



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

"Nurturing a sense of awe and wonder towards the world in which we live and enabling children to participate confidently in an ever-changing global society!"

## Dear Parents

As our first year as a federation draws to a close we have been reflecting on some of the successes of this year. Whilst maintaining the individuality of our two schools, staff have worked closely together as one team, planning lessons, moderating outcomes and leading on different areas of the curriculum, this has certainly developed a stronger and more highly skilled staff team. Governors have worked very hard to establish a clear understanding of the strengths and areas of development for both schools and have overseen the development of the federation website. The children have established new friendships and have enjoyed Federation days such as the skateboarding day, Shakespeare in the Forest and the Federation Olympics. The joint 'Friends' swimming pool party also provided an opportunity for parents and children to mix outside of school.

Moving forward we have employed a new administrator, Mrs White, to provide federation support for one afternoon a week and intend to continue with the federation afternoons for another half term.

We are extremely grateful to all our parents for their support and encouragement over this first year.

## Goodbye and good luck Year Six!

It is with real sadness that we say goodbye to our year six children next Tuesday. They have all worked extremely hard this year and we have been very proud of their academic, creative, musical and sporting achievements. They are now more than ready for their next big step to the high school.



The children were allowed to choose where they would like to go for their well-earned year 6 treat. East

Cowton children chose to get dressed up and take Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Mann to Betty's in Northallerton for afternoon tea. The children at Kirkby Fleetham will be going for a circular walk around Richmond with a picnic at Easby Abbey on Monday.

We wish them all the very best in their new schools and hope they will come back to let us know how they're getting on next year.



## Strawberry Tea

Yesterday afternoon the children were really able to show off their singing, dancing,

gymnastic and joke telling skills. There were some excellent compositions by the pianists, busy dancing by the buzzy bees, lots of creative dance and gym routines, and you really wouldn't want to mess with those East Cowton pirates!

Thank you to Mrs Mann and all the staff for their hard work in bringing the whole thing together.

## What a talented bunch!

We have had a showcase of the huge amount of talent we have within our schools this week.

What is striking is that our children are so confident and prepared to get up and perform in front of an audience. Well done everyone!

## Summer Showcase

Tuesday saw some excellent performances from our talented

musicians and dancers. The beautiful songs composed by the children were very moving, the year 6 rendition of 'Seven Years old' was quite a tear jerker and we all enjoyed seeing nursery perform 'Hickory Dickory Dock'!

A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work and particularly Mrs Hume for writing the show and our new school song.



## Friends news

As we lose our Y6 children, we also have to say goodbye to some valued members of our Friends committees. On Tuesday we will say goodbye to Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Legott, Mrs Landells, Mrs Wimmer and Mrs Savage. We are extremely grateful to them for all their support and commitment for the schools over many years. Between them they have helped to raise a huge amount of money to buy the 'extra's' that the school budget can't always stretch to, and this is most appreciated.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

### Weekly Awards:

**Achievement Shield:** Ruby

**Caring Bear:** Ella

**Listening cup** Charlotte W

**Headteacher's Award:** William F, Laura, Willoughby, Toby, Charles B, Ella, Josh, Ethan and Sebastian

**Young Leaders' Award** Everyone in Class 2 received their Young Leaders' Award certificate. Well done for you hard work!

### House Points News

We have no house point's news for this week.

### News

**School dinner Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July** The final meal of the school year has been specially chosen by our Year 6 children. Our menu for the day will be sausages and gravy with mashed potato, sweetcorn and carrots. This will be followed by a choice of sticky toffee pudding with custard, fresh fruit or yoghurt. An alternative of jacket potato with cheese will also be available.

**Volunteers needed** This year we see Mrs Leggott leave our small pool of dedicated volunteers. We very much value the support that our volunteers offer the children with a range of support such as listening to the children read, gardening club and offering to drive children to events. Please come and have a chat if you would like to get involved. We will arrange the necessary clearances from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Teddy Bears Picnic** The children enjoyed their picnic treat in the garden with their teddy bears yesterday. Many thanks to Mrs Turner.

### East Cowton Diary Dates

Mon 25 Jul Rehearsal - Y6 Leavers' Service

Tue 26 Jul Leavers' Service All Saints 11am

Wed 27 JUL SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM

Tues 6 SEP SCHOOL OPENS TO CHILDREN

Fri 16 Sep Y5/6 Tennis (TBC)

Wed 28 Sep KS1 Fun Run

Tue 15 Nov Individual school photographs

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### Weekly Awards:

**Stars of the week:** Leo for his improved handwriting. Kaiden for helping with the show props Will H for sportsmanship on sports day. Tara for all round positive effort in her work. Oscar for trying hard with his reading.

### House Point News

**Rievaulx 99 points - total of 683 for the year**

**Jervaulx 75 points - total of 704 for the year**

**Byland 80 points - total of 714 for the year**

### News

#### Mrs Bradshaw

It is with genuine sadness that we will say goodbye to Mrs Bradshaw on Tuesday. She has been thoroughly dedicated and committed to our school and we will all miss her cheery smile! We wish her all the best in her new job and hope she will pop in to see us from time to time.

As part of the topic 'Our World', an airline pilot (Oscar's daddy) came to visit the children to talk about all the places he had flown to. He explained to the children some of the technical aspects of flying a large aeroplane and about the variety of cargo that he has transported. It was a fascinating afternoon. Thank you Captain Pearce.



### Special lunches:

A huge Thankyou to Mrs Morgan who prepared a special lunch chosen by Year 6 yesterday.

The teddy bear's picnic will be held on Monday, all children are invited to bring a teddy/ cuddly toy

### After School Club

Kath will not be here on Monday. There will be **no after school club** on Tuesday.

### Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

Tues 19 Jul Celebration evening

Sun 17 Jul KF Friends Barbecue 2pm

Tue 26 Jul Leavers service St Andrews 2pm

Wed 27 JUL SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM

Mon 5 SEP TRAINING DAY

Tues 6 SEP SCHOOL OPENS TO CHILDREN



**May we wish you a very happy summer holidays from all of the staff and Governors at the Federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE (VC) Primary Schools**

