



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 13th January 2017

"A dynamic community inspiring a life long love of learning where every individual is valued and every achievement celebrated!"

Dear Parents

All children will be bringing their termly curriculum letter home with them tonight, detailing what they will be learning this term, and including some timetabling information.

On Monday the children at East Cowton had their first lessons with dance teacher Jaye Bower. She will also be teaching the KS2 children at Kirkby Fleetham from February. They will all be working on dances for our federation showcase at the end of March.

This Wednesday was the first federation afternoon of the year for the children in EYFS and KS1. This term EYFS will be doing some indoor dance activities alongside their free-flow on a federation afternoon, so will not need to bring forest schools clothing. The children in KS1 will be doing gymnastics with Mr Windwood and will need their indoor PE kit.



Congratulations to our federation swimming team for their performance at the small schools cluster swimming gala this Wednesday. Some of the children were quite nervous at the prospect of their first swimming gala, however once they arrived they managed to overcome their nerves and there were some excellent individual performances. Many thanks to Miss Crisp and Mrs Harper for providing the transport.



Sickness

A number of children have been absent from both of our schools with a sickness bug this week. In order to prevent the virus spreading further, please could we ask that children remain off school for **48 hours after** the last bout of sickness.

Childcare vouchers

Did you know that some employers offer childcare vouchers? The scheme allows staff to buy vouchers which can be used to cover certain childcare costs; we accept them for breakfast, after school clubs and nursery payments. You can learn more on the GOV.UK website <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers>

A number of people have asked about our policy for snowy weather. In the unlikely event that school will be closed because of snow we will text parents before school and will also contact radio York. Our severe weather procedure can be found on our website. Some of our children live in outlying areas and we understand it may be difficult to get to school in winter weather. We would ask that parents don't drive their children to school unless they feel it is safe to do so.

In the event of severe weather, please do not allow your child to walk to breakfast club on their own without checking that there are staff on site.

Federation Friends Swimming Party

Following the success of last year's swimming party; we will be repeating the event on Sunday 12th February at Northallerton Swimming pool. All children nursery - Y6 are welcome. Non-swimmers and younger children will need to be accompanied in the water by an adult. The session will start at 3.30pm

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Super Snakes: George for his super phonics work

Perfect Pandas: Charlotte W for working really hard in all lessons

Achievement Shield: Korben

Listening cup: Emma

Planets: Daniel Smithson and Abby

House Points News

Richmond 65 points **William R**

Middleham 63 points **Abby**

Bolton 67 points **Jack**

East Cowton News

Our Craft Club is held after school each Thursday and is looking for kitchen rolls, wool, string, cardboard egg cartons, unwanted DVDs and glass jars without lids. We would welcome any spare that you have to offer.

Nursery Consultation Please find a nursery consultation attached to this letter. We would be really grateful if all parents with preschool children could complete it for us. If you know anyone in the village who has preschool children we would be grateful if you could let us know or pass a copy on to them.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Weds 11 Jan - Y5/6 swimming gala

Thurs 12 Jan - East Barnby meeting at EC 5pm

Weds 18 Jan - Friends meeting

Thurs 19 Jan - Full Governing body meeting

Fri 27 Jan - Friends Beetle Drive

Wed 1 Feb - Y6 Science Workshop

Weds 8 - Fri 10 Feb - Y5/6 East Barnby residential

Sun 12 Feb - Friends swimming gala

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)

Thurs 9 Mar - Parents' evening

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

Fri 24 - March Red Nose Day

Fri 7 April - Break up for Easter Holidays

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Ariella for writing her name independently, Jack S for his challenging maths work and Frankie for her attitude to learning.

House Points News

Richmond 21 points **344 total for the year**

Middleham 13 points **268 total for the year**

Bolton 10 points **340 total for the year**

Headteacher's Awards: Grace, Darcy and Mia.

Kirkby Fleetham News

After school club

Please note that Kath's sports club, currently on a Monday, is now enjoying indoor rounders which proved to be lots of fun for everyone last week.

Please be aware that after reviewing the costings of running wrap around care, the out of school club will be charged at £5 in the morning regardless of what time your child arrives between 8 and 9am.

Swimming

Just a reminder that the children will be starting swimming next Friday morning. Your child might find it easier to arrive in school with their swim wear under their uniform; however they must remember to bring their underwear along with their towel! Girls may also find it easier to wear school type trousers

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Tues 17 Jan - Mowden Park year 5/6

Thurs 19 Jan - Full Governing body meeting

Fri 20 Jan - Swimming lessons begin

Weds 8 - Fri 10 Feb - Y5/6 East Barnby residential

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