



# Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE  
And Kirkby Fleetham CE  
Primary Schools  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

"A place where children develop independence, self-motivation, cooperation and creativity in their thinking allowing them equal opportunity to reach their full potential now and in the future fulfilling positively their role as a global citizen!"

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year from all of us at the Federation of East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham Schools! We have had a busy start to the term and the children are all very excited about their new topics. There will be a History theme to much of our learning this term; Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage one will be travelling back to mediaeval times to learn about life inside castles, whilst the older children will be travelling back even further to the Stone Age. Curriculum letters from class teachers are attached.

It was good to see some year five parents at our Robinwood meetings this week. For those of you who were unable to attend, there is a video that can be sent home on request.

The staff of both schools would like to say a big thankyou to all children and parents for their very generous Christmas presents at the end of last term.

## New starters

It is always lovely to welcome new children and staff into our schools. At Kirkby Fleetham we welcome Rowan into nursery and Will and Nel into the Junior class.

At East Cowton we welcome Daniel and Lilly to our nursery and also Miss Crabbe who will be running breakfast club and supporting literacy in Beautiful Butterflies class.



## Swimming gala

Well done to the children in years five and six who represented our schools at the small Schools swimming gala this morning. As always the children represented our schools really well and there were some excellent individual performances. Well done to the Kirkby Fleetham team who won bronze medals for coming third overall. Thank you to Miss Crisp at East Cowton and Mrs Harper at Kirkby Fleetham for helping with transport and supervision at the event.



It was really nice to be able to bring our Foundation stage and Key stage one children together on Wednesday afternoon this week. The children from Kirkby Fleetham travelled to East Cowton where they spent some time getting to know each other.

The year 1 and 2 children had a PE lesson with Mr Windwood and the Foundation stage children practiced their physical skills with the large toys, hoops and balls in the outdoor area. Staff felt that the afternoon had been very successful and these visits will continue weekly till half term.

### East Cowton Weekly Awards:

**Brilliant Bears:** Lilly Blakey and Daniel Harding for settling in and learning new routines so well

**Beautiful Butterflies:** Korben Treanor for thinking of fabulous objectives to describe a dragon

**Excellent Elephants:** Ella Reed for writing a very creative advert using humour

**Listening Cup:** Colette Cooke

**Achievement Shield:** Charlotte Ingram

**Caring Bear:** Daisy Ashworth

### Kirkby Fleetham Weekly Awards:

We did not have celebration worship at the end of last term so house points have been rolled over to this week.

#### **Headteacher's awards**

Well done to Lucy Shirt and Rebecca Savage who received their first headteacher's awards.

#### **Space Mission**

Congratulations to Tara Patchett and Grace Stephenson who both worked very hard to reach their targets and moved from Venus on to Earth.

### East Cowton News

**Dropping children at the school gate** For their safety, children arriving after the school side gate has been locked must be accompanied by their parent/carer to the school door.

**Parent worship** Due to changes in the staff timetable it will be necessary to move parent worship back to Thursday mornings at 9.00am. All parents are invited to come in and hear what the children have been doing throughout the week.

**County music services** visited school for a demonstration this week. If your child would be interested in learning an instrument please contact County Music on 01609 532783.

**Friends event** The Friends are holding a Beetle Drive on Friday 15th Jan at 6pm in East Cowton Village Hall, all welcome; no ticket needed; teams of two - ideally one adult and one child.

### Diary Dates

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - Day 2 Y4/5 British values project

Fri 15 Jan Friends Beetle Drive 6pm

18 - 20 Jan Robinwood Y5

Wed 24 Jan X-Country finals

15 - 19 Feb Half term break

Sun 28 Feb Friends swimming event

9 - 11 Mar East Barnby Y6

Thurs 24 Mar Last day of term

### Kirkby Fleetham News

#### **Refurbishment**

The first phase of the refurbishment of the Y2/3 classroom/ Hall is now complete and the room looks lovely and fresh since it was painted over the holidays.

This refurbishment is part of our baby and toddler group project and was paid for with a lottery Grant.

Toddler group runs every Thursday afternoon at 2pm, so if you know anyone who may be interested in attending, please do invite them along.

#### **Swimming and Golf**

Next Friday is our first swimming session, please make sure children in year 2-6 remember their swimming kits!

Please could all the children doing golf make sure they are dressed in warm jogging bottoms (or something similar), warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves as they will be outside for the duration.

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