



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 12th January 2018

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Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term 2018!

It has been lovely to have the children back after the Christmas holidays, and staff at both schools have remarked on how hard they have worked this week and how well they have settled into their new topic. This term's theme is 'American Adventure' and over the course of the term children will be exploring the culture, history and Geography of North and South America, as well as themed literacy work.

Along with this newsletter you should receive this term's curriculum letter from your child's class teacher. If you feel you have any skills or experiences to share in relation to this work we would love to hear from you.

Please could you pay particular attention to **PE days** and ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days. Tracksuits are only for outdoor PE and are not permitted for gymnastics and dance when school PE kit (as described on our website) should be worn.



The children in Year 5 and 6 are all starting to get excited about their forthcoming Robinwood residential. Parents should have received letters tonight about the final transport arrangements, the cost of which will be £13.60 and will be on parent pay today. You should also have received a souvenir letter. If you choose to place an order these should be returned by Monday 19th February.

We will be holding information meetings at both schools for parents and children to attend where Mrs Dudman will share information about what to bring, activities and timetables. These will be at Kirkby Fleetham on Wednesday 24th January at 5:30pm and East Cowton Wednesday 31st January at 5:30pm. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

Friends of the School

There will be a meeting of the **Friends of Kirkby Fleetham School** at the Black Horse Pub on Monday 15th January at 7pm. The **Friends of East Cowton School** will meet at 7.30pm at the Beeswing on Wednesday 31st January. Please note overleaf the new diary date for the East Cowton Beetle Drive of Friday 26th January, the details for which will be confirmed as soon as possible.

The meetings are an informal gathering of parents - if you are able to, please do come along and show your support.

A message from Mrs Faulks our Chair of Governors:

Prior to Christmas, Rachel Savage (foundation Governor) and myself met with Mrs Dudman to look at the progress the children across both schools are making with their learning. We were encouraged by the results they are achieving and their evident willingness to 'get stuck in' and support each other in the classroom. The focus for improvement this term will continue to be KS1 phonics and maths across the curriculum. We hope the children (and the staff!) enjoyed their holiday and have come back revitalised for a new term.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Stars of the Week

Class 1: Nate for the extra effort he is putting into his handwriting.

Class 2: Colette for her fantastic "can do" attitude in class!

Listening Cup: All of Class 1

Achievement Shield: Abby

Headteacher's Award -Thomas, George and Nate

House Points News

Richmond 54 - Lily R and Joe

Middleham 65 - Willoughby

Bolton 60 - Laura

East Cowton News

Vacancies

Admin Post

We will shortly be advertising for a new administrative assistant to replace some of Mrs Shields old hours. Until the position is filled, Mrs White will be working in the office from 8.30am - 2.30pm every day.

Breakfast Club

Sadly Mrs Gent will no longer be available to run breakfast club and we will also be advertising for her replacement next week.

We are very sad to be losing Mrs Gent as she has been very committed to the role and has worked so hard to provide a happy start to the day for the children.

Forest schools

Class 2 children are looking forward to starting their Forest Schools activities on Monday afternoons from the 15th January. Each Monday please could they bring a bag containing a long sleeved top and trousers, waterproof jacket and trousers (if you have them), walking boots or wellies, enough layers for the weather on the day!

East Cowton Diary Dates

Fri 26 Jan - Friends Beetle Drive - TBC.

Wed 31 Jan - Robinwood meeting in school at 5:30pm & Friends meeting at 7:30pm - Beeswing

Fri 2 Feb - NSPCC number day - Grow a pound

Fri 9 Feb - Break up for half term

21-23 Feb - Y5/6 Robinwood residential

Sat 10 March - Friends Town Hall event

Fri 16 March - Chocolate Bingo

Fri 2nd March - World book day

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

House Points News

Richmond 15 **Total for the year 291**

Middleham 15 **Total for the year 374**

Bolton 19 **Total for the year 336**

Kirkby Fleetham News

Class 1 News



Someone's been eating my porridge! There were strange goings on in the middle classroom on Wednesday and Class 1 used their detective skills to identify who the thief was!

They found an empty small porridge bowl, a broken chair, a wisp of golden hair, some very sticky porridge finger prints on the window and a piece of broken jewellery with the initial letter "G". I wonder who that could have been?

Class 2 News

Class two have been getting all soft and sentimental this week, inspired by the text

'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Children



and teachers have been bringing in treasured dolls and teddies, including a very old china doll that belonged to Mrs Harper's Mum, and talking and

writing about them in class. It has been a lovely opportunity for both adults and children to share some of the softer parts of themselves in school, and discuss common experiences in a safe and nurturing way. The children have already produced some wonderful pieces of writing and this promises to be a topic up there with the very best!

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