



Newsletter

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

"A place where children develop independence, self-motivation, cooperation and creativity in their thinking allowing them equal opportunity to reach their full potential now and in the future fulfilling positively their role as a global citizen!"

Dear Parents,

This has been a busy week for thinking about growing up and moving on. The children in year 6 have all been on their induction days at their various high schools, and we have also had our new starters for next year visiting. The children in reception to year 5 have been meeting with their new class and thinking about working together as a team next year.

Your child's end of year report will be coming home today, please contact the school office if you have not received it, or speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to make an appointment to come in and discuss it further.

We are looking forward to a social weekend of 'Friends' events. The Rounders and Barbeque event will be taking place on the school field at East Cowton from 5pm this evening, followed on Sunday by the Kirkby Fleetham Barbecue at 2pm, Mrs Wimmer's house next to the Village Hall.

Many thanks to the Friends of the school who always work so very hard, and give up so much of their time to organise these events

Governor News

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Gerry Price, our local authority governor, at our final meeting of the year last night. Gerry has been instrumental in school improvement at both of our schools this year, holding subject leaders to account for attainment and progress. Gerry previously served as chair of governors at Kirkby Fleetham School, and it was his clear vision for the future that was instrumental in bringing the federation together. Although he leaves us, he is still chair of governors at Bedale High School, so some of our children will see him there next year.

We are now looking for a replacement local authority governor and the local authority would like to hear from anyone who feels they have the capacity to take on such a role.

Summer reading challenge

This is aimed at children aged four to 11 and is running in all North Yorkshire libraries this summer. The theme this year is 'The Big Friendly Read' and it's free to take part. The challenge is to read six library books over the summer.

The challenge starts on 16 July and runs until 10 September. Children can sign up at their local library and receive a free collector folder.

Each time they read two books they receive a set of picture cards to encourage them to keep reading and fill in the gaps in their folder. There are other incentives too - a door hanger, a fold-out game and some dazzling rainbow glasses.

When they have read six books children receive a 'Big Friendly Read' medal and a certificate. The only rule is that the books they read are borrowed from the library, but they can choose whatever they like, including audiobooks.



NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Jack B for being a great sportsman in the different activities during sports week.

Beautiful Butterflies: Certificate to all butterflies for their fantastic behaviour throughout sports week.

Excellent Elephants: Emma for giving even more than 100% in everything she does!

Listening Cup: George

Achievement Shield: Archie

Caring Bear: Sophie

Reading raffle winner: Ethan

Headteacher's Award: Charlotte W, Max and Charles B

Planets: Laura and Korben

House Points News

Ryedale 790 points **Charlotte I**

Nidderdale 732 points **William F**

Wensleydale 767 points **Ella**

Swaledale 654 points **Daisy**

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Nursery news This week we said goodbye to Oliver Leggott. All of the children and staff hope that he has a super time at his new school.

The children are holding a **Strawberry tea** next Thursday 21st July. Parents are welcome to join us from 2pm. Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of £2.00, which includes tea and scones.

Appeal for boxes We are looking for shoebox sized cardboard boxes for the children to use in Design and Technology next week. If you have any, please drop them into the School Office on Monday.

Tuesday Film Club There will be no after school club on Tuesday 26th July.

Scarecrow Event Despite the weather, spirits weren't dampened for the 'Friends' Scarecrow Trail on Saturday 9th July. There were a number of fabulous scarecrows on show, games in the school grounds and some scrumptious cakes and tea on offer. Well done and thank you to everyone!

East Cowton Diary Dates

Wed 20 Jul Y6 Treat at Betty's

Thur 21 Jul Strawberry tea / Teddy bears picnic

Fri 22 Jul YR - Y6 outing to Saltburn

Tue 26 Jul Leavers' Service All Saints 11am

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Mon 5 SEP TRAINING DAY

Tue 6 SEP SCHOOL OPENS TO CHILDREN

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week: Macauley for a mature attitude, and Emma for excellent performance at the Federation Olympics

Space mission: Mia completed Saturn and Leo completed Mercury

House Point News

Byland: 14 points Total 634

Jervaulx: 10 points Total 629

Rievaulx: 13 points 583

Reading Raffle winner: Frankie Faulks

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Thank you to everyone who came to support the children in their sports day, the children seemed to enjoy the afternoon competing in various

competitions to gain points for their house team, as always the highlight was the appearance of the 'smelly net'!

Brazil Workshop

On

Wednesday

Rosina from

Action Aid

came to talk

to the

children about

life in Brazil. The children particularly enjoyed the chocolate tasting part of the workshop! They were given 4 pieces of chocolate to try, with the focus being on Fairtrade and how cocoa is made. Key Stage 1 then had the challenge of matching sounds to the pictures of the animals that lived in the rainforest. We were amazed by the Howler Monkey's cry!



Y6 leaver's lunch The children in year 6 have chosen the meal that they would like for their 'leavers lunch' next Thursday and Mrs Morgan has sent home an invitation with each of them.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

Tue 19 Jul Celebration evening

Sun 17 Jul KF Friends Barbecue 2pm

Tue 26 Jul Leavers service St Andrews 2pm

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