastian**

**Wensleydale** 713 **Max**

**Swaledale** 617 **Daisy**

**Space Mission** Well done to all the children who have moved up a planet level this week

### Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

**Star of the week:** Jack Burton for trying really hard and making super progress, and Mylo Wimmer for a positive attitude towards his school work.

### House Point News

**Byland** 16 last week, **151** this term

**Jervaulx** 14 last week, **153** this term

**Rievaulx** 16 last week **184** this term

### Space Mission

Well done to Toby and Mylo who have both completed Venus and moved on to Earth

### Kirkby Fleetham News

As part of our latest fundraiser, many of the children held stalls at our 'Christmas Market' on Wednesday. It was evident that many of them had worked extremely hard to make their pound 'grow'. We clearly have some budding Alan Sugars in our midst!

**Chocolate Bingo** Thank you for the donations of chocolate that have started to come in to school. Our family Bingo evening will take place in the Village Hall at 6pm next Thursday evening. The friends will be serving refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Forest Schools** On Monday afternoon the whole school will be going to visit Forest School. Please could all children bring their boots, waterproof trousers (if they have them) or old trousers - no denim, hat, gloves and warm coats.

**Open Morning** There were lots of visitors for our open morning this week, and the children enjoyed being able to share their learning with Parents and visitors. The children in EYFS particularly enjoyed listening to Oscar's mummy reading goats Gruff in Norwegian!



### East Cowton News

**School Council News** We held our first School Council meeting this week with Jack Leggott as Chair and Emma Kirby as Vice Chair. The Council put forward suggestions for outdoor learning, forest schools and ICT development. A new 'suggestions board' has been put up in the children's cloakroom to let any child put up their ideas.

**Christmas Science Day** We holding a Creative Christmas Science Day on Fri 11 December. We need donations of glass jam jars with lids. Each child needs a white sock and small buttons, any colour.

**Stay and Play** Our next stay and play session is on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> December. They allow prospective Nursery and Reception children to come and spend time with us. Parents are welcome to stay with children.

**Christmas Production** The children are busy preparing for the Christmas production. Look out for letters about the allocation of tickets. We would also welcome raffle prizes.

### Diary Dates

Tues 1 Dec PCSO McNeill visit to Y5/6

Thurs 3 Dec Messy Church at 2.45

Fri 4 Dec EYFS Birthday Party

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

9 - 11 Mar Fast Barnbv Y6

### Diary dates

**Mon 30 Nov Forest Schools - whole School**

Weds 2 Dec Advent lunch - all parents welcome

Thurs 3 Dec Chocolate Bingo 6pm - **Village Hall**

Fri 4 Dec EYFS to East Cowton for birthday party

Fri 11 Dec Christmas dinner

Wed 15 Dec Christmas play 2pm and 6pm

Thurs 16 Dec Christingle Carol service 6pm

Fri 18 Dec Break up for Christmas 1.30pm

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