



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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Dear parents,

It is hard to believe we have reached the half term holidays already. We have had another very busy week. We were extremely proud of our **Federation Hi 5 netball team** who took part in the cluster netball tournament on Tuesday. They played as a team really well and were skilled at passing and placing the ball. Every child gave their very best and they came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Thank you to Mrs Harper for transporting the Kirkby Fleetham children.



## Year 4 Robotics workshop



The children in Year 4 had a great time with other children from the small schools cluster. They programmed their robots (using a coding computer programme) to go along on a track. There was a lot of problem solving and head scratching to work out why the robots were not going in the direction wanted! The children showed great resilience and determination to complete the challenge. By the end of the workshop the robots were dancing, spinning and flashing multi-coloured lights. Well done Year 4.



## Parent's evening

Our mid-year parents evenings will take place shortly after half term. Kirkby Fleetham staff will hold their meetings on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and East Cowton Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Sign-up sheets will be displayed at the school entrance. If you are unable to get in to school to book your time slot, please call the school office and we will allocate a time for you.

Children at Kirkby Fleetham have had a very creative and enterprising week investigating the significance of football to people in Africa. Through football-themed literacy they learnt about the power of sport to bring people together and investigated big ideas about humanity. In DT, children were challenged to make their own African-style footballs out of recycled materials resulting in some rather amusing product testing in the playground! Children also wrote letters to large English football teams to ask for donations of football strips to send to children in Africa as part of the global aspect of their Archie Bishop project.



In science the KS1 children have been learning about living things and their habitats. The children at East Cowton were fascinated to learn about Mrs Whent's beekeeping business this week. They learnt about the different types of bee and what their roles are in the hive, they also learnt about the queen bee and role played going out to collect pollen and making honey. They even had the chance to taste some honey! Amazing fact... When asked how many hives Mrs Whent has we learned that she has about 2,000 hives! Just imagine how many bees that will be.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Headteacher's awards:** Ruby and Toby

**Super snakes:** Lily Reed for super science work

**Perfect pandas:** Charles for his super writing in literacy

**Listening cup:** Charlie

**Achievement shield:** Emma

**Space mission:** William F, Korben, George and Tate

**Special certificate** awarded by Y5/6 to Mrs Dudman for taking them to East Barnby

### **House Points News**

<b>Richmond</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>William R</b>
<b>Middleham</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>Colette and Abby</b>
<b>Bolton</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>Archie</b>

### East Cowton News

**Christmas production** Mr and Mrs Mann have kindly spent time copying the DVD of our amazing Christmas production. One copy has been made per family will be going home with the children today. We regret that we are unable to make further copies.

**Mrs Smithson** joined the children in Class 2 this week to talk about revisiting Africa 20 years after she had lived there as a child. She talked about the changes that she had seen since she was last in Botswana.

**Friends Chocolate Bingo** On the back of previous successful events organised by the Friends, the next chocolate bingo event will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Do come along and enjoy the evening.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Fri 17 Feb - Break up for half term

Mon 27 Feb - Return to school

Thurs 2 Mar - World book day (come dressed as a book character)

Sun 5 Mar - Federation Swimming Party

Thurs 9 Mar - Parents evening

Mon 13 Mar - Full governing body meeting

Thurs 16 Mar - Y5/6 Cluster debate at County Hall

Fri 24 - Mar Red Nose Day

Fri 31 Mar - Friends Chocolate Bingo

Fri 7 Apr - Break up for Easter Holidays

Tues 25 Apr - Return to school

Mon 8 - 11 May SATs Week

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### **Stars of the Week:**

Leo for progression in all subjects, William S and Brogan for their huge improvement in handwriting. William H for working so hard in phonics all week, and Ariella for her super efforts in reading.

### **House Points News**

**Richmond** 18 points **Total for the year 478**

**Middleham** 36 points **Total for the year 399**

**Bolton** 37 points **Total for the year 500**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

**Mrs Morgan** As parents will be aware; Mrs Morgan has been covering before and after school club for Miss Follon while she is on maternity leave. Miss Follon is due to return in April and Mrs Morgan has been offered a job elsewhere. This also means she will no longer continue as our school cook. We will all be very sad to see her go - the children have been asking her for recipes already!



Nursery found a practical way of using up a glut of carrots from the daily fruit and vegetables at snack time - carrot cake. They followed instructions and took turns well. The mixture was very sticky but the cake was delicious! The recipe we used can be found at

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/775662/frosted-carrot-squares>

**Friends meeting** Do come and join us tonight at 8pm tonight at the Black Horse Inn, Kirkby Fleetham, to discuss fundraising ideas.

**Request for help!** We are in need of a trailer or van to take some old equipment to the tip. Can any parents help at all?

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