



Newsletter

East Cowton CE
And Kirkby Fleetham CE
Primary Schools
Friday 7th September 2018

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



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to the new starters in reception in both of our schools and to their families. Welcome back to the rest of our children who have moved into new year groups this year.

The children have all been busy getting used to the routines and expectations of their new year groups and have already been very busy with their learning.



This term key stage two children will be learning about the significant events of early 20th century, including World War Two. Key stage one children will be learning about the way people lived at this time in history. Curriculum letters from the class teachers are attached to this newsletter.

Key Stage One Fun Run

The children in years 1 and 2 have been invited to take part in the Small Schools Partnership fun run on the morning of **Friday 21st September**. As in previous years, the fun run will be hosted by East Cowton School, and the KS2 children will have the opportunity to be young leaders. Please ensure that all pupils have their PE kits in school that day. A letter has already gone home to parents of KS1 children at Kirkby Fleetham.

Attendance

All schools are held rigorously to account for the attendance of their pupils and are only able to authorise holidays in term time in **exceptional** circumstances. The latest published attendance data shows national average attendance in primary schools is 96.1%. Staff and governors will be closely tracking attendance that falls below this level in our schools this year.

There is a wealth of evidence to show that even short-term absence has a significant impact on pupil friendships, learning and progress, and we would ask parents to consider alternatives very carefully before requesting a holiday in term time.

Forest Schools

We are committed to developing the independence and resilience of our children and believe that outdoor learning and forest schools activities are an excellent way to do this. This term Dr Vasby-Burnie will be leading sessions for KS2 at East Cowton before half term, and will jointly lead forest schools with Mrs Harper for KS2 at Kirkby Fleetham after half term.

The children in KS1 will take part in forest schools in the spring term.

Transfer to Secondary School Open Evenings

In order to meet children who might be going to Richmond School next year and their parents, their annual open evening is taking place on Thursday 20 September at 7:00pm. Please note that year 5 pupils and their parents are also welcome to attend this session.

SFX are hosting their open evening on Thursday 27 September 2018 from 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Northallerton School are announcing their meeting date shortly.

Job Vacancy

The Black Horse Inn at Kirkby Fleetham are advertising for a Kitchen porter Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm and would consider term time only. Call Dave or Vaughan 01609 749010 for more information

NEWS FROM EAST COWTON

House Points News

Our new house captains and vice captains:

Richmond - Charlotte W and Ellie H

Middleham - Willoughby and Max

Bolton - Ellie D and Charles

Stars of the Week

Class 1: Lucinda for settling in to school so quickly

Class 2: Laura for making fantastic contributions in class and group work

Listening Cup: Charlotte Francis

Achievement Shield: Korben

Headteacher's Award - George

East Cowton News

Baby news!

Congratulations to Mrs Hartley who gave birth to a baby girl over the summer - Beatrice Rose.



Thankyou to Mrs Smithson, Mrs Snodgrass and Mrs Smith for all their

help maintaining the school garden - if anyone else would like to volunteer please let us know!

East Cowton Diary Dates

19th September - Friends of School meeting - at 7:30pm in the Beeswing pub

20th September - Richmond School open evening

21st September - KS1 Fun Run

27th September - SFX Opening Evening

15th October - Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby

24th October - Yr 5/6 girls football

Fri 26th Oct - Break up for half term

Mon 5th Nov - Children return to school

NEWS FROM KIRKBY FLEETHAM

House Points News

Our new house captains and vice captains:

Richmond Jack C and Jack S

Middleham Brogan and Jessica

Bolton Owen and Lee

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After School Club

Just a little reminder that a booking form is sent home with your child on alternate Fridays and must be completed and returned to school should you require childcare.

Any charges for attendance are processed on a Friday and should be paid via ParentPay. Please note that if your child is a regular user you can also pay in advance should you prefer to do so.

On the booking form this week you may notice that there are some new exciting clubs including the return of keep fit with Kath!

You will also see that there has been an increase of the charge for movie night in order to help cover our costs.

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Fri 21st Dec - Break up for Christmas