



# Fellside Matters

A huge collective sigh of relief emanated from Mrs Maitland's classroom on Friday morning as Year Six completed their final SATs paper, the last of nine tests in a tough week.

The attitude of the children has been exemplary throughout and we expect their efforts, not just in recent weeks but throughout their time at Fellside, will be appropriately rewarded with results reflecting their ability and effort.

Academic success of course has to be a priority for us and whatever one's feelings about statutory tests for eleven year olds, SATs performance is a measure used by DfES, Ofsted and Local Authorities.



Equally important is that children are given

the opportunity to flourish, achieving their potential in other areas: sport and the arts for example. We're committed in this respect with both curricular and extra curricular provision through the variety of clubs we offer. Wherever possible we support those who demonstrate talents away from school. Just last week Newcastle United Academy Player, Steven Hindmarsh in Year Six, has been chosen to play in a tournament in Rome in June with squads from the likes of Manchester Utd and Barcelona FC.

Can he have a week out of school to further develop his footballing talent? Of course he can! - Congratulations Steven.

## FELLSIDE FUN CLUB

That's the name chosen for our out of hours childcare. Nathan Haley (Y5 who suggested the name) received a prize from provider Karen Renner in Friday's assembly.

Many of you expressed an interest in school based childcare in surveys a year ago. We are now in a position where you can register interest in Fellside Fun Club directly with Karen. She can be contacted on 07748829206 or at [Karen.Renner@btinternet.com](mailto:Karen.Renner@btinternet.com).

Karen will attend prospective nursery and reception parents meetings in June and will hold a meeting for all interested parents in school at 6.00 pm on Thursday 6th July.

Pricing structures will be competitive and available in June.

## Further improvement

To accommodate Fellside Fun Club our dining room has recently been fitted with attractive storage cupboards and work surfaces. A new entrance door and folding partition to the hall entrance are due for installation during the half term break.

Our library is redesigned with new display and storage units for books. Storage of musical instruments is much improved with racks for cellos and guitars, with cupboard storage for violins, woodwind and other equipment.

School councillors recently spent over £400.00 on toys and play equipment for playtime and lunchtime use. An immediate priority is to provide outdoor storage for the considerable amount of equipment children have access to.

A new adventure trail, similar to the popular equipment in the KS2 yard, is to be installed for Reception and KS1 during the holiday—Directly funded by the generous contributions for our Sponsored Poetry event last term.

## School Meals

The recent price rise in Gateshead has unfortunately and not unpredictably, had an effect on the number of children staying for school lunch. They are currently the lowest recorded.

Our cook, Karen Watson and her team provide excellent, freshly prepared food ensuring variety, considerable choice and of course all school meals meet nutritional standards. Menus are available on [www.gateshead.gov.uk](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk)

A new option is 'Spudbusters' where children can choose a baked potato with a topping of their choice (see sheet attached). Please contact school if you're interested in this option.

If your child currently brings packed lunch why not give our school meals a try.

## Cycling

A quick glance at the cycle shelters, both pretty full most days this term, gives an indication of the success of promoting cycling at Fellside. Around 10% of our children regularly cycle to school now, from 0% five years ago.

This enthusiasm has already resulted in the installation of our shelters and now a 'Bike It' officer, James Adamson, to work with us.

James has already been into school to discuss his role with me. There are many important initiatives his involvement will bring, not least bike maintenance sessions—fixing a puncture for example.

James joins us for assembly this week and his practical involvement begins on Thursday 14th June at 3.15 pm with a 'Doctor Bike' safety check and maintenance session two days before our Pedalling Picnic.

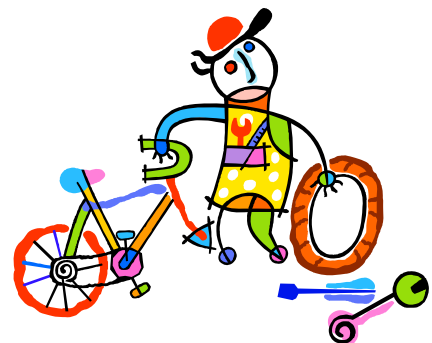
Watch out for more information on these events soon.

Below is an introduction from James. We look forward to working with him.

### **Bike It**

*Sustrans, the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, and Gateshead Council are delighted to announce that Fellside Community Primary School has been selected to take part in the **Bike It** project. Funded by the Local Council, Cycling England and the Association of Cycle Traders, **Bike It** works with enthusiastic schools to encourage pupils (and parents!) to cycle to school more often. **Bike It** has been an enormous success since its launch around England in 2004 and has helped hundreds of children be more active and healthy whilst also avoiding congestion and stress on the school-run. **Bike It** works with staff, pupils and parents to address specific issues at its six schools which include:*

- \* Concerns about safety and liability
- \* Liaising with the Council on cycle training for kids
- \* Secure cycle storage
- \* Promotion of cycling to all
- \* Parental involvement in cycling
- \* Classroom activities
- \* Maintenance sessions
- \* Bike Rides and Clubs
- \* School events (such as Bike It Breakfasts)



*If you have any questions or would like more information about **Bike It**, please do not hesitate to get in contact with **James Adamson**, the **Bike It** Officer for Gateshead and South Tyneside.*

[James Adamson@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:James.Adamson@sustrans.org.uk)

[Http://www.sustrans.org.uk/](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/)

## Books for the Library

Our refurbished library is much improved with ample shelf space for books. We would welcome any donation of childrens books. So if you've have a sort out of books your children may have 'grown out of' please send them to school. They may well be very useful in our library.



# Fellside at Forty

There will be a number of activities and events at school on Tuesday 5th June to mark forty years since the school opened on 5th June 1967.

Over 50 adults have reserved a sixties style school dinner for 1.15 on the day. Those staying for the meal are welcome to join us for a school assembly at 2.00 pm. Also welcome to this assembly are any parents or family members who are past pupils of Fellside.

At 2.30 all children will move to the school field for a special photograph and balloon release. Everyone is welcome to join us on the field for this and to view a display of memories, photographs and memorabilia from Fellside's past .. and no doubt catch up with some old school friends and teachers.

Friends of Fellside have organised discos for the evening, a commemorative tea towel and a celebration at the Coachman on Friday 8th June, featuring our own band 'Take Cover'.

So lots happening for everyone.



## Blue Peter Shoe Biz Appeal

Many thanks for all the donations of shoes so far, there have been 181 pairs sent off since we started.

We are now going to bring our support for this project to an end and get the remaining shoes sent off. The blue wheelie bin will therefore remain in the bike shed only until Friday 8th June. This gives everyone the chance at half term to have another clear out!

So please have one last hunt around for all those unwanted shoes, fasten them together and place them in the bin. We will do a final count after the 8th June and then let you know the grand total.

Thank you again for your support.

Daniel Graham—Year 3



## State 8 Promotions

Just a reminder about school uniform for September. Junior now stocks and provides uniform for 10 local schools, we are sure you will understand that this time of year is extremely busy for them and in order to ensure enough stock to satisfy all of their customers they have requested that we remind you that uniforms for September needs to be pre-ordered by **Friday 13th July**.

You will have received a leaflet complete with an order form recently and we do have a small number of these in school if you have lost your copy.

# FRIENDS OF FELLSIDE NOTICE BOARD

## Commemorative Tea-towel

As part of the day of celebrations for Fellside's 40th Anniversary, each child will be drawing a picture of themselves to go on a commemorative tea-towel. There will be separate tea-towels for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two and the cost will be £3.95 each (payable once we have taken delivery of the towels).

If your child is absent on Tuesday 5th June 2007 they will have a chance to do their drawing when they return.

As there is a minimum order quantity we need your orders in advance and would ask that you complete the order form below and return it to school by the 8th June.

## 40th Anniversary Evening Celebration

Tickets for the **Fellside School 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening Celebration** at The Coachman on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007, are selling quickly. Numbers are limited, so get your tickets as soon as possible from the school reception desk!

**Time: 7.30pm till 12 midnight**

**Price: £6.50**

There will be entertainment from the Dads' band, Take Cover, as well as a buffet supper, quiz & raffle.

## Free 40th Birthday Celebration Disco

Friends of Fellside have organised a

**40th Birthday Celebration Disco on the school's birthday—Tuesday 5th June**

**Foundation Stage and KS1 children's disco: 5.00—6.00 pm**

**KS2 children's disco: 6.15—7.30 pm**

Entry FREE

There won't be a tuck shop,

instead the children will be given a FREE mix-up bag of sweets and a drink - just like in the 60's!

**Nursery and Reception children MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

**Entry only given to pupils attending Fellside Primary School.**



## Order Form—Fellside Commemorative Tea towel—£3.95 each

Child's Name ..... Class: .....

KS1

KS2

Signed: .....  
(Parent / Carer)