



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

## Super Science

This week the children in Key stage two have been thinking about what it means to be a scientist. At Kirkby Fleetham the children have been discussing what they would like to find out with their newly developed investigative skills, and at East Cowton they have been on a secret mission to reduce our carbon footprint.



In Key Stage One our super scientists are learning about identifying and classifying animals this term. Today they have been bird watching. They have made some bird feeders and are hoping that these may entice some more birds when they do a follow up bird watch next week.

Mrs Whent, who is responsible for science in the school, is encouraging us all to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend. It will only take an hour of your time, and children will enjoy identifying different species of birds. To find out more visit the RSPB's website at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



## Up to Date Contact Details

It is really important that we can get hold of parents and carers in an emergency. Please could parents make sure they let us know of any recent changes to addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc. Thank you.



## Reading at home

Reading is an essential skill for all areas of the curriculum. We use a range of different methods to help children to learn to read in school; whether it's individual reading to an adult, paired reading with a child from another class, sharing a whole class text or reading alone, children are encouraged to practice their reading skills and develop a love for reading.

Parents play a crucial role in teaching developing these skills and we would ask all parents to spend a little time hearing their child read and record this in their reading journal at least three times a week. We will be awarding Head teacher's certificates when children have read 10 times at home.



## Robinwood Parents meeting at East Cowton

The Robinwood meeting will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. This will be an opportunity to find out about the activities your child will take part in and to ask any questions you may have. We will also be joined by parents and children from Appleton Wiske School. Kirkby Fleetham parents who couldn't make last week's meeting are very welcome to join us.

## NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

**Class 1:** Eloise for her amazing writing

**Class 2:** Laura for her determination in Maths

**Listening Cup:** Thomas

**Achievement Shield:** Joe

**Bronze buddies:** Ellie H

**Silver Squad:** Willoughby, Charlotte M, Nate, Lilly, Serenity, Thomas

**Gold Gang:** Abby

### House Points News

**Richmond 80 - William F**

**Middleham 68 - Colette**

**Bolton 86 - Ellie DD**

### East Cowton News

#### Thank you from Mrs Shields

We had a lovely letter from Mrs Shields this week thanking everyone who kindly donated to her leaving gifts. She is very much enjoying her retirement but hopes to see everyone again soon in her role as Governor!

#### Menu Change

Please note that there are a couple of changes to the lunch menu. Week 2 on Mondays will now be a cheese and onion pasty and Week 3 on Thursday will be a chicken wrap. This has also been changed on the menu on the school notice board.

#### East Cowton Diary Dates

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

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World book day

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

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

Fr 1 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> July - Break up for Summer

## NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

### Stars of the week:

**Tilly:** for being a friendly and welcoming member of the class

**Oscar:** positive working attitude - especially in maths

**Wesley:** Excellent retelling of Goldilocks

**Leo K:** Exceptional learning behaviour

**Georgina:** Exceptional learning behaviour

**Frankie:** Outstanding progress in writing

### House Points News

**Richmond 22 Total for the year 333**

**Middleham 41 Total for the year 441**

**Bolton 28 Total for the year 392**

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### Class 1 and Burns Night

Class 1 found signs of a haggis in their class room on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Mrs Arrowsmith shared her Scottish heritage with the children as they went on a haggis hunt and found a nest! An interesting science discussion followed as they tried to decide if a haggis was a mammal or a bird - it had fur but laid eggs?! Finally, they all got to taste haggis, neeps and tatties. For most of the children it was the first time they had tasted this and many really enjoyed it.



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Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - class one forest schools

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