



Newsletter

Federation of East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 1st July 2016

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

Y6 Diocesan Annual Leavers' Service The Year 6 children from both our schools attended the annual leaver's service at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday morning. This event was to mark the end of each child's time in a church school. It encourages them to reflect on all their experiences at primary school and helps them think about the next step in their lives as they move on to Secondary school. As always it was wonderful to take part in the service in a Cathedral packed with Year 6 children from across the diocese.



Questionnaire Thank you to those parents who took part in our recent parent survey, the results of which were on the whole overwhelmingly positive. They will be available on each school's website by the end of next week. There were very similar results from both schools, with 100% of parents agreeing that their child is happy and feels safe in school, that they are well taught and make good progress. A number of parents questioned the amount of homework the children receive, and this is something we will be reviewing next term. A number of parents felt they did not know enough about the role of governors or how to get in touch with them. This will be discussed at the next governing body meeting, but in the meantime, there is information on the website about who they are and what they do.

In response to questions about the federation, parents see the advantages of the federation as increased flexibility and support for staff, the opportunity to socialise with other children the same age, shared facilities, strategic leadership and financial savings. It was lovely to hear from many parents that their child looks forward to seeing their friends from the other school each week.

All suggestions made for improvements will be considered fully at the next governing body meeting.

Federation Olympics and sports days The federation Olympics takes place at East Cowton School this Wednesday. Children from **both schools** will work together in teams in the morning and will take part in traditional athletics events in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come and watch from 1.00 - 3.00pm if they wish.

The East Cowton Sports morning will be on Thursday 7th from 9.30am

Kirkby Fleetham Sports afternoon will take place on the village green on Tuesday 12th from 2.00pm.

Big clear up at East Cowton The children at East Cowton made the most of Empty Classroom day on Friday last week and spent the whole day working and learning outdoors. A number of parents came in to help and cleared Bluebell Wood. Beautiful Butterflies helped to clear paths of weeds, Brilliant bears helped by clearing their class area and Excellent Elephants helped to put fencing up around the Peace Garden area and put up the new bird boxes made by Jack Leggott.



NYCC Survey for Parents of Children in Nursery - 30 hours funded nursery places

Dear Parents

As part of the free 30 hours Extended Entitlement to the 3 and 4 year old funding, The Department for Education is looking to assess the current and future childcare needs of parents. We would be very grateful if you could complete the following online survey by the 8th July please. It will only take approximately 10 minutes to complete: <https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=146598777906>

Thank you in anticipation

Family Information Service Tel: 01609 533483 Email: fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

Send My friend to School Week This week both schools have participated in the Send My Friend to School campaign. The children are eagerly awaiting a response from Rishi Sunak (MP for Richmond) whom they have invited to collect the backpacks.



NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

Weekly Awards:

Brilliant Bears: Isabella for being kind and welcoming our new starters

Beautiful Butterflies: Sophie for fantastic literacy work

Excellent Elephants: Toby for fantastic work measuring angles and helping others too

Listening Cup: Charlotte I

Achievement Shield: Laura T

Caring Bear: Oliver

Reading raffle winner: Ruby

Headteacher's Award: Ella and Emma

House Points News

Ryedale 669 points **Charlotte I**

Nidderdale 636 points **Jack L**

Wensleydale 675 points **Joe**

Swaledale 582 points **Daniel S and Emma**

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Next week is our annual **sports week**. Children will be taking part in a wealth of sporting activities over the week so are invited to come in their school PE kit each day with their school sweatshirt over the top if it's cold. Year one children will need to come in their uniform on Monday as they have the science workshop in the afternoon.

East Cowton Scarecrow Trail Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from the Friends of the School who are looking for volunteers to help with the event on 9th July. Please let us know if you are able to help in any way.

Diary Dates

Mon 4 Jul Y1 Science Workshop

Wed 6 Jul Federation Olympics

Thur 7 Jul School games day

Fri 8 Jul Spelling Bee

WB 11 Jul Secondary schools transition days

Fri 15 Jul Friends rounders / BBQ evening at EC

Thur 21 Jul Strawberry tea / Teddy bears picnic

Tue 26 Jul Leavers' Service All Saints 11am

Wed 27 JUL SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM

Tues 6 SEP SCHOOL OPENS TO CHILDREN

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

Weekly Awards:

Stars of the week: Brogan Kirk for her maths work and Tom for his excellent all round behaviour, attitude and learning.

Space mission:

Jack Burton and Emma Patchett have successfully moved up to Mercury.

Head teacher award:

Jack Burton and Jack Sturdy

House Point News

Rievaulx 5 points last week, 535 this year

Jervaulx 8 points last week, 594 this year

Byland 10 points last week, 601 this year

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Please remember the children will be at Thorpe Perrow Arboretum on **MONDAY** and will need to come prepared for all weathers as they will be outside all day. We will be wearing school uniform, but children can wear trainers (or wellies if wet) if they wish. It may also be more sensible for the girls to wear school trousers instead of summer dresses/skirts.

Kirkby Fleetham Diary dates

Mon 4 Jul Thorpe Perrow

Wed 6 Jul Federation Olympics

Thurs 7 Jul Bedale High induction day

Fri 8 Jul 'Too cool for school' no uniform day

WB 11 Jul Secondary schools transition days

Tues 12 Jul Sports day

Wed 13-14 Jul SFX Induction days

Tues 19 Jul Celebration evening

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Tue 26 Jul Leavers service St Andrews 2pm

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