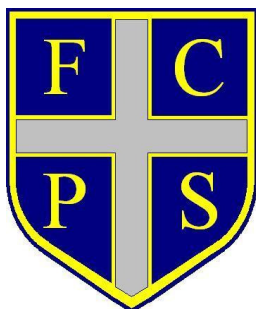


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Fellside Matters



A Happy New Year to you all from everyone at school. The start of a new calendar year it may be but we are close to half way through the academic year. The spring term at school often sees the most rapid progress in children's learning in those essential aspects of the curriculum; maths, reading and writing. The combination of hard work at school and skills practise at home leads to the success and progress of all our children. During the week before February half term you'll have the opportunity again to discuss this with your child's teacher.

The youngest children working at school are now taking successful and rewarding first steps at independent reading and writing. We are seeing the progression of this into Year 1 with many of our children

Welcome to Fellside

We officially welcome Mr David Mordue to the Fellside staff team, he has begun teaching in Year 4 and the children in his class have already done a fantastic job in making him feel really welcome and part of the school. We thank him for the hard work he has already done in getting to know the children, organising the classroom and resources for teaching.



We also welcome new lunchtime supervisors Sharon Geary and Lorraine Cooke who began this term, and Valerie Spall and Valerie Knowles who joined us during the autumn term.

COCO

On Monday 11th January Steve Cram and Gemma Dyer visited school to collect the wonderful sum of £2024 that all families and friends of Fellside raised during our sponsored event. It is amongst the highest totals collected for them by a primary school. Steve sends his sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the amount. Thank you to all who came along to the coffee morning.



Our non uniform day last term raised another £162, with this we have bought sports equipment for Londoto Primary School, a huge thanks goes to Phil Price from PJP Sport on Front Street in Whickham for sourcing and supplying the equipment.

Punctuality

Along with attendance, punctuality is monitored monthly. The vast majority of our children always arrive on time and are lined up ready at 8.55am on the yard with their classmates. We fully appreciate that there may be the odd occasion where a child is late, however a number of children are regularly late for school, arriving after this time.



Children arriving late miss out on pre school banter and chat with their friends; some miss out on important instructions and teaching.

Children arriving late should be brought to the main entrance where they are signed in and staff will then ensure they are taken to their classroom. Punctuality that continues to concern us will be followed up.

BUG

Our BUG group have come up with a plan to encourage more children to cycle to school. Every day a child cycles they will receive a stamp on their cycle card. One card completed wins them a bronze Bike It medal, three cards a silver and 5 cards a gold along with a dust cap for their bike. All number 5 cards will be put into a draw early in the summer term with the prize being a brand new bike.



This cycle to school plan will begin week beginning Monday 17th January. See any of the BUG group for a card or more information.

Friends of Fellside

The Friends of Fellside World Book Day disco will be held on Thursday 3rd March.

Key Stage One and Nursery **4.45 – 5.45 pm**

Key Stage Two **6.00 – 7.15 pm**

There will be prizes at each disco for the best girl and boy fancy dress outfits, come as a character from your favourite book.

London 2012

We are now signed up as a school to the Olympic 2012 website. This can be found at:

<http://getset.london2012.com/join-us/register/pupil-registration>

The children sign in with the following:

25427-maitland

Once they have done this they need to create a username and password, this will be forwarded to me for approval. They will then have access to a whole range of activities, resources and information about the London 2012 Olympics.

Fellside Fun Club

A reminder, could all parents please use the outside door that is off the dining hall for collection and drop off at the breakfast and after school club, this includes during the parent consultation weeks. Many thanks, Rachel Wilson.



Lost Property

We have a significant amount of lost property in school, socks, shoes, wellies, scarves, hats, gloves, jumpers etc. All items will be in the hall from 8.40 – 9.00 am and then again at 3.15 pm on Friday 21st January. Any unclaimed items will then be put into the clothing recycling bin.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be operating next week

Year 1 and 2	Little Kickers - Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 2	Recorder - Wednesday lunchtime
Year 3 and 4	SAQ - Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 3 and 4	Recorder - Wednesday lunchtime
Year 5 and 6	Hockey - Monday 3.20-4.50pm
Year 5 and 6	Recorder - Thursday lunchtime
Year 6	Cookery - Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30pm
KS2	Choir - Friday lunchtime-
Reception to Year 6	Karate Club - Wednesday/Thursday 7.50-8.50am
Reception to Year 6	Gymnastics - Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm



Diary of Planned Events to Easter

Tues 18th Jan	Bling Yer Bike
Mon 14th - Thurs 17th Feb	Parent Consultations
Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb	Half Term
Mon 28th Feb - Wed 2nd Mar	Year 6 to Robinwood
Thurs 3rd Mar	FOF World Book Day Discos
Thurs 17th March	School Photographs
Mon 18th Apr - Mon 2nd May	Easter Holiday

