



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 16th September 2016

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

Dear Parents

All children will be bringing home a copy of our home - school agreement tonight. Across the Federation, the governors, staff and parents work closely together to provide the very best outcomes for our pupils, and this teamwork is a vital part of the success of both our schools. The agreement sets out what parents can expect from their school and governors, and also our expectations of the children and parents. We would be very grateful if you could talk through this with your child then sign and return.

The new term is now well underway and the children have settled in to their new routines. The main focus across the federation this term will be on improving outcomes in writing, and Mrs Hume our literacy leader has already been monitoring progress in both schools. We hope that parents will support us by encouraging children to really focus on the quality of the content of their written homework.

Staffing changes at Kirkby Fleetham

We are sad to have to inform you that Mrs Wyatt will be leaving her post at Christmas. Mrs Wyatt has been a committed member of the school staff for over 11 years and has helped to shape the direction of the school through her dedication to roles such as SENCO and school governor. As her husband has recently retired however, she has decided that she would like to be able to spend more time at home with her family, and will be reducing her hours by working as a supply teacher. Whilst we will be very sad to see her go, we do wish her all the best in her new adventure.

The advert for her replacement will go out next week and we will let you know as soon as we know who the new class one teacher will be. The whole staff team will work hard to ensure a smooth transition for the children.



Send my Friend to School

As you may be aware, the children in both our schools took part in this Campaign last term. Children across the UK were encouraged to speak out for the 37 million children in crisis affected countries who are missing out on education. Our children used a template to make a 'message in a schoolbag' which they sent to our MP Rishi Sunak. This week we received a letter from the House of Commons in which Mr Sunak praised the campaign, and the children's artwork and agreed to meet with them to discuss the matter further.

Gambian Link

Marion Casson, who runs the Gambian education charity, will once again be visiting our link school in Bakau New Town this autumn. While she is there she will be involved in a project to help women set up second-hand clothes businesses as a way of making a living. If any of you have recently had a clear out and have any **good quality** second hand children's clothes or ladies tops (not trousers because of cultural differences), Marion is intending to take some with her when she goes and would be very grateful of any donations that you can bring in to school by the end of September.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Super Snakes: Charlie for his super numeracy work
Perfect Pandas: Abby for fitting into our school so quickly

Achievement Shield: Joe

Listening Cup: Eloise

Headteacher Award: Daniel Smithson

House Points News

Richmond 114 points Joe/Lily R

Middleham 129 points Ellie

Bolton 80 points Toby

East Cowton News

House Captains:

Congratulations to our new house Captains:

Bolton - Archie Gent

Middleham - Josh James

Richmond - Emma Kirby

Friends meeting We are pleased to confirm that the Friends of the school meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Beeswing. All parents are welcome to come along.

Cycle helmets It has been lovely to see so many children coming to school on bikes and scooters this term. Please could we ask that all children dismount and walk once they are inside the school gates for the safety of others. We encourage all children to wear bicycle helmets in the interests of their own safety.

Joe Flintoff Well done to Joe who took part in the mini fun run in Newcastle on Sunday.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Wed 21 Sep - Friends' meeting

Wed 28 Sep - KS1 Fun Run

Fri 30 Sept - McMillan Coffee morning

Thur 6 Oct - Harvest festival 2pm

Wed 12 Oct - Y3-6 X-Country

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

Tue 15 Nov - Individual school photographs

Wed 16 Nov - Y1-3 Flu Vaccinations

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

Wed 7 Dec - Christmas performance dress rehearsal

Thur 8 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the week: Stars of the week: Brogan Kirk for her excellent contributions to discussion, Jack Burton for his fantastic geographical knowledge, Kaiden Cowton for his enthusiasm and confidence in year 6 and Leo Kettlewell for using fantastic adjectives.

House Points News

Richmond 13 points 13 total for the year

Middleham 28 points 28 total for the year Bolton

21 points 21 total for the year

Kirkby Fleetham News

Congratulations to our new house Captains:

Bolton - Captain: Grace Stephenson

Vice captain: Mia Verity

Middleham - Captain: Darcy Harper

Vice captain: Kaiden Cowton

Richmond - Captain: Tara Patchett

Vice Captain: Aidan MacMillan

Nursery Starters



We are delighted to welcome Tom and Rowan back to nursery this term, and to welcome our new children, Tilly, Rollo and Niven.

After School Club We are pleased to announce that Kath has very kindly agreed to run a sports club for us, initially starting with football. The club will run from 3.30-4.30pm each Monday at a charge of £2.50, billed through ParentPay. Normal out of school club will still be available until 5.30pm should you require it. Please could all children wear trainers and not football boots. As the weather deteriorates and the nights draw in we will be trying lots of other exciting sports such as badminton, watch this space! Please note also that film club will now run every Wednesday night, so don't forget to book your child in for our very special out of school club cinema experience!

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Wed 28 Sep - KS1 Fun Run at East Cowton

Wed 12 Oct - Y3-6 X-Country

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

Fri 21 Oct - Break up for half term

Mon 31 Oct - School open

Tues 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)

Tues 13 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm

Weds 14 Dec- Christmas lunch

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