



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

Dear Parents

We would like to wish you a very happy New Year from all of the staff and governors at the Federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham Schools. It has been lovely to hear all about the exciting things the children have been up to over the holidays, but equally good to see how well they have settled back into the school routine.

We have a very exciting term ahead of us and staff and children are already enthused about our Lion King/ Africa topic. We have some African music, art and dance planned, and are hoping to showcase our work to parents at the end of term. If any parents would like to share any experiences of visits to Africa etc. we would love to hear from you.

It has been lovely to welcome new children to our federation this week. At Kirkby Fleetham Leo has joined us in nursery, and at East Cowton we have welcomed Charlotte to nursery.

We also welcome several new members of staff. At **Kirkby Fleetham** Mrs Arrowsmith has taken over as class teacher in EYFS and KS1, and Miss Glover will be the teaching assistant in class two until Miss Follon returns from her maternity leave.

At **East Cowton** we are joined by Mrs Whent as EYFS/KS1 class teacher on a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, We also welcome Dr Vasby- Burnie at teaching assistant in Class two. We are currently advertising for a replacement teaching assistant for Miss Crabbe and are very grateful to Mrs Tongue for covering breakfast club temporarily.



## Volunteers

We are very lucky to have such supportive parents in our schools and are grateful for all the help we receive from them. If anyone has a spare hour or two to come in and hear children read please speak to your child's class teacher.

## School Uniform

Please could we remind parents to make sure that their child's school uniform, shoes, coats, gloves and PE Kit are clearly labelled. Thank you



## Christian Value

Our worship theme this term is 'Love' and we will be thinking about how this value runs through all aspects of life in our schools. Our chosen Christian value is generosity, and we will be thinking of the many ways we can be generous with our time, our gifts and abilities.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

### East Cowton News

#### **After School Clubs**

We have been pleased by the number of applications received for the spring term after school clubs. All requests have been processed and charges (where they apply) have been entered onto ParentPay. Parents are advised to check ParentPay to make sure that their child is booked onto the clubs that they have requested.

#### **Mrs Mann's Mega Maths Mysteries**

**1, 2, 3, 4**

Using the digits 1, 2, 3 and 4 and +, -, x and ÷ symbols make the numbers from 1 to 30.

Each of the numbers has to be used every time, for example  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$ .

Have fun!

#### **Y5/6 Workshop at Mowden Park**

Letters will go home today with children in Years 5 and 6 about the workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Please make sure that reply slips are returned to the school office on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **News from the kitchen**

Mrs Turner is back in the kitchen and would like to thank all of the children and parents for their wishes during her time off. She has really missed the children and is enjoying her time back.

#### **East Cowton Diary Dates**

Weds 11 Jan - Y5/6 swimming gala

Thurs 12 Jan - East Barnby meeting at EC 5pm

Tues 17 Jan - Y5/6 Mowden Park visit

Weds 18 Jan - Friends meeting

Thurs 19 Jan - Full Governing body meeting

Fri 27 Jan - Beetle Drive

Wed 1 Feb - Y6 Science Workshop

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

Fri 17 Feb - break up for half term

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

**Stars of the Week:** There were no stars of the week awarded in the last week of term.

#### **House Points News**

**Richmond 16 points 323 total for the year**

**Middleham 14 points 255 total for the year**

**Bolton 7 points 330 total for the year**

#### **Mrs Wyatt's award for endeavour and perseverance**

as a leaving gift to the school Mrs Wyatt presented us with a new cup to be awarded at the end of each term to a child who staff feel has really persevered with an area of the curriculum that they find challenging. The first recipient of this award was **Leo Kettlewell** for an impressive performance in the school play.

#### **Kirkby Fleetham News**

##### **Swimming**

Please may we remind parents that payment for this term's swimming is due. If insufficient funds are received we will be forced to amend the swimming provision on offer.

**Mrs Wyatt** has asked us to pass on her thanks to all parents. She was thrilled with the voucher we gave her and will enjoy choosing a piece of art work for her home to remember us all by.

##### **Toddler Group**

May we remind all parents that our parent and toddler group runs every Thursday afternoon. We are always pleased to see new faces, so please do mention us to any parents who might be interested in attending.

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Weds 11 Jan - Y5/6 swimming gala

Thurs 12 Jan - East Barnby meeting at EC 5pm

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

Fri 17 Feb - break up for half term