



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 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

We are fast approaching that really exciting time of year where the glitter starts to fly, and the children are busy learning lines and song words for the forthcoming productions. Thank you for your support at home with this. Please keep an eye on the diary dates to make sure you know what's happening when.



Don't forget the latest **Sum dog** challenge starts today. Your children will be working on this at school, but will also be asked to work on it for homework this week. The link is on our website.

## Friends News

We are really grateful to the friends of both schools for all the hard work they put in to fundraising for the children.

The School Councils at both schools have asked the friends for money for new books to supplement the libraries. The first set of new books have been delivered, and children are now being asked to think about their favourite authors and types of text that they enjoy reading, to help us buy books that will really inspire them to read for pleasure. We expect children to read at home at least three times a week and would ask parents to support the children to think about what types of book they would like us to buy.

**Date for your diaries:** Following the success of last year's federation swimming party, the friends have booked Northallerton Swimming pool on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow nearer the time.

## Science at East Cowton

Class 2 enjoyed a visit from Darren Whelan (a Clinical Lead in Diagnostic Audiology at James Cook University Hospital). We learnt amazing facts about the ear. Did you know the smallest bone in your body is in your ear? We looked at specialist equipment used to see in our ears and had fun trying out an example of the first every type of hearing aid (modelled by Alex and Ella). Thank you to Darren for his very informative visit.



## Kirkby Fleetham ICT week

Children in Class Two have been enjoying an ICT week and have carried out a variety of projects in different curriculum areas on computers and Ipads. In literacy children used a publishing programme on Purple Mash to create newspaper articles, and also turned their creative skills to writing their own books for the infant children. Mrs Hume has been receiving lots of emails from children with some fantastic pieces of homework attached, and during computing sessions children have learnt all about how information is transmitted around the world via clients, routers and servers.

**Have you ever thought of becoming a primary school teacher?** The Swaledale Alliance are looking for people with a degree who would be interested in a school based pathway into teaching. There will be an information evening at Richmond Methodist School on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 between 5 and 6pm. To find out more please see the flyer on our school noticeboard, or visit <http://www.swaledalealliance.org/itt/>



We have an ongoing problem with **headlice**. Please could all parents check their children's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary to try to stamp the problem out.

### NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Super Snakes:** Laura for super working in literacy

**Perfect Pandas:** Daniel S for his super piece of writing

**Achievement Shield:** Nate

**Listening Cup:** Max

**Caring Bear:** Joe

**Writer of the week:** Laura

**Planets:**

**House Points News**

**Richmond 967 points William R**

**Middleham 911 points Abby**

**Bolton 928 points Toby and Jack**

### East Cowton News

**Superbugs** We are extremely proud of Daniel and Emma who with former pupils Annie, Charlotte, Lorna and Poppy, recently attended the North Yorkshire Police Lifestyle Awards ceremony where their community work and formation of the Superbugs Team was recognised. You can read more in the Richmondshire Today website. <http://www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/east-cowton-youngsters-win-award-community-work/>

**Road safety** Josh and Daniel presented reminders about road safety to the children on Wednesday. They have launched a competition - winners to be announced in Thursday!

### East Cowton Diary Dates

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 (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  
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:**

Leo for exceptional progress in all subjects, Jessica for excellent journalistic skills, Darcy for outstanding maturity and conduct, Edward for super writing!

#### **Space Mission:**

Well done to Wesley for completing the astronaut selection, Leo for completing Venus and Jack S and Owen for completing Mars.

#### **House Points News**

**Richmond 37 points 225 total for the year**

**Middleham 10 points 184 total for the year**

**Bolton 25 points 225 total for the year**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

**Friends News** The Friends Pizza Takeaway is open for business tonight! Call school to place an order between 6pm and 8pm if you'd like a yummy takeaway tea!

**Village News** Local villagers have organised an afternoon tea event at the village hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 2 and 4pm. They are hoping to raise some funds to purchase sports equipment for the residents of Fleetham and surrounding villages to be able to use on the village green.

### Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Fri 25 Nov - Friends Pizza night  
Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting  
Thur 1 Dec - Advent lunch (parents welcome)  
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  
Fri 16 Dec - Break up for the Holidays **3.30pm**  
Tues 3 Jan - Training day  
Weds 4 Jan - School open, start of spring term  
Weds 11 Jan - swimming gala (federation team)  
Fri 20 Jan - swimming lessons start  
Fri 17 Feb - break up for half term