



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 15th April 2016

"A place where children develop independence, self-motivation, cooperation and creativity in their thinking!"

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holidays and managed to spend some nice family time together. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and ready for the term ahead.

We had our first Federation PE and French afternoon this week which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children despite the torrential rain. Mr Windwood was particularly impressed with how well the children co-operated and mixed together in their PE lesson and commented on how enjoyable the session was.

We have other federation events in the pipeline, including a social event to be organised by the joint Friends committees.

Please can I remind all parents of the importance of reading with your children at home. As part of their homework, we expect each child to read to someone at home at least three times a week, and for this to be recorded in their reading record so that staff can monitor it. There will be a number of reading initiatives over the course of this term including an author visit and a reading challenge.

Governor News

As always, the governors have been very busy behind the scenes ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. This week they have attended training by the diocese about what makes our church schools distinctive from other schools and they have also been into East Cowton school monitoring progress and achievement.



We welcome Tom Sturdy to Nursery at Kirkby Fleetham and Serenity Treanor to Nursery at East Cowton. They have both settled in very quickly and we are really enjoying getting to know them. We also Welcome Mrs Smith who is the teaching assistant covering Miss Follon's maternity leave.



Emergency contact details Schools must hold up to date information about children, most importantly where to send correspondence and who to contact in the event of an emergency. This information is provided when your child joins the school but we are aware that it may change over time. This Friday we have sent home data collection sheets, parents must check the sheets to make sure that the information held is accurate, mark any changes and **return the forms to the school office by Monday 18th April**. Mrs Ient (Kirkby Fleetham) or Mrs Shields (East Cowton) must also be informed of any changes that take place throughout the year, to make sure that we can contact you or a person nominated by you in the event of an emergency. Where possible, we ask that you provide four local contacts to make sure that an adult is available in the event of an emergency.

Friends news The next Friends of East Cowton School meeting is next week, on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm in the Beeswing, all are welcome. There are also a few fabric shopping bags that were made in 2014, now being sold at the bargain price of £2.50, contact Sharon Crisp if you would like one. The Kirkby Fleetham Friends meeting on Thursday 21st has been cancelled. New date will follow shortly.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Serenity for a brilliant start in her first week and always being ready to learn

Beautiful Butterflies: William R for overcoming his uncertainties and asking for help to be able to achieve his goals

Excellent Elephants: Josh for his input into our global friends topic

Listening Cup: Charlie A

Achievement Shield: Jack B

Caring Bear: Evie

House points will
be awarded next
week!

House Points News

Ryedale

Nidderdale

Wensleydale

Swaledale

East Cowton News

Trainee Teacher We would like to welcome Natalia Brown to our fold. Natalie is spending time in Class 2 during the final stages of her teacher training.

Early years children are doing a project in the literacy sessions about 'home'. Would parents provide a picture of their home to share with the group.

School Finance On 1st April the Federation moved to a single bank account, with the aim that both schools will be using a cashless system in the new school year. Until that time, any cheques to be paid to the school should be made out to 'ECKF Federation'.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Tues 19 Apr Y5/6 NSPCC ChildLine Workshop

Thurs 21 Apr Messy Church

Fri 22 Apr Swimming (1/5)

Weds 27 April Andy Seed Author visit

Fri 29 Apr Swimming (2/5)

Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday

Wed 4 May Class photographs

Thurs 5 May YR vision checks

Fri 6 May Swimming (3/5)

WB 9 May Y6 SATs week

Fri 13 May Swimming (4/5)

16-20 May Christian Aid Week

Fri 20 May Swimming (5/5)

Wed 25 May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2

Fri 27 May training day

Thurs 9 June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week:

House Point News

Rievaulx

Jervaulx

Byland 34

There are no awards this week, watch this space for an update in the next newsletter!

Head teacher Award

Kirkby Fleetham News

Children at Kirkby Fleetham have thoroughly been enjoying their new science topic on the human body. Here they are 'drawing out' their existing knowledge and interesting misconceptions about the inner workings of our bodies! Thank you to all those children who have been bringing in books to support our learning in class.



Football All children in school will be taking part in football sessions with an FA Coach this term. Please make sure they have suitable kit in school every Thursday.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

Weds 27 April Andy Seed Author visit East Cowton

Thurs 28 April Lunchtime girls football session

Mon 2 May School closed for Bank Holiday

WB 9 May Y6 SATs week

Wed 25 May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2

Fri 27 May training day

Thurs 9 June Y2 art day, Great Smeaton School

Wed 15 June Group photographer in school

Thurs 16 June - Toddler Group Party

Wed 29th June Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

Wed 6th July Federation Olympics

Wed 13-14 July SFX Induction days

Tues 26th July Leavers service St Andrews 2pm