



Cowling Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th October



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Harvest Festival service in Holy Trinity Church yesterday. I am so proud of all the children who spoke and sang in front of the congregation. Speaking out in front of an audience is a real skill and the children are growing in confidence all the time. Thank you also for your generous donations which are supporting Homestart Craven where I know they will be very much appreciated.

At the service the children spoke about their Fairtrade Enterprise Initiative where they are keen to support the Malawian farmers they met at a recent Fairtrade event. The children have been tasked with selling 90kg of rice which Mrs Nelson reports is the best she has ever tasted! Your child should have brought home an order form tonight and we would be very grateful if you could complete the order form and return to school on Monday 5th November. Please support this initiative if you can.

Our school hall was transformed on Tuesday evening for the Halloween disco—a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the event. The children looked absolutely amazing and very scary! The disco raised £206 for school funds which is wonderful. Funds raised by our families and friends help support the curriculum at Cowling. The cost of hiring coaches for educational visits is ever increasing and we use funds raised to support the curriculum including trips, school swimming and the purchase of reading challenge prize books. Thank you for your support and to all the staff who gave up their evening and really entered into the spirit of the disco! I am also extremely grateful to the families who were able to attend the PTA meeting at the Harlequin this week. As school budgets come under increasing pressure we are even more grateful to the PTA for any funds they are able to raise to support Cowling Primary.

Yesterday we turned out once again for an inter-school football tournaments (our teams are pictured right). Our girls battled it out on a rather windswept South Craven pitch in the inter-school tournament. I was extremely proud of our team who worked so well together and we were ecstatic with a 3-1 victory in the final match. There were amazing performances from all the children and some great attack from Cyan and Olivia. Well done girls! Thank you to everyone who helped transport the children to and from the event which ensured our team could compete.

Looking ahead to next term, we are delighted to be a venue for the acclaimed Lempen Puppets Theatre Company who are staging "The Amazing Thing" after school in the school hall on Wednesday 21st November. Lempen is donating a percentage of all tickets sold to school. I am sure it will be a magical performance. Please return the slip to school after half-term if your child/children would like to attend. Tickets are priced £5.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable half-term and look forward to seeing all the children when school reopens on bonfire night—Monday 5th November. Your child is invited to come dressed as a rock star for the day to support a TT Rockstars maths initiative—I am sure they will look amazing!



With best wishes,
Susan Marshall
(Headteacher)



Don't forget—come dressed as a rock star on the first day back for our TT Maths Rockstar Day!

Cowling School Marking and Feedback Trial

At Cowling we are always looking at ways to improve and are currently running a trial on the impact of verbal feedback to children.

Traditionally teachers spend a great deal of time marking books and writing comments. Studies, ("A Marked Improvement" Education Endowment Foundation – 2016), found a significant disparity between the enormous amount of effort teachers invest in written marking and the actual impact it has on pupils.

In our trial teachers will assess the children's books at the end of a lesson, acknowledging work with a tick if required and identifying children who would benefit from support or greater challenge. Our teachers then complete a whole class marking sheet, identifying areas of work to praise and is-

ssues to address. This feedback is then given to the class verbally at the start of the next lesson. Our belief is that children will feel proud having their achievements verbally acknowledged by the teacher and also make more progress with a reminder of what the class needs to do to improve further.

Any issues which need to be addressed on an individual level will be done on that basis.

We feel this approach will have greater impact than written comments which some children can overlook in books.

We hope this approach will be both more effective in terms of promoting learning and also make more effective use of teacher's time.

We will review the trial after Christmas.

Happy Birthday to:

Chloe Marshall

**From all your friends at
Cowling Primary School**



Cowling Primary School Christmas Fair

Thursday December 6th 3.30pm

Do you know of anyone who would like a stall at our Christmas Fair £10 donation to school funds.

Please email admin@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk if you would like to reserve a table or contact school on 01535 632198

Pupils of the week awarded for effort, public speaking, maths, handwriting and presentation.

Class 1: James Swales and Joe Smith.

Class 2: Lydia Swinson and Sam Garlick.

Class 3: Zak Jones and Brooke Beddoes.

Class 4: Joseph Smith and Ruby Steele.

Class 5: Seb Barnett and Isla McGill.



Thursday 8th November—Y5/6 Basketball

Tuesday 13th November—Parents Evening Y1-6

Thursday 15th November—Parents Evening Y1-6

Friday 16th November— Pupil Flu Vaccinations

Sunday 18th November—Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival

Wednesday 21st November—Lempen Puppet Show 4pm £5

Friday 23rd November—Non-uniform day—please donate chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fair.

Thursday 6th December—Christmas Fair 3.30pm

Tuesday 11th December—Nativity 6pm (C1 parents)

Wednesday 12th December—Nativity 6pm (C2 parents)

Thursday 20th December—School closes for Christmas

Swimming begins again first Wednesday back—November 7th