



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 29th January 2016

Learning through fun, friendship, faith and respect

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week across the federation, both **school councils** have held their meeting for this term and we were delighted to be joined by Dr Ingram, our Governor with responsibility for children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development at the East Cowton meeting.

Next week we will be holding our **parents information evening about literacy**. This is a joint event and teachers from both schools in the federation will be present to share how they teach, phonics, spellings and reading. They will also share the new end of year expectations for year 2 and year 6, which have been raised significantly. The meeting will be at 6pm on Wednesday 3rd February and will be at East Cowton School on this occasion (the next joint evening will be at Kirkby Fleetham). If you are unable to attend please speak to your child's class teacher who will provide you with a pack of the resources used.

Next Friday is the **NSPCC'S number day**. We will be carrying out additional number activities and also using it as an opportunity to raise the profile of the NSPCC and the important work that they do.

Don't forget the joint Friends 'cake eating' meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd February at East Cowton.

Gambian Link School

In May last year Kirkby Fleetham School hosted Mrs Njie, a teacher from Bakau New Town School in the Gambia. All members of the school community who met her were fascinated by her stories of the children in her class, and by the photos and gifts that she brought to share. Staff, pupils and parents were struck by how few resources they have in their school, and that many of the resources they do have are hand made by their teachers.

Whilst Mrs Njie was in Kirkby Fleetham she stayed with Mrs Casson who lives in the village and runs an education charity in the Gambia. Mrs Casson will be visiting Bakau New Town School over the half term holidays and will be helping to build the new library roof. She will be taking letters from the children from both schools in the federation, and assures me that these will be treasured by the children there. As a school we felt we would like to make a donation to the new library and would like to give parents the opportunity to buy a book. We will be selling book labels for Mrs Casson to take with her which will be glued inside the book with the name of the child/family who made the donation. Mrs Casson will take a member of staff shopping to their local book shop and buy the books. If you would like to contribute a book to the new library please complete the attached form and send your donation in to your school by Wednesday 10th February.



Messy Church

The children at East Cowton enjoyed their first messy church of the year with Cath Jones. She introduced them to the story of king Nebuchadnezzar and they enjoyed making pictures of the three men in the fiery furnace. They also particularly enjoyed decorating biscuits with the 'jewels' from the king's crown! This led to a discussion about always sticking up for what you believe in.

East Cowton Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Jack Blakey for fantastic number work, especially his doubling and number sentences

Beautiful Butterflies: Laura Taylor for working hard in her 3D shape work

Excellent Elephants: Ellie Haymer for persevering with her work and writing a wonderful opening to her story

Listening Cup: William Reed

Achievement Shield: Daniel Smithson

Caring Bear: Tate Liddle

Writer of the week: Lauren Casey

House Points News

Ryedale	238	Ethan
Nidderdale	250	Ruby
Wensleydale	284	Jack B
Swaledale	258	Daisy

Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

Star of the week: Alfie Martin for his fantastic maths, Toby Marsh for his super maths work and Tara Patchett for her wonderful survival guide.

House Point News

Byland 58 points last week, 285 this year

Jervaulx 55 points last week, 282 this year

Rievaulx 39 points last week, 292 this year

Head Teacher Award Toby Marsh (3rd) Jack Burton (1st)

Kirkby Fleetham News

SIAMS Inspection

Thank you very much to those parents who came in to speak to the SIAMS inspectors this week. The report will be sent to the Diocese for checking and should be available to parents before half term. We can report that the inspectors were very impressed with the behaviour and respectful nature of our children and with the wealth of enrichment opportunities available to them at our school. The staff were all extremely proud of how well the children represented the school.

KS2 Literacy Day

We are looking forward to the class 2 children from East Cowton visiting us next week. We're sure they will all have a wonderful time creating some exciting literacy work with our class 3 children.

East Cowton News

Sainsbury's have launched their Active Kids 2016 voucher scheme which runs from 27th January to 3rd May. This year we aim to raise the bar and see what we can achieve. So get collecting and drop your vouchers into school!

MSA Vacancy We will soon be advertising for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to help the children at lunchtime on Monday and Friday between 11.50 and 12.10. Please contact the school office if you might be interested.

KS2 Literacy Day Class 2 is looking forward to joining the children at Kirkby Fleetham on Monday morning. Please remember, they need to be in school at 8.45 to leave on time and will be back in time for dinner as usual.

East Cowton Diary Dates

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 Feb NSPCC national number day

Mon 8th Feb Cake stall after school

Tues 9 Feb Friends meeting

15 - 19 Feb Half term break

Wed 24 Feb X-Country finals

Thurs 25 Feb Messy Church

Thurs 25 Feb Governing body meeting

Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

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Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

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