



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 20th May 2016

"Nurturing a sense of awe and wonder towards the world in which we live and enabling children to participate confidently in an ever-changing global society!"

Dear parents,
Year 5 and 6 children in both our schools will be taking part in Bikeability over the next few weeks. The children at Kirkby Fleetham enjoyed their first session this week. They learnt how to check to make sure their bikes were safe to ride, how to make sure that their helmets fitted correctly as well as learning how to conduct various manoeuvres on the roads within the village safely.



Friends News

We are lucky to have such committed and dedicated parents at our schools. Both 'Friends' groups have met over the last few weeks to make plans for the summer term. Please do come along and support them with their forthcoming events.

The **Friends of East Cowton School** are delighted to announce that we will be hosting the 'Olympic Scarecrow Trail' on Saturday 9th July 2016 from 11am, with winners announced at 3.30pm. More details will follow after the half term break but it's time to put your thinking caps on for your design; something broadly linked to the Olympics, whether it is linked to a country, sport or even a particular athlete! Following shortly after that event will be the Rounders and BBQ evening on Friday 15th July from 5pm onwards, where there will be light hearted games for all ages and if there is enough demand, a more competitive game after the food! Again, more details to follow after half term.

The **Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School** will be hosting a summer BBQ on 17th July at 2pm in Mrs Wimmer's garden where the Friends provide food and people bring their own drinks. The Friends will unfortunately be losing three valued members this summer, so are appealing for some new members. The Friends meet every half term or so (often at the pub!) to arrange fundraising events or organise activities, helping to provide or improve the school's resources. If you feel you could offer a little time and want to get involved in helping the school, then contact Steph Verity (Chair) on 07949028257. Thanks!

Polite reminder

Please can we remind all parents to ring the school office before 9.00am if their child is unwell. For safety purposes it is crucial that we are able to account for all of our children. Over the last few weeks we have been reviewing attendance data. Staff and governors strongly believe that absence from school has a significant detrimental impact on children's progress. We would like to encourage parents not to book their holidays in term time, and wish to remind parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless in the most exceptional circumstances.

We wish to remind all parents that on May 28th (Next Friday) our schools will be **closed** for a staff training day.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Serenity for her fantastic attitude to learning

Beautiful Butterflies: Max for being a super star this week and working hard

Excellent Elephants: Willoughby for fantastic work on his poetry

Listening Cup: George

Achievement Shield: Emma

Caring Bear: Colette

House Points News

Ryedale **342** **Colette**

Nidderdale **272** **Sebastian**

Wensleydale **328** **William R**

Swaledale **245** **Daisy**

Writer of the week: Ethan

Planets: Joe, Toby, Ethan, Ellie, Charlotte I and Ella

Special bravery award: Alex

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Greek pots The children in Class 1 have been designing and making some very attractive Greek pots in class this week as part of their topic for the half term.

The children in Class 2 have been exploring the different aspects of the human body, especially following Alex's recent visit to hospital.



The children in Year 6 have been reflecting on the past weeks through literacy and numeracy challenges.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Wed 25 May Introduction to Sikhism workshop - KS1/KS2

Wed 25 May Tchoukball Y5/6 Appleton Wiske

Fri 27 May training day

30 May - 3 Jun SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Thur 9 Jun Y2 Art day, Great Smeaton School

Thur 16 Jun Y5/6 Bikeability training

Fri 17 Jun Father's Day lunch

Thur 23 Jun Y5/6 Bikeability training

Fri 24 Jun Armed Forces Day 7 for service children

Wed 29 Jun Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

Wed 6 Jul Federation Olympics

Thur 7 Jul School games day

WB 11 Jul Secondary schools transition days

Fri 15 Jul Friends rounders/BBQ evening at EC

Thur 21 Jul Strawberry tea

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week: Tara Patchett for her mature attitude. Rebecca Savage for her hardworking attitude. Lucy Shirt for exceptional effort. Nel Hume for confidence and courage. Toby Marsh for being calm under pressure. Thomas Landells for his positive attitude. Tom Beighton for showing maturity during SATs. Mylo Wimmer for incredible effort and perseverance. Macauley Bowers for working really well in his maths papers. Oscar Holme Pearce for excellent football skills.

House Point News

Rievaulx **11 points last week, 489 this year**

Jervaulx **12 points last week, 551 this year**

Byland **21 points last week, 550 this year**

Kirkby Fleetham News

On Tuesday 24th May, the children at Kirkby Fleetham will take part in a Greek day, with the focus being on Helena and the battle of Troy. The children are encouraged to come dressed up in their "togas" and we will be sampling Greek food. As part of our work on Helena, the children will be creating models. We would be most grateful if the children could bring in any recycling they could use to make models e.g. kitchen roll holders, clean yoghurt pots and shoeboxes/small cardboard boxes.

School Photos Please can we remind all parents that the school photographer will be in school on **Monday morning**.

Years 5 and 6 will need to come to school in their school uniform, and then change into their clothes for Bikeability.

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Mon 23 May Bikeability training

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Tue 24 May Greek day

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Wed 13-14 Jul SFX Induction days

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Tue 26 Jul Leavers service St Andrews 2pm