



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 17th March 2017

A place where the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith underpin the social, moral, spiritual, cultural and physical wellbeing of every individual.

We were very proud of our year five and six pupils when they represented us at the small schools' cluster debate this week. The debate took place in the impressive council chambers at County Hall. The subject for debate was 'This house thinks homework is a waste of time'. Each school chose one child to speak in favour of the motion and one to speak against. The children spoke in front of 100 other children and a panel of judges, they were then subject to questions from children in the other schools. We are so impressed with Mia Verity for



her bravery when Kirkby Fleetham were randomly selected to go first, and Frankie Faulks for impressing the judges with her passion and sense of humour. East Cowton was the third school to speak and Daniel Smithson and Archie Gent were again most impressive at putting their arguments forward, being confident speaking to a large audience. Well done to all of year five and six for their thorough preparation and support of each other.

The outcome of the debate was that the children voted in favour of the motion!

Spelling Champions

Another nerve wracking event this week was the local spelling Bee. Following spelling tests in school, Abby and Emma were entered in to a spelling competition at West Burton School against other schools in the area. They were required to stand at a podium and spell words that were given to them in front of an audience. Mrs Tongue said she felt nervous just watching! We were so impressed that they came **first** and have made it through to the finals in a few weeks time!

Showcase The children from East Cowton School will be coming to Kirkby Fleetham on Monday for a joint rehearsal for the showcase. Tickets for the show have sold really fast If you haven't bought any tickets yet and would like some, please make sure you buy them by Monday as we will releasing the final few tickets to families who require more than three early next week. We will be texting parents with an update. Please could children bring black leggings/ jogging bottoms to school by next Wednesday.



Red Nose Day

Next Friday is red nose day. We will be keeping it simple this year. Children may come wearing red if they wish and make a donation to Comic Relief.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Headteacher's award: Ella

Bronze owl: Archie

Super snakes: Zoe for her fantastic mark making

Perfect pandas: Daniel for a brilliant habitat story.

Listening cup: Willoughby

Achievement shield: Jack

Writer of the week: Emma

House Points News

Richmond 48 Total for the year 526

Middleham 58 Total for the year 454

Bolton 58 Total for the year 477

East Cowton News

We have been donated a variety of new trees for the end of the playing field. The EYFS children enjoyed helping to plant them.



Reception and nursery children have been looking at the Elmer stories in literacy. We have acted out, retold and even written parts of the stories and ended the session with Elmer day when made Elmer and decorated Elmer biscuits!



East Cowton Diary Dates

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

Thurs 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:

Jessica: Exceptional effort and attainment

Lily: An outstanding news report

Ariella: Super work in Phonics

George: Excellent attitude to learning

House Points News

Richmond 18 Total for the year 526

Middleham 33 Total for the year 484

Bolton 29 Total for the year 588

Kirkby Fleetham News

Site security

We are again having trouble with people coming on to the school site on evenings and weekends, causing damage to property and leaving gates open. Please could we ask all members of our school community to be vigilant and let us know if they see someone entering the school site outside of school hours.

Playground

We are excited that our playground is to be resurfaced over the Easter holidays. We will then be able to liven up the whole of the outdoor area for the children.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Fri 24 Mar - Red Nose Day

Mon 27 Mar - Showcase 6pm Richmond Theatre Royal

Weds 5th April - 10.30am Easter service, St Mary's Church

Thurs 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



Headlice

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly as headlice seem to be an ongoing issue in school.



We are still collecting active Kids vouchers to buy sports equipment for our schools