



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 9th September 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

It is lovely to see all the children back in school, refreshed after the holidays, and ready for the challenges of the new academic year ahead. The teachers report that the children have already risen to the demands of their new year group, and our Year 6 children have enthusiastically taken up the roles that come with being the eldest in the school. Each child will be bringing home a letter from their teacher tonight explaining what they will be learning about this term. The school curriculum can also be viewed on our website if you require further information.

House Teams

We will this year be having three house teams, and have decided to link these across the federation. These have been named after local castles, and children from each school have been divided into either **Bolton**, **Middleham** or **Richmond**. The children will continue to collect points for their school house team, but will also work with their affiliated team at Federation events.

New Starters



We are delighted to welcome some new faces to our Federated school family.

At Kirkby Fleetham we are joined by Ariella Carden in Reception, and Wesley, Jorja, Edward, William and Madeline have moved into Reception from our Nursery.

East Cowton School welcomes Abby Tongue into Year 5, Charlotte Meynell, Thomas Chapman and Eloise Francis are new members of our reception class, and George, Nate, Daniel, Tate and Serenity have also made the big step up to Reception. We hope that the children and their families will enjoy being part of our schools. communities.



Childhood Flu Programme

Parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will have received a pack from the North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme Team offering a nasal spray vaccine to children. The programme will begin in schools in October as part of the Public Health England campaign to lower the impact of influenza (flu) in children. Vaccinating children each year means that not only are they protected but there should be reduced transmission across all age groups, lessening levels of flu overall and reducing the burden of flu across the population. We urge you to read the pack and return consent forms to school by Friday 16th September.

Healthy Drinks

Children are constantly on the go throughout the school day and need plenty of fluid to keep them healthy. Please may we remind parents that as part of our healthy schools commitment, we do not allow squash or other sugary drinks in school. Children are expected to bring water bottles to school and water is provided for everyone at lunchtime. Children who have packed lunches do not need to bring a drink with them.

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Friends news (save the date!)

The Friends of East Cowton School will be holding a meeting on the evening of Wednesday 21st September (at a venue to be agreed). All parents of children at the school are welcome to come along to find out about the work that they do to support the school. We will provide more information in the newsletter when the venue has been confirmed.

Parent Worship

From Thursday 15th September, Parent Worship will take place each Thursday at 3pm; all parents of children at school are welcome to join us to celebrate the achievements of the week.

ParentPay

We would like to thank those parents who have registered with ParentPay. If you haven't done so already, please take time to log in to ParentPay with the information provided by letter before the summer holidays. In addition to managing the financial aspects of school life, it allows us to quickly send email messages out to parents. Don't hesitate to call into the School Office if you need help or to ask questions.

School grounds

A huge thankyou to our willing band of volunteers for all their hard work in the school grounds over the summer, it was lovely to come back to school looking so well tended with such fabulous vegetables and sweet peas!

Thank you also to Mr Gent, Archie, Toby and Daniel who did such a brilliant job of clearing up after the PE shed had been vandalised.

East Cowton Diary Dates

Fri 16 Sep - Y5/6 Mini Tennis
Wed 21 Sep - Friends' meeting
Wed 28 Sep - KS1 Fun Run
Wed 2 Oct - Parent's evening
Wed 12 Oct - Y3-6 X-Country
Fri 21 Oct - Break up for half term
Mon 31 Oct - School open
Thur 3 Nov - Y5/6 Football
Thur 10 Nov - X-Country Finals
Tue 15 Nov - Individual school photographs
Wed 16 Nov - Y1-3 Flu Vaccinations
Fri 18 Nov - Children in Need Day
Wed 23 Nov - Y5/6 Girls Football
Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

School Administrator

As you may be aware Mrs Ient resigned from her post at the end of last term. We were very sad to see her go, and would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school for almost 14 years. We wish her all the best for the future. We have advertised for a new administrator and expect to have someone in place permanently after half term. In the meantime Mrs Harper has been doing an excellent job of running the office in the afternoons, and we are hoping that our temporary administrator will be in place by next Monday.

Parent Worship

Our celebration assembly takes place at 3pm every Friday afternoon. All parents are welcome to come and join us to celebrate the week's achievements.

Friends News

We were sad to lose four long standing members of the Kirkby Fleetham CE School Friends committee at the end of last year and are now really hoping that some new parents may want to become involved. The Friends AGM will be held shortly and we would appreciate any interested parents who would like to join us (with no pressure to take on a major role!). If you are interested please speak to Steph Verity or any of the school staff.

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Mon 28 Nov - Full Governing body meeting
Thurs 1 Dec - Advent lunch (parents welcome to join us)