



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 20th January 2017

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 had a very exciting week in school this week, beginning on Monday with a live literacy lesson from the BBC. Children from both schools took part in the lesson alongside other primary school children up and down the country. The lesson was led by prominent writers and children's TV presenters to stimulate ideas for Radio 2's '500 words' story writing competition. The children had some very exciting ideas for their stories, and we intend to send their stories off before the closing date at the end of February.

Save the date!

We have also had some exciting news this week as we have been able to book the Georgian Theatre in Richmond for our end of term showcase. The show will take place on Monday 27th March at 6pm and all children will have the opportunity to perform their music, dance and drama work inspired by this term's Africa topic. We intend to make this a really special event for the children to remember.

Tickets will be on sale from the theatre box office nearer the time.



Rugby and literacy workshop

Year 5 and 6 pupils from both schools took part in a fabulous rugby and literacy workshop at Mowden Park this week along with children from North and South Cowton Primary School. On arrival they were asked to sit down in an executive boardroom and were challenged with the task of writing a half time motivational 'team talk'. After working in small groups with another school, the chosen three speakers were asked to read their team talks in the changing room in front of professional players, during our exciting tour of the stadium. The children were then instructed by professional rugby coaches on the stadium concourse, and put through their paces learning various rugby skills and techniques. What a fantastic morning! A big thank you to Mrs Burton for accompanying us on the visit.



Sickness

A number of children have been absent from both our schools with a sickness bug this week. We have been reminding them about good handwashing and hygiene procedures. 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.

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.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Perfect Pandas: Abby for persevering with her maths

Super Snakes: Ruby for working reflectively in numeracy to progress

Listening cup: Thomas

Achievement shield: Ella

Caring bear: Lilly B

Writer of the week: Archie Gent

House Points News

Richmond 139 **William F**

Middleham 123 **Abby and Colette**

Bolton 109 **Jack**

East Cowton News

Quest An invitation has been sent home with children in Y5 and 6 about Quest which is run by the Village Seeds Project and aims to challenge and inspire young people. The event takes place at Marrick Priory Activity Centre from Friday 24th - Sunday 26th February. Please return booking forms to the school office by Monday 23rd January to secure a place.

Drum lessons Is your child interested in learning to play the drums? We have been contacted by a local drum teacher who is offering lessons. We need four children or more to allow the lessons to take place. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Fri 27 Jan - Beetle Drive

Wed 1 Feb - Y6 Science Workshop

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

Sun 12th Feb - Friends swimming gala

Fri 17 Feb - break up for half term

Mon 27th Feb - return to school

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

Thurs 9th Mar - Parents evening

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

Fri 24th - Mar Red Nose Day

Fri 31st Mar Friends Chocolate Bingo

Fri 7th April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Mon 8th - 11th May SATs Week

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Oscar for using full stops correctly

Tilly for being a caring member of the class

William S for super maths

House Points News

Richmond 38 points 382 total for the year

Middleham 26 points 294 total for the year

Bolton 49 points 389 total for the year

Kirkby Fleetham News

Friends News

The next Friends meeting has been arranged for Weds 17th February, 8pm at the Black Horse pub. We will be looking at fundraising ideas for the year ahead. If you have any ideas or would like to come and find out what we do, we would welcome your input, feel free to join us!

PC Berriff's Visit

We were very excited to welcome Jessica and George's Mum PC Berriff into school, to answer some provoking and pertinent questions about life in the police force. The children explored some of the



special equipment (including getting locked up in handcuffs!), sitting inside the police van and sound the siren. A very big thank you to PC Berriff for a very exciting afternoon.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

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