



Newsletter

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

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



At our schools we place a huge importance on thinking of others and valuing difference and individuality. This week we have celebrated **anti-bullying week** by taking part in odd sock day, and by exploring what bullying is and the impact it has.

Today we have been 'doing our thing' for Children in need and the children have worn such creative outfits. Mrs Chapman made special Pudsey biscuits for the children at East Cowton and at Kirkby Fleetham they joined in with a range of Pudsey Bear themed activities and enjoyed a spotty crispy cake for their lunch. So far the federation has raised £92.92 for children in Need!



Cross Country Area Finals

A huge well done to the pupils who represented our schools at the area cross country finals this week. From Kirkby Fleetham Jack Sturdy came 13th in the year 4 boys race and Georgina came 27th in the Year 6 girls race. At East Cowton Willoughby Cooke came 17th and Joe Flintoff came 35th in the Year 5 boys race. Not bad out of the 68 schools that entered the first round! They should all feel extremely proud of themselves.

A big thankyou to Mr Cooke and Mrs Sturdy for transporting to the event.

Friends Annual General Meetings

We are lucky at both of our schools to be supported by very active 'Friends of the School' and are very grateful for the support they offer. Both Friends committees met this week for their AGM. At East Cowton Frankie Cooke has been re-appointed as Chair, and at Kirkby Fleetham, Steph Verity has agreed to stay on for another year. All parents are welcome to join the friends of the school, and any help you can offer will be warmly received.

If you would like to find out more about what's going on you could talk to any member of the committee or visit our Friends Facebook page.

Governor reports to Parents

At the Last governing body meeting it was felt that it would be a good idea for governors to share some of their work with Parents, so please find our first governor report below.

Health and Safety Review - Governor: Chris Gent

I had the pleasure of completing the Health & Safety review on the 9th November. The purpose of this review was to assess the environment that our young people are learning in, to check whether it's safe and whether there any issues that need to be rectified in regards to Health and Safety.

During my visit to East Cowton CE Primary we discussed any incidents that have been reported since my last visit, looking for any patterns; it was felt that there were no significant patterns to review. During our walkabout we looked at all the corridors, learning areas, staff areas, outside areas and kitchen. Any issues that were found have been recorded and action will be taken to rectify at the earliest opportunity.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Class 1: Ruby for brilliant spellings both in test and in English

Class 2: Freya for her contributions in class discussions

Listening cup: Ella

Achievement shield: Thomas

Bronze buddies: Nate, George, Eloise, Daniel H, Daisy, Ruby, Max, Daniel S, Willoughby, Toby and Ellie D

Silver Squad: Abby

House Points News

Richmond	513	Eloise
Middleham	538	Nate and Ellie H
Bolton	514	Serenity

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Staffing news

It is with mixed emotions that we inform parents that Mrs Shields will be retiring at Christmas. Whilst we are very pleased for her and wish her all the very best, she will be hugely missed. Mrs Shields is an excellent school administrator who has always given way 'above and beyond' to her role. She will continue in her role as school governor so will still be involved in the school behind the scenes. Mrs White will be increasing her hours and we will be advertising shortly for another member of office staff.

Evolution investigation



As part of our Science Topic 'Evolution and Inheritance' Class 2 are taking part in a University of Kent study. Researchers are investigating whether there is a link between

where children live, the surfaces they play on and the flexibility of their feet. We have been measuring our feet to find our 'foot flexibility index' and look forward to finding out what the researchers discover. Joe found out that his feet are not as flexible as his hands when he tried foot-writing!

East Cowton Diary Dates

Fri 24 Nov - Friends film night (movie TBC)

Tue 5 Dec - Flu immunisation

- Friends wreath making evening 7-9pm

Weds 13 Dec - Dress rehearsal

Thurs 14 Dec Christmas Pantomime 2pm, 6pm

Weds 20 Dec- Christmas dinner

Thurs 21 Dec- Christingle service 2pm

Fri 22 Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Stars of the Week:

Wesley:	Working independently in all subjects
Tilly:	excellent independent writing
Jorja:	An excellent example to all
Amber:	Independent work
Jessica:	Fabulous fractions
Lily:	Fabulous fractions
Jack C:	Amazing Remembrance writing

House Points News

Richmond	26	Total for the year 201
Middleham	27	Total for the year 2
Bolton	25	Total for the year

Kirkby Fleetham News

Out of school club Christmas Craft Special. On Tuesday 5th December Miss Follon will be planning lots of Christmas craft activities. The cost of the evening will be £5 and be from 3.30-5.30pm. If your child would like to attend please complete this weeks booking in form and return to Miss Follon.

Please note that **Breakfast Club is held in the infant classroom. When you arrive, please ring the office doorbell on the entrance door at the left hand side of the school. Thank you!*

Christmas Play - Change of date Please note there was an error in the newsletter last week. Due to commitments already held by the Village Hall, our **Christmas play will be on Friday 15th** Dec 2pm and 6pm at the Village Hall. This year there will be small charge for entry and refreshments will be available from the Friends.

Remember our open morning on Tuesday 21st November 10:00-11:30. Please pass the information on to any parents of pre-school children.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Tues 21 Nov - School open morning

Thurs 23 Nov - Reception vision checks
Year 1 hearing checks

Tues 5 Dec - Flu immunisation (Reception-year 4)

Wed 13 Dec - Christmas lunch

Fri 15 Dec - 2pm, 6pm Christmas play

Wed 20 Dec - Christingle service 6pm

Fri 22 Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

Mon 8 Jan - Training day

Tue 9 Jan - School opens for the spring term