



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 22nd January 2016

Keeping Christian values at the heart of everything we do, we prepare our children for the opportunities and challenges of the wider world through a curriculum based on fun, friendship, faith and respect for the world and everyone in it.



This week saw the year five Residential to Robinwood, attended by fifty two children from eight schools across our cluster. The children from East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham worked together throughout their three days away, and some good friendships were formed. As well as having a huge amount of fun, the children were challenged and learnt a lot about themselves: Archie conquered his fears and discovered that the giant swing and zip wire are not as scary as they look! Josh's leadership skills came to the fore as he bravely led the way in the caving activity, Darcy was fearless in the face of every activity and she and Ethan discovered they have excellent archery skills, Ethan also demonstrated that he is a caring friend and a good team player. Charlotte proved herself to be a good team leader in the canoe challenge as she skilfully steered her canoe and Grace conquered her fears on the trapeze and was the only one to complete the 'bum challenge' (landing without her feet touching the floor'), Kaiden proved himself to be fearless in the Piranha pool, jumping in to icy cold water to rescue some balls for his team, and Mia helped to build the tallest tower with the staff in the crate challenge, being very gracious when she was left dangling in mid-air! Emma showed impressive leadership and problem solving skills throughout all challenges, thinking not only of herself, but helping others along the way.

Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Dudman were extremely proud of all the children, they were good fun to be with, they really challenged themselves to face their fears and tried their hardest in everything they did. Well done year five!



The views of parents are very important to us as they help to inform our school improvement planning. Each academic year parents are asked to share their views through a quick questionnaire on Parent View. As part of their preparation for inspection, Ofsted inspectors will look at the responses to gauge parent views. In order for results to be valid more than 10 parents need to take part. If you have not completed the questionnaire **this academic year** we would be very grateful if you would do so at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> Thank you.

Federation Literacy Day

This term both schools will be focussing on improving outcomes in writing. Mrs Mann and Mrs Hume have been busy planning a joint unit of work and intend to launch it during a joint literacy morning at Kirkby Fleetham on Monday 1st February. They will be involved in a variety of exciting writing tasks, challenging them to think like writers and get into the creative flow! The theme for the day will be 'time travel', moving forward and backward in time to find inspiration for our work. We will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 3rd February at 6pm at East Cowton School, where parents can learn more about how to help your child with spelling and writing,

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Isabella Hodgson for making tessellating patterns with socks

Beautiful Butterflies: Korben Treanor for his phonics and spelling work

Excellent Elephants: Year 5 for outstanding behaviour at Robinwood

Listening Cup: Jack Leggott

Achievement Shield: Ruby Helliar

Caring Bear: Sophie Turbutt

Writer of the week: Ruby Helliar

House Points News

Ryedale	174	Toby Gent
Nidderdale	171	Ruby Helliar
Wensleydale	187	Joe Flintoff
Swaledale	188	Daisy Ashworth

East Cowton News

Parents and siblings lunch on Wednesday was a tremendous success. The children were very impressed by how well behaved the parents were and that they ate all of their vegetables. We have been amazed by the response for **grandparents** hoping to join us on 4th February. We can't accommodate everyone on this occasion but aim to hold another event in the near future.

The student council is busy preparing for the visit from Dr Ingram who is a governor. They are looking forward to the visit.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Thurs 28 Jan Governor to meet School Council
Thurs 28 Jan Messy Church
Mon 1 Feb Class 2 Literacy day
Tues 2 Feb Joint Friends (and parents) meeting
Wed 3rd Feb Phonics and grammar evening
Thurs 4 Feb Grandparent's lunch
Friday 5th February NSPCC national number day
Tues 9 Feb Friends meeting
15 - 19 Feb Half term break
Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals
Thurs 25 Feb Messy Church
Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event
9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6
Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term
WB 9th May Y6 SATs week

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Star of the week: Jack Burton for his fantastic literacy and Oscar Holme Pearce for his super reading, writing and number work.

House Point News

Byland 39 points last week, 227 this year

Jervaulx 29 points last week, 227 this year

Rievaulx 18 points last week, 253 this year

Head Teacher Award

Lee Stace (2nd)

Kirkby Fleetham News

SIAMS

We have been informed this week that we will be having a SIAMS inspection next Wednesday. The inspectors will be looking at our effectiveness and distinctiveness as a church school. You may meet inspectors in the playground on the morning who will be interested in your views on the school.

Mother's Day Lunch

Tracey our wonderful cook would like to invite parents or grandparents to a Mother's Day lunch on Wednesday 2nd March. She will be preparing a delicious meal of roast chicken with chocolate fudge cake to follow. A letter will be sent home tonight for you to complete if you are able to attend.

Class3 RE

In RE in class 3 we have been looking at creation and how things were formed. Next week the children will be looking at something that is special to them and how it was created. It would be lovely if, next Friday (29th) the children could bring in something special to them - nothing too valuable or breakable please!

Keep fit with Kath

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their taster session this week with Kath. If your child would like to attend for £2.50 each Monday night from 3.30-4.30pm please book them in on the 'out of school club' booking form.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

Mon 1 Feb Class 2 Literacy day
Tues 2nd February joint Friends meeting 8pm
Wed 3rd Feb Phonics and grammar evening at East Cowton (do come along!)
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