



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 11th November 2016

"A place where children develop independence, self-motivation, independence 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

We have had another eventful week in school made all the more exciting by the appearance of some wintery weather on Wednesday. Our youngest children particularly enjoyed going out to learn in the snow. Attached to this newsletter you will find our emergency closure procedure. We haven't needed it for the last few years; hopefully we'll get away without it again this year!

Cross country

Five Children from our federation made it through to the area finals of the cross country at Knayton Park yesterday. A great effort from Joe, Jessica, Jack, Lee and Mia, and although no one got through to the final at Dalby forest, they all showed great team spirit by cheering and supporting each other and running alongside when tiredness hit!



Operation Christmas Child

Canon Stowe and Mrs Bainbridge came in to school on Monday morning to bless and then collect the shoeboxes. They were amazed that this year the school and community have managed to collect a massive 153 Shoeboxes. The children particularly enjoyed the 'human Chain' to load the shoe boxes into the car.



Next Friday is **Children in Need** day and the theme, as always, is 'Wear something spotty'. The day's events will be organised by the children in school council at each school. The children at Kirkby Fleetham have chosen to 'Do their thing...' Whilst at East Cowton they have chosen to hold a sponsored silence. More information is attached to this letter.

Key Stage 2 history visit to Richmond Last Friday the Key Stage 2 children from both schools went on an exciting visit to Richmond. First stop was at the Georgian Theatre to learn about life long ago. The children really enjoyed the tour of the theatre, trying on old Georgian clothing and costumes. From there we had a short walk to Influence Church where the children learnt about the Food Bank and who it helps. After a busy morning it was time for lunch, the children enjoyed their picnic in the Friary Gardens and appreciated admiring the new tree sculpture that has recently been completed. Finally we went on a beautiful walk round Richmond Market, Castle Walk and to the Station. The children took time to identify the historical features and how there have been many changes over time. The children loved looking at the amazing views and their behaviour was brilliant throughout the day. A huge thanks to everyone who helped, in particular Miss Crisp from East Cowton.



Pupil Absence

Could we please remind all parents to ring and inform the school office before the start of the school day if their child is going to be off school. We have a statutory responsibility to chase up absent pupils and this is taking an increasing amount of admin time. Thank you.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Super Snakes: William Francis for his super writing about corn dollies.

Perfect Pandas: Emma for great hockey skills and being a good sport.

Achievement Shield: Thomas

Listening Cup: Abby

Caring Bear: Alex

Writer of the week: George

House Points News

Richmond 752 points **William R**

Middleham 699 points **Daisy**

Bolton 704 points **Serenity**

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Friends Film Night The children would like to thank the Friends of East Cowton School for arranging a fantastic film night on Wednesday 3rd November. The children were mesmerised by Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach'. They really enjoyed their evening.

School photographs A reminder that the school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 15th to take individual photographs of the children. If your child is one of siblings in school, please let us know if you would like to have their photographs taken together.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 14 Nov - Y2 Anti-bullying workshop
Tue 15 Nov - Individual school photographs
Wed 16 Nov - Y1-3 Flu Vaccinations
Wed 16 Nov - Friends AGM
Fri 18 Nov - Children in Need Day
Wed 23 Nov - Y5/6 Girls Football
Fri 25 Nov - Friends Chocolate Tasting Evening
Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting
Tue 29 Nov - Y1 hearing and vision checks
Mon 5 Dec - Federation panto trip
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

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

There were no certificates awarded last week as there was no parent worship.

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Soup



Our wonderful cook Tracy used a marrow, brought in by William and Lee Stace, and some more vegetables to make some winter warming soup for the children. It went down very well, with requests for soup more often!

Flu Vaccines

The visit from the nurse was cancelled this week therefore the flu vaccines will be administered on Wednesday 7th December for children in Years 1, 2 and 3 and who have parental consent.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Mon 14 Nov - Reception and Y1 hearing and vision checks
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)
Mon 5 Dec - Federation panto trip
Tue 13 Dec - Christmas performance 2pm, 6pm
Wed 14 Dec - Christmas lunch
Wed 14 Dec - Christingle 6pm St Mary's Church