



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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



## Welcome to our Federation

A very warm welcome to Emma who has settled in very quickly to Foundation Stage at East Cowton, and Mrs Hartley who joins us as school administrator at East Cowton on a Thursday and Friday.

## School meals

We are very pleased that even though our schools are so small we still have freshly prepared hot meals cooked in our own kitchens and have our own lovely school cooks. The county Caterers menu that we follow is varied and meticulously planned to provide a daily nutritious meal to the children, and encourages the children to try something new. We have noticed that a high proportion of our children are choosing to have jacket potatoes rather than the main meal, and some are having a jacket several times a week. This doesn't give them much variety and is causing problems with the food orders as we expect that children will have the main meal unless they really don't like what is on offer that day. Please could parents check with their children what they are eating and maybe share the menu with them. The menu was sent home at the start of term or can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals> (select single menu)

## Do you qualify for free school meals?

Did you know that Universal Credit is currently a qualifying benefit for Free School Meals?

If you receive Universal Credit then your children are entitled to a free meal in school. Claiming free school meals could save you almost £400 per child per year, and could enable the school to gain over £2,000 per year extra funding for every child as well. So even if your child doesn't take the free meal, or your child gets a free meal because they are currently in reception or Key stage 1, you should apply now if you haven't already.

From **1 April 2018**, the government are introducing a net Universal Credit earning threshold of £7,400 per year for free school meal eligibility which means that some families who are eligible now would not be if they apply after 1 April.

Please see the attached letter from North Yorkshire County Council for more details.

## Parents internet safety session

PC Kim Laws will be coming to East Cowton School at 6pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May to run an internet safety session for parents. We would strongly encourage **all parents of children from Reception to Y6 from both schools** to attend this important session. The internet is a wonderful and exciting resource for our children, but can also leave them vulnerable to all sorts of dangers. It is important that parents are aware of these dangers and keep one step ahead of their children.

## School Swimming

The children have all received their letters about our Federation swimming lessons taking place after Easter. Please return the consent form as soon as possible.

If you have a DBS check and could be available to help for any of the lessons, please do contact your school office. We really appreciate and rely on parent help.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Class 1:** Nate for his super effort in maths

**Class 2:** William R for his fantastic self portrait

**Listening Cup:** Emma

**Achievement Shield:** Ella D

**Bronze Owl:** Charlie

**Headteacher's Award:** William R, Abby, Daniel S, Ella R and Willoughby

### House Points News

**Richmond** 116 - **Charlotte M**

**Middleham** 102 - **Thomas**

**Bolton** 82 - **Lily B**

### East Cowton News

#### **Sumdog**

The North Yorkshire maths contest Sumdog starts today 9<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to all those taking part.

#### **Forest School**

Any spare or outgrown waterproofs you would be willing to donate for us to use in Forest School activities would be much appreciated.

#### **Friends of School Events**

##### Coffee Morning

Don't forget about the coffee morning at Northallerton Town Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 9am - 12.30pm.

##### Chocolate Bingo

This will be taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall from 6pm. Any donations of chocolate for prizes would be gratefully received and can be handed into the school office.

#### **ParentPay**

We would be grateful if you could please check your parentpay accounts and pay any outstanding balances as soon as possible, thank you.

#### **East Cowton Diary Dates**

Sat 10 March - Friends Town Hall event

Fri 16 March - Chocolate Bingo

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March- Break up for Easter

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April- Training Day

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April- Children back in school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Whole school swimming starts for 5 weeks

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May - Parents internet safety session

WB 14<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs Week

Fr1 25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June - Children back in School

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Julv - Break up for Summer

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### Stars of the week:

**Tom:** Thorough understanding of doubling and halving

**Oscar:** Good instruction writing on trapping a dragon

**Jack B:** Amazing maths progress

**Frankie:** Scientific investigation skills

### Headteacher's Award:

**Jorja** - for her outstanding helping behaviour in PE with the younger children

### House Points News

**Richmond** 14 **Total for the year 452**

**Middleham** 18 **Total for the year 592**

**Bolton** 13 **Total for the year 508**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### Class 1

Class 1 are now self-registering in the mornings. All children, including Y1 and Y2, should find their name and then put it on their lunchtime meal choice. There will be a note of the day's main meal. Parents of Nursery and Reception children are encouraged to oversee their child's choice. This is greatly speeding up our morning registration and enables the children to get straight into their learning.

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#### Litter Pick

Please could the children in class1 bring their wellies, gloves and a waterproof coat on Monday as they will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, joining members of the community litter picking around the village.

#### The Friends

\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*\*

**Dad's night** at The Black Horse pub

Saturday 21st April 2018, 7pm till late

In support of the Friends Committee fundraising in conjunction with the pub and Hambleton Ales guest beer 'Fleetham Fine Fettle'

Don't forget about the Photography competition!

#### Kirkby Fleetham Diary Dates

Weds 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service 2pm St Mary's

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March- Break up for Easter

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April- Training Day

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April- Children back in school

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Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May - Parents internet safety session at EC

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Toddler group

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