



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
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Dear Parents

It was lovely to see some sunshine this week and to feel like Spring is on the way. The children have been really enjoying the slightly warmer playtimes.

We are busy preparing for our Showcase in just over two weeks, tickets are selling really fast so please make sure you have reserved yours. A number of parents have asked whether it will be filmed for those who are unable to make it, and we are very grateful to Mr MacMillan who has agreed to do this for us.

We have provided a sneak preview here of some of the art work that the children have been busy preparing to show on the evening.

Parents will not be asked to provide **costumes**, but all children will need a pair of black leggings or jogging bottoms. Please contact school if you don't have any and we will endeavour to provide some.



## Sum dog is back!

Today is the start of the latest North Yorkshire Sum dog competition. All children should have come home with their login details. We will be giving children the opportunity to take part in school, but please could parents also encourage children to take part in this maths challenge at home as well. They can log in at [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

## Parents evening

Staff at both schools commented on how nice it was to meet with parents this week to celebrate the achievements of the children so far this year. If you did not manage to make it in this week please do make another appointment with your child's class teacher so that we can discuss their progress with you.

## Federation Swimming Event

The swimming event was a great success at the weekend. The children had a fun time playing in the pool and it was so lovely to see children from both schools coming together. Thank you to all who came along and provided such a lovely buffet afterwards for the hungry children... and parents! A special thank you also to the Friends for organising the event.

A number of you have mentioned this week's fascinating Panorama programme 'Sleepless Britain' about children's sleep and its role in children's brain development. One parent has suggested we share it in the newsletter in case anyone who might be interested hadn't seen it. It can be viewed on iPlayer <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08hymf3>. If anyone does have problems with their child's sleep, please have a chat with us so that staff are aware, and so that we can help you find support if needed.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Headteacher's awards:** Josh, Willoughby and Charlotte W

**Bronze owl:** Max and Charlotte W

**Super snakes:** Korben for working hard and challenging himself in his literacy

**Perfect pandas:** Josh for a focussed attitude in literacy

**Listening cup:** Daniel

**Achievement shield:** Archie

**Caring bear:** Joe

### House Points News

**Richmond** 478 **Emma**

**Middleham** 454 **Abby**

**Bolton** 419 **Toby**

### East Cowton News

Thank you to Miss Preston for coming into school to help Class 2 with their sewing. The children are really enjoying their sessions with her and it has allowed the children to show how creative they are.

**Life in Africa** The children in Class 2 have been investigating and comparing life in East Cowton with life in Africa and exploring the habitats of the wildlife there. This week the children have written some amazing poetry about animals where the reader has to guess which animals are being described - without looking at the clues.

**Salvation Army donations** We have received thanks from the Salvation Army for the donations given through the school clothing bank. During the past year a total of 317 kilos of clothing has been donated raising £63.40 for the school.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 13 Mar - Full governing body meeting

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

Fri 24 - Mar Red Nose Day

Mon 27 Mar - Showcase 6pm Richmond Theatre Royal

Tues 28 - Mothers' day lunch

Fri 31 Mar - Friends Chocolate Bingo

Thur 6 Apr - Year 3 French workshop

Fri 7 Apr - Break up for Easter Holidays

Mon 24 Apr - Training day

Tues 25 Apr - Return to school

Mon 8 - 11 May SATs Week

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

**Stars of the Week:** Jack S, Owen, Will and Kaiden for their wonderful writing, Amber for settling in so well and Edward for his independent writing.

### House Points News

**Richmond** 14 points **Total for the year 508**

**Middleham** 23 points **Total for the year 451**

**Bolton** 33 points **Total for the year 559**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Keeping children safe is always our first priority in school. Following a number of near misses outside of school at the end of the day please could we ask that parents do not park next to the staff cars when collecting their child from school or nursery. There is a strip of pavement marked off behind the staff cars and this is a walkway for children and parents whose cars are parked further down the village.

To avoid putting children at risk we now have a policy that **no one should drive over this walkway during school drop off and collection times.**

Thank you in advance for your compliance with this.

#### **Village Clean up**

As part of the keep Britain Tidy Campaign we were again invited to take part in the village litter pick last Friday. The KS2 children did a fabulous job of collecting litter despite the pouring rain. Thankyou to Mrs Verity for her help with this.

#### **Request from Class 1**

Please can Class 1 have a few tins (cleaned!) for us to use in our D&T project. We are designing and making our own versions of African instruments using recycled materials. If each child could bring in a soup tin or baked bean tin that would be perfect. Thank you.

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