



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 3rd December 2016

Keeping Christian values at the heart of everything we do, we prepare our children for the opportunities and challenges of the wider world through a curriculum based on fun, friendship, faith and respect for the world and everyone in it.

Dear Parents

With the start of advent this week, it feels as though Christmas has arrived in our schools and we are all really looking forward to a fortnight of Christmas festivities and celebrations within our normal daily routine.

Next Term

We are also busy thinking ahead to next term, and have a number of exciting events planned. Our whole federation topic next term will be 'The Lion King' and we will be learning about Africa, animals and habitats, incorporating music, arts and dance. If you think you may be able to contribute in any way, please do let your child's class teacher know.

East Barnby

We are really pleased to confirm that the year 5 and 6 trip to **East Barnby** will definitely be going ahead in February. Thank you to those parents who have already paid the deposit. Further information will follow shortly and we will be holding parent information evenings on Thursday 5th January 5.00pm at Kirkby Fleetham, and Thursday 12th January 5.00pm at East Cowton.

Staffing

There will be some quite significant changes to staffing in both our schools in January.

At **Kirkby Fleetham** we have appointed Miss Glover to replace Mrs Smith as GTA for a term until Miss Follon returns from maternity leave after Easter. Mrs Arrowsmith, our new Class 1 teacher will be coming in to school to get to know the children a little better on the morning of Thursday 15th December and will be available to chat to parents at the start of the day if any of you would like to meet her.

At **East Cowton** we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Richardson, though delighted for her that she has secured a full time position at West Burton School. We have appointed Mrs Whent to replace Miss Richardson in Class one. Mrs Whent is a very experienced EYFS/ KS1 teacher and she is intending to come in on Monday 12th December to spend some time with the children and meet parents after school.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Crabbe, who has just received confirmation that she has been accepted onto a teaching programme in Australia for a year. She will be jetting off in January! We should be able to provide confirmation of our new GTA appointments by next week.

We are very grateful to Miss Richardson and Miss Crabbe for all the commitment they have shown to our children and our school and wish them both all the very best in their exciting new adventures!



Well done to all of the children who have worked so hard on the sum dog competition this week. Although our schools weren't in the top 10 this time, we had some excellent individual performances with Jessica being the highest scorer at Kirkby Fleetham (3rd in North Yorkshire at one point!), with Mia and William Stace not far behind, and Abby the highest scorer at East Cowton with Alex in second and Charlotte W in third position.

Messy Church

On Thursday Kath and some volunteers from the Village Seeds Project came in for their annual Pantomime, this year set in the 'angel staff room'. The children had the opportunity to think about the nativity from the point of view of the different characters in the Christmas story.

PLEASE MAY WE REMIND ALL PARENTS THAT THE PANTOMIME IS DUE TO FINISH AT 3.30PM ON MONDAY. WE ANTICIPATE BEING BACK AT SCHOOL BY 4.15 PM FOR A LATE PICK UP.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Super Snakes: Ruby for fantastic effort in PE and showing super hockey skills

Perfect Pandas: Josh for his fantastic hockey skills in PE

Achievement Shield: Toby

Listening Cup: Colette

Caring Bear: Charlotte W

Road safety competition winners:

Class 1 - 3rd Daisy, 2nd William R and 1st Lily R

Class 2 - 3rd Sophie, 2nd Emma and Ella and 1st Abby

House Points News

Richmond 1072 points **William R and Tate**

Middleham 1016 points **Nate**

Bolton 1035 points **Serenity**

East Cowton News

Cinderella The children are putting in an amazing effort in preparation for our Christmas production of Cinderella - oh yes they are!

Tickets are now available for sale to the public.

The Friends have asked for raffle prizes for the performances and mince pies. If you have any we would welcome them into the school office by Wednesday morning. We would also appreciate help from parents to set up on Monday morning.

Christmas lunch The children are looking forward to Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday, where they will be joined by staff and governors.

Children in Need A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the children. An amazing £311 was raised. Silence is truly golden!

Plea from a parent Josh has lost his jumper at school; it is a 'Small' and is named. Would you please check to see whether it has come home with your child by mistake?

East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 5 Dec - Federation panto trip (late pick up)

Wed 7 Dec - Christmas lunch

Wed 7 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm

Thur 8 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm and 6pm

Thur 15 Dec - Christingle service 2pm

Fri 16 Dec - Christmas party

Fri 16 Dec - Break up for the Holidays **3.30pm**

Tues 3 Jan - Training day

Weds 4 Jan - School open, start of spring term

Thur 5 Jan - 5pm Y5/6 Parent information evening - East Barnby

Weds 11 Jan - swimming gala (federation team)

Weds 18 Jan - Friends meeting

Fri 17 Feb - break up for half term

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Wesley for being kind and caring to others, Owen for writing a wonderful book for class 1 and Grace for being an excellent editor.

Space Mission:

Well done to Jorja for completing the astronaut selection. She is ready to start making her way through the planets!

House Points News

Richmond 32 points **257 total for the year**

Middleham 27 points **211 total for the year**

Bolton 43 points **268 total for the year**

Kirkby Fleetham News

Friends News

The Friends pizza take away was a huge success last week, there was a really nice community feel to it, and they raised a fantastic £215. Thank you to the Friends for running and organising the event, especially to James Sturdy for the pizza donations and his great pizza making skills!

Uniform Order

If you would like to order some more uniform items, there will be an order going in before Christmas. Please ask for a form ASAP.

Advent Lunch

It was lovely to see so many parents and relatives at the advent lunch on Thursday. A huge 'Thankyou'

to Mrs Morgan for all her hard work.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Mon 5 Dec - Federation panto trip (late pick up)

Tue 13 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm

Wed 14 Dec - Christmas lunch

Wed 14 Dec - Christingle 6pm St Mary's Church

Fri 16 Dec - Christmas party

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Weds 4 Jan - School open, start of spring term

Thurs 5 Jan - 5pm Y5/6 Parent information evening - East Barnby

Weds 11th Jan - swimming gala (federation team)

Fri 20th Jan - swimming lessons start

Fri 17th Feb - break up for half term

