



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

"Learning through friendship, faith and respect, the possibilities are endless..."

Dear Parents,  
**SIAMS report**

We are thrilled to have been graded as Outstanding in all areas in our SIAMS inspection at East Cowton last week. We were especially proud that the inspector commented on the strength of the whole school community and the behaviour of our children: 'Distinctive Christian values are woven throughout the curriculum and life of the school, impacting extremely positively on children and enabling them to thrive in their behaviour and personal development, which are exemplary'.

Thank you to all the whole school community who contributed to this Judgement.

### **Staffing news**

We are sad to have to inform you that Mrs Hodgson will be leaving **East Cowton School** at half term. Mrs Hodgson has worked at the school for 5 years and has developed her skills to become an excellent teaching assistant. We know that she will be sadly missed by all staff, parents and children, but wish her well as she embarks on her new job as a Pre-School Practitioner, which will be nearer to home and more convenient for her family. We are delighted that Miss Richardson has agreed to cover the TA role until Christmas to allow us time to find a replacement.

At **Kirkby Fleetham School** we are thrilled for Mrs Smith who is expecting her first baby in spring next year. Mrs Smith will be leaving us at Christmas and we will be advertising for a temporary replacement until Miss Follon returns from her maternity leave.



The Kirkby Fleetham children had another visit from a parent this week to talk about his work. The children in Class 2 prepared some very insightful questions for Mr Burton, who was a coal miner in New Zealand for many years. The children were thoroughly engrossed with his tales from the mine! Mr Burton's picture will be placed in the Career Corner in Class 2. If any other parents would be willing to **come into either school** and talk about their jobs, we would be delighted to hear from you.

### **Harvest Festival**

The children at East Cowton held their Harvest festival service in church yesterday. Class one told the story of the little Red Hen beautifully, and class 2 shared a story about church mice discovering that harvest festival is about more than a church full of food! Thank you to parents for their generous donations which will be taken to the food bank in Darlington.

The annual bread auction that followed has so far raised £107.00 for school fund. Our year 6 pupils skilfully led the annual bread auction back in school; they have certainly mastered the art of getting money out of parents! Well done to all the designers and bakers. your bread looked delicious!



## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Super Snakes:** William F for his effort in literacy

**Perfect Pandas:** Sophie for writing a fantastic limerick

**Achievement Shield:** Daisy for always working hard in numeracy

**Listening Cup:** Daniel S

**Caring Bear:** Willoughby

**House Points News**

**Richmond 442 points Emma**

**Middleham 408 points Abby**

**Bolton 332 points Daniel S**

**East Cowton News**

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** We are now the proud owners of a number of stopwatches, compasses, bean bags, scales, assorted balls and hoops. We are extremely grateful to everyone who collected and donated vouchers and to Mr Helliar for coordinating.

**MacMillan Coffee**

**Morning** The final total raised for this amazing charity is £158.02 as there were final sales on the door after school. Our thanks go to all who made (and ate) cake. Thank you for supporting us.



**East Cowton Diary Dates**

Wed 12 Oct - Y3-6 X-Country

Thur 13 Oct - Y6 Crucial Crew

Tue 18 Oct - Fire Service talk

Tue 18 Oct - Full governing body meeting

Fri 21 Oct - Break up for half term

Mon 31 Oct - School open

Wed 2 Nov - Parents evening

Thur 3 Nov - Y5/6 Football

Thur 10 Nov - X-Country Finals

Fri 11 Nov - Remembrance Service

Tue 15 Nov - Individual school photographs

Wed 16 Nov - Y1-3 Flu Vaccinations

Wed 16 Nov - Friends AGM

Fri 18 Nov - Children in Need Day

Wed 23 Nov - Y5/6 Girls Football

Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting

Wed 7 Dec - Christmas lunch

Thur 8 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm

Thur 15 Dec - Christingle service 2pm

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

**Stars of the week:** William H for concentrating and focusing on his work, Oscar and George for running at the KS1 fun run and Brogan for her amazing maths.

**House Points News**

**Richmond 32 points 72 total for the year**

**Middleham 24 points 88 total for the year**

**Bolton 31 points 99 total for the year**

**Kirkby Fleetham News**

**Shoebboxes for Romania**

During her visit to school this week Jen shared with the children the reason why we send shoeboxes to the Children in Romania at Christmas. If you would like to fill a shoebox but are unsure about anything please do speak to a member of staff. We also have a number of parents who are experts!



Parents at Kirkby Fleetham have increasingly been interested in how the children have been getting creative at play times inventing

their own imaginary villages and towns out of natural materials. Through self-directed play, the children have developed beautiful houses, transport systems and places of worship, as well as devising rules, songs, anthems and characters for their amazing natural creations. They have set up trade deals and even ventured into politics! This has become a whole school playtime project that has completely captured their imaginations. Do come and have a look if you are picking up or dropping off.

**Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates**

Wed 12 Oct - Y3-6 X-Country

Tue 18 Oct - Harvest Festival 10.30am St Mary's

Fri 21 Oct - Break up for half term

Mon 31 Oct - School open

Tue 1 Nov - Parents evening

Thur 3 Nov - Y5/6 Football

Wed 9 Nov - Y1-3 Flu Vaccinations

Thur 10 Nov - X-Country Finals

Fri 18 Nov - Children in Need Day

Wed 23 Nov - Y5/6 Girls Football

Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting

Thur 1 Dec - Advent lunch (parents welcome)

Tue 13 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm

Wed 14 Dec - Christmas lunch