



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Final preparations have been underway this week for our showcase at the Georgian Theatre in Richmond on Monday. The children from both schools enjoyed getting together for the rehearsal this week and everyone enjoyed seeing what the other school had produced for the event.

Thank you to those parents who have sent in black leggings/ jogging bottoms for the children. We will be having a dress rehearsal at the theatre on Monday. We ask that children arrive at school on Monday morning in their school clothes. We will be sending them home on Monday night with their t-shirt and trousers in a bag, and ask that they arrive at the theatre on Monday night, by 5.45pm at the latest, dressed ready for the performance. It promises to be a really exciting evening - we look forward to seeing you all there!



## Red Nose Day

The children at both schools have had a fun-filled day with a purpose, raising funds for Comic Relief. The theme of the day was red and we have been amazed by some of the super creations the children have worn.



## Early Years Foundation Stage - Working with parents

Foundation stage children are inquisitive and fascinated by the world around them. They develop rapidly at this age and are learning continually. We capture this in each child's 'learning journey' which is a unique record of their learning and development over time. In our schools we believe that the relationship between parents and staff is vital to our very youngest children's development. Our Early years curriculum is individualised and based on the likes and interests of each child, but we recognise that it is the parents who know the children best, and to build up a full picture of the children as individuals we ask that parents contribute to the learning journeys through our Wow certificates at Kirkby Fleetham and star books at East Cowton. Please do come and have a look at what your children have been up to, parents are always welcome to come in to school to share the learning journeys with their child at the start or end of the school day.

## Easter Services

### **Kirkby Fleetham**

This year's Easter service will be held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30. We welcome you to come along and join us. As in previous years we ask that parents drive up Greengate Lane so that children can walk safely on Kirkby Lane.

### **East Cowton**

The Easter service will be at 2pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please do come along and join us at 2pm and come back to school for hot cross buns and tea.



**Teaching Assistant Training** The Swaledale Alliance are running a 12 month Teaching Assistant Training Course from Sep 2017. If you or someone you know might be interested, please visit <http://www.swaledalealliance.org/cpd-amp-succession-planning/teaching-assistant-cache-course>

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Headteacher's award:**

**Bronze owl:** Alex

**Super snakes:** Jack for his super story writing

**Perfect pandas:** Toby for persevering with his art work

**Listening cup:** Charlotte F

**Achievement shield:** Joe

**Writer of the week:** Jack

**Caring bear:** Ruby

**Space Mission:** Colette, Daniel H and Max

**House Points News**

**Richmond 578 William R**

**Middleham 501 Colette and Charlie**

**Bolton 523 Daniel S**

**East Cowton News**

**Monday Film Club Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Owing to the theatre performance we are cancelling film club at East Cowton on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, apologies for any inconvenience.

**Craft Club**

Mrs Snodgrass has asked us to thank the craft club for the super display of the jelly bean prayer they produced for the church. Canon Stowe will be using their work in the Mother's Day service in church this Sunday at 11am



**Easter Egg Decoration Competition**

The annual Easter Eggciting competition is fast approaching. The children will design their eggs at school. You are welcome to create a background at home (this will not be included in the judging) BUT the actual egg needs to be decorated in school. Hard boiled eggs will be provided and the children will be shown what craft materials are available to them during the design stage. Children are welcome to bring in additional materials from home.

**East Cowton Diary Dates**

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:**

**William S:** for his mature approach to writing

**Edward:** for his independent writing

**William:** for his independent writing

**Rowan:** for his independent writing

**Mia:** Headteacher award

**Frankie:** Headteacher award

**House Points News**

**Richmond 25 Total for the year 551**

**Middleham 38 Total for the year 522**

**Bolton 38 Total for the year 626**

**Kirkby Fleetham News**

**Class 1 Request**

Could we please politely ask that children don't bring toys from home into school. The toys can get broken, covered with paint or wet from water play. They also often provoke disagreements as favourite toys are not readily shared with friends. Special souvenirs from an amazing day out or a book received on a child's birthday to share with the class, are of course welcomed. Thank you.

**A Message from Mrs Wyatt**



Dear Parents

When you gave me my leaving gift I said I would see which Mackenzie Thorpe picture would 'speak to me'.

Well this one does.

The rainbow reminds me of Mrs Harper, who adored rainbows and was the one member of staff who was at Kirkby Fleetham for all the years I was there. The colours in the rainbow are a reminder of the colours used in school each day. The trees make me think of Forest School, and all the fun and learning we did outside. The child jumping for joy reminds me of the love, which was given and received by everyone at Kirkby Fleetham. It makes me smile every time I see it and reminds me of you all. Thank you.

Louise Wyatt

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