



# 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.

## Children of the World

Last Friday the children at Kirkby Fleetham School gave a fantastic performance in their production of 'Children of the World'. They explored the way that Christmas is celebrated around the globe and sang, not only in English, but also in German and Norwegian. The Nursery children participated enthusiastically in the afternoon performance and some other members of Mrs Arrowsmith's class are clearly very comfortable on stage!



A big thankyou to Mr and Mrs Kirk for helping out with the lighting, and to the Friends of the school for providing refreshments.

## Christingle

This week we held our annual Christingle services in church. We were lucky to have been able to welcome some trustees from Dales Academy Trust. At Kirkby Fleetham we were joined by the Chair of the trust, the Rt. Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, and at East Cowton we were joined by Judy Hooten who is a trustee with a particular interest in school standards.



Thankyou to Mrs Garner, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Kettlewell who came in to Kirkby Fleetham to make the Christingles with the children.

Thankyou also to Mr Garner for doing battle with the boiler to make sure the church was warm for us.

All money collected will be donated to the children's society to support children who are vulnerable this Christmas.



## Farewell to Mrs Shields

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Shields today who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that East Cowton School is running smoothly. She has been a real asset to our federation and we will all miss her. We wish her a very happy retirement.

May we wish you

**A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

from all staff and Governors at

The Federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Schools



## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

### House Points News

**Richmond 702 Ella**

**Middleham 733 Thomas**

**Bolton 722 Daniel S**

**House Cup was won by Middleham this term**

### East Cowton News

#### **Pebble Award**

Well done to Abby Tongue who was awarded the pebble award for our Christian value 'Trust' this term. She was chosen by the other children in the school. Well done Abby!

#### **French School**

Class 2 had fun using the power of technology to connect to France on Wednesday morning.

They talked to their friends overseas about families and pets (in English and French).

The morning finished with both classes singing Jingle Bells together (in French) and Class 2 entertaining the French children with their favourite pantomime song!

#### **Drama Club**

The children in Drama Club did a fantastic performance of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' in Collective Worship to the school on Monday afternoon followed by a final performance to their families after school. They entertained the audience through drama and song putting across a strong message to 'Tell the Truth'. Well done to all the children for a fantastic show!

#### **After School Clubs - Spring Term**

The letters for clubs have been sent home with the children. Please make sure that they are returned to the office by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January as places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 8 Jan - Training day

Tue 9 Jan - School opens for the spring term

Fri 12 Jan - Small schools swimming gala

Wed 31 Jan - Robinwood meeting and Friends meeting

Fri 2 Feb - NSPCC number day  
Beetle Drive

Fri 9 Feb - Break up for half term

21-23 Feb - Y5/6 Robinwood residential

Sat 10 March - Friends Town Hall event

Fri 16 March - Chocolate Bingo

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### Stars of the Week:

All the children were the stars of our show!



### House Points News

**Richmond 15 Total for the year 291**

**Middleham 15 Total for the year 374**

**Bolton 19 Total for the year 336**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

Classes 1 and 2 had a joint English focus this week as they looked at Beauty and the Beast. Following an analysis of what was "beauty" the children produced some quality descriptive writing. The mini-topic concluded with everyone watching the film.

#### **Posada**

Thank you to everyone who participated in sharing the Christmas story at home through our travelling crib. We have a lovely display of photographs and all the children were so excited when it was their turn. Mrs Arrowsmith will now take the nativity set home to spend Christmas with her family.

#### **Before and After School club**

Please could any outstanding Karate money be brought into school on the first day back. Please be aware that the doorbell is a little temperamental so for **Breakfast club**, please press the **Office doorbell firmly**.

#### **Class 2**

The children in class 2 will be studying the text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Toulane' in January and Mrs Hume would be very grateful for any photographs of children, parents or grandparents playing with their favourite toys, dolls or teddies. If anybody would be willing to loan their actual favourites for a display in class we would also be very grateful. Many thanks.

### Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Mon 8 Jan - Training day

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Fri 12 Jan - Small schools swimming gala

Mon 15 Jan - Friends meeting

Wed 24 Jan - Robinwood meeting

Fri 2 Feb - NSPCC number day

Fri 9 Feb - Break up for half term

21 - 23 Feb - Y5/6 Robinwood residential