



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
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A place where the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith underpin the social, moral, spiritual, cultural and physical wellbeing of every individual.

Dear Parents

We have been treated to two super Easter services this week. The children have been thinking about the Easter story and the symbolism behind it, as well as having lots of 'egg' fun with egg bashing, egg rolling and egg hunts. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Gent for providing an Easter egg for all of the children in the federation from 123 Teachers.



Holidays in term time

You may have seen in the news this week the High Court ruling regarding holidays in term time.

The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each application is considered individually by the head teacher and governors of the school.

The following are examples of the criteria for leave of absence, which may be considered as 'exceptional':

- Service personnel returning from active deployment.
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company.
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- A once in a lifetime, never to be repeated event that can only take place at the specified time.

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing an application parent/carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education. We strongly urge you to take your family holiday during school holiday time. Ofsted use attendance figures as a way of judging pupil behaviour and engagement with learning.

Y3 French Workshop

The children in year three put their maths skills to the test in French this week when they travelled to Croft School for the Northallerton Small Schools Group French workshop. They did lots of counting and calculating in French and impressed Mrs Harper and Mrs Wiseman with their French skills! A big thank you to Miss Crisp, Mrs Sturdy and Mrs Berriff for their help with transporting the children to and from the event.

Federation in the news

Look out for the article about our African Showcase in this week's Darlington and Stockton times! You can see the online article here

http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/15200493.Putting_Africa_centre_stage_youngsters_make_a_show_of_it/

TV Star of the week

Don't forget to watch out for Jack Burton live from Disney World Florida on Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway tomorrow. Children from both schools spotted him last Saturday night as he sat at home and saw his own face appear on the screen and discovered he'd won a place on a private jet to Florida for the once in a lifetime trip. We are all so excited and thrilled for him!

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Headteacher's awards: Sophie

Super snakes:

Perfect pandas:

Listening cup: Watch out for

Achievement shield: awards after the

Writer of the week: break!

Caring bear:

House Points News

Richmond 649 William R

Middleham 603 Abby

Bolton 615 Archie

Congratulations to Richmond who won the House Cup this term

East Cowton News

Congratulations to Emma Kirby who was awarded this term's Pebble award for generosity.

Swimming lessons start on 28th April each Friday for 5 weeks. If you haven't done so already, please make sure that you have returned your consent form. Your child will not be able to go unless consent has been received.

Staff news We look forward to Mrs Gent joining us at the start of the summer term. She will be taking over the running of breakfast club from Mrs Tongue, to whom we are grateful for stepping in since Miss Crabbe left for Australia.

Literacy update

This week in Literacy the children from both classes wrote, rehearsed and performed puppet shows. They were very fun and entertaining.



East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 24 Apr - Training day

Tues 25 Apr - Return to school

Fri 28 Apr- Swimming starts for 5 weeks

Mon 1 May - Bank Holiday

Wed 3 May - Friends meeting

Mon 8 - 11 May Y6 SATs Week

Fri 26 May - Break up for half term

Mon 5 Jun - Return to school

Weds 7 Jun - Y5/6 Kwik cricket all day

Tues 4 Jul - Y6 Leavers service Ripon Cathedral

WB 10 Jul - Secondary school induction days

Fri 21 Jul- Break up for summer

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Oscar: for his excellent effort all week

Amber: for her enthusiastic writing

Jorja: for presenting her wormery to the class

Frankie: for sharing her pet snail so knowledgeably to Class 1

House Points News

Richmond 14 Total for the year 576

Middleham 21 Total for the year 561

Bolton 4 Total for the year 653

Kirkby Fleetham News



Class 1 and Class 2 joined forces to play rounders in the spring sunshine on Thursday afternoon. For many of the Reception children

it was their first experience of the game and Class 2 were very supportive as they showed their younger schoolmates how it was done. We had to be a little flexible with some of the rules but everyone enjoyed playing the game together. Class 1 can expect some practice sessions next term so that they can challenge Class 2!

Staff changes

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Morgan at before and after school club, she has provided such care and support to the children over the past year and has also been lots of fun! She will be sadly missed. She will still be with us for a week next term, before handing over to our new school cook.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Follon back from Maternity leave after the Easter Break. She will be joining the team in class one, and Mrs Harper will be working with class two.

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Fri 30 Jun 6pm Langton concert and flower festival

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