



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

It has been a busy week behind the scenes. We were pleased to welcome two new members to our governing body last week. Chris Gent is a parent of two KS2 pupils at East Cowton school and has experience of the education sector through his supply teaching agency; 123 Teachers. He has agreed to take on responsibility for some of the health and safety in school. Polly Sinclair is a parent of four children, two of which attend nursery at Kirkby Fleetham. She combines her busy family life with running their farm and working as a gilder. Polly has agreed to take some responsibility for the promotion of the schools. Being a school governor is a demanding role, and we are very grateful to them for making this commitment.

We have appointed a new GTA who will shortly begin working across the KS1 classes of both schools, more information will follow shortly.

We still have a **vacancy for a breakfast club leader** at East Cowton School and are re-advertising the post. If you should know of anybody who would be interested in running the club before school five mornings a week please ask them to contact Mrs Shields or Mrs White in the school office for more information.

Exciting Maths News!

Mrs Mann our maths subject leader for the federation has been very lucky to have been selected to participate in an exciting maths project. The children will be exploring ways of using manipulatives (maths apparatus) to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts.

This new approach will benefit all pupils in both our schools. Many thanks to Mrs Mann for her enthusiasm in driving this project forward.



After School Clubs

We thought we should celebrate some of the exciting things that happen in our after school clubs each week. This week the children at East Cowton craft club celebrated Chinese new year by making dragons and lanterns.



Reminder: After School club at Kirkby Fleetham will be **closed on Wednesday 1st February** to enable staff to attend statutory child protection training. We apologise for the inconvenience this causes. If you are struggling to find alternative childcare that night please let us know.

Junk Modelling!

The children in Foundation stage get through packaging at an impressive rate in their junk modelling sessions. We would be very grateful for contributions of **small** cardboard boxes, e.g. biscuit/cracker boxes, and cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls), plastic milk bottle lids, and other interesting packaging such as little polystyrene shapes, etc.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Headteacher's awards:

Perfect Pandas: Everyone for their hard work in writing their fantastic battle cries.

Super Snakes: Serenity for her super work with her writing.

Listening cup: Toby

Achievement shield: William F

Caring bear: Daniel S

Planets: Joe, Toby, Willoughby and Alex

House Points News

Richmond 208 **Joe and Eloise**

Middleham 174 **Max**

Bolton 157 **Jack**

East Cowton News

Road Safety

Daniel and Archie, our Road safety officers sent home posters for the latest road safety colouring competition last night. Please could all entries be returned to them by Thursday 2nd February.

Thank you.

Bird Watchers

The children in Class One have been very excited about becoming 'Bird Twitchers'. They have been busy bird watching and have made a splendid display of bird feeders.



East Cowton Diary Dates

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 March - World book day (come dressed as a book character)

Thurs 9 March - Parents evening

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

Fri 24 - March Red Nose Day

Chocolate Bingo

Fri 7 April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Mon 8 - 11 May SATs Week

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Jack B for his seamless return to school from hospital, Jessica for amazing work on time, Edward for amazing artwork work class 2 and Madeline for working so hard during art with Class 2.

House Points News

Richmond 20 points **402 total for the year**

Middleham 13 points **307 total for the year**

Bolton 21 points **410 total for the year**

Kirkby Fleetham News



A big thank you to Mrs Faulks who came in last week to give us a fascinating talk about the legal system. It was an excellent continuation from our question and answer session with PC Berriff, and the children had some

challenging questions for Mrs Faulks about the life of a Lawyer and a Barrister. Children had the chance to try on a wig and robes, and acted out a court scene.

Archie Bishop

As part of their Archie Bishop Young Leaders award, the children of class 2 presented information they had researched about various charities. They then democratically voted as to which charity they would like to raise some money for with the Great Dane Adoption Society coming out on top. The children will now be planning a fundraising event for this charity. Watch this space....

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