



Newsletter

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

In our school family we offer a safe, secure and caring environment where children can flourish as individuals.



The younger children from both of our schools were excited to meet up again this week and share their learning. It is lovely to see new friendships forming and the children working and playing so well together. Mr Windwood has been very pleased with how well the year one and two children are challenging each other and working together to improve their performance in gymnastics.

Friends News - dates for your diaries!

The Friends of both Kirkby Fleetham and East Cowton schools have arranged a joint 'Cake Eating' get together/ meeting for parents for 8pm on Tues 2nd Feb 2016 at East Cowton School. All parents of both schools are welcome. This is just an informal get together and is a chance to get to know parents at the 'other' school.

The joint Friends Swimming event at Hambleton Leisure Centre is on Sunday 28th Feb from 3.30pm - 4.30. Children can get into the changing rooms from about 3.15 so they're ready to party! The sports hall is booked afterwards from 4.30-5.15 and there will be party food for the children. More information to follow nearer the time.

Final Reminders For the Y5 trip to Robinwood

As you are no doubt aware, the forecast is for the weather to be very cold next week, and although many of the activities are inside, we will still be outside for a large proportion of the day. Please make sure your child has plenty of warm clothes, a warm hat and a spare pair of **named** gloves. Children will need to travel in sturdy shoes and a warm waterproof coat as coaches cannot access the centre so when we arrive there is a twenty minute walk from the coach park (suitcases are transported by minibus) and the path is likely to be muddy.

Federation Phonics and Grammar Evening

Staff are organising a phonics and grammar evening to share with parents how we teach phonics and spelling from foundation stage to year 6, and the raised expectations for pupils at the end of year 2 and year 6 grammar tests. If parents from either school would like to learn more about how we teach and how they can help their child at home please do come and join us on Wednesday 3rd February 6pm at East Cowton School.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Nate Raw for fantastic teamwork and creativity

Beautiful Butterflies: William Francis for a wonderful positive attitude in all he does

Excellent Elephants: Lauren Casey for an excellent positive attitude and great work in Maths

Listening Cup: George Reed

Achievement Shield: Charlie Ashworth

Caring Bear: Joe Flintoff

Writer of the week: Charlotte Bainbridge

House Points News

Ryedale 84 Charlotte I

Nidderdale 85 Ruby

Wensleydale 103 Lilly B

Swaledale 75 Daisy

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Star of the week: Lee Stace for his brilliant attitude, Kaiden Cowton for his confidence and enthusiasm, Toby Marsh for his fabulous attitude to work and Frankie Faulks for producing some excellent writing.

House Point News

Byland 11 points last week, 188 this year

Jervaulx 9 points this week, 198 this year

Rievaulx 12 points last week, 235 this year

Space Mission

Well done to Lily Tabberer and Jack Sturdy for completing Mercury.

Head Teacher Award Emma Patchett (2nd)

East Cowton News

From next week we will have a **student teacher** joining the Excellent Elephants class. Initially just for one day and gradually increasing over the term.

Term dates 2016-17 have been published on the website. Copies are also attached to this newsletter.

Children's laptops The children were very excited in the ICT/computing lesson this week. They would like to thank the Friends for buying them.

Writer of the week (see above) is a new award as we are focussing on improving writing skills.

Kirkby Fleetham News

Budding actors and actresses in class 3 got a chance to show off their drama skills this week when they took part in a film shoot about British Values. We had great fun and learnt loads about the film making process whilst acting out a story about democracy. The film is part of a wider 'British Values' project involving several local schools. East Cowton will do this later in the term.

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Website

You may have noticed that there is work being done on our website and it is being revamped. Although not yet complete, It is looking better already. A huge thank you goes to Moira Beighton who came in and took some super photos for us to use.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

18 - 20 Jan Robinwood Y5

Tues 2nd Feb joint Friends meeting 8pm

Wed 3rd Feb Federation Phonics and Grammar evening at East Cowton

Friday 5th Feb NSPCC national number day

15 - 19 Feb Half term break

Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals

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

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