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Next week we say goodbye to our Year Six children and around half of our nursery children. Whether they've been with us one year or, as for many of our Year Six children, eight years we thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them the very best for the future.

The exemplary attitude to learning of our current Year Six has been evident as they've moved through the school. This attitude and their ability when combined with high quality teaching and learning opportunities with a number of teachers has enabled these children to record the school's best ever SATs performance—surpassing last year—with 100% reaching the government target of Level 4 in all three subjects and stunning results at level 5 (the highest level) English 70%, Maths 93% and Science 100%. Wow! As ever what is important is that children fulfil their potential whatever their ability.

Maximising potential is a central value to us. Job done again by all concerned—not just on the academic front but also the lighter side of school.

For the second year we've run a business enterprise project in Year Six. With a loan of £3.00 per child, Year Six

pupils have operated a number of small business schemes this half term—the advertising directory accompanying this newsletter is one example.

They've repaid the loan of £90.00 and made a clear profit of £458 for their leaver's party—a disco and buffet at Blaydon Rugby Club with transport to the venue by stretched limo!

Great attitude, tons of hard work, astonishing results, lots of laughs. Enjoy the party—you deserve it.

Children return to school on Tuesday 4th September (Nursery and Reception have their own induction arrangements). Fellside Funclub, our new childcare facility has an open evening for interested parents and children on Monday 3rd September from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

It remains for me to wish everyone an enjoyable, well deserved summer holiday.



## School Organisation 2007/08

Nursery	Mrs O'Neill with Mrs Mitchell
Reception	Mrs Balkwill* with Mrs Nevin
Year One	Mrs Armstrong with Mrs Wrate
Year Two	Mrs Cameron with Mrs Wrate
Year Three	Mrs Ducker with Mrs Rutherford
Year Four	Mrs Bowron with Mrs Rutherford
Year Five	Mr Ellerbrook with Mrs Potts
Year Six	Mrs Maitland with Mrs Potts

\* Maternity cover to April 2008

In addition to this Mrs Spencer, Mrs Arbon and Mrs Nichols provide extra support in school.

Mrs Smith will continue as learning support teacher and our three visiting music teachers continue next year.

## Friends of Fellside

The recent Summer Fair raised over £1100 profit of direct benefit to our children. Many thanks to those who organised, participated and visited the Fair which thankfully avoided the frequent downpours of recent weeks.

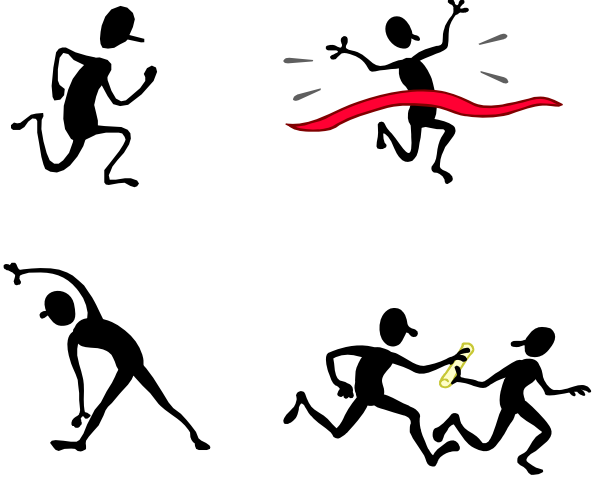
Don't forget—it's our Barbecue this Friday with tickets on sale at school.



## Sports Day

A reminder that sports day is next Tuesday afternoon (Wednesday if wet). Difficult to believe that this time last year our main concern for this event was heat and sun protection!

Sports Day will follow the format of recent years enabling all children to participate and retaining an element of competition.



## Questionnaires

Thank you to those who've already returned the parent questionnaire. The red post box for returns will main in the reception area until the end of term. We'll give you feedback on responses next term and, importantly, how we can react to any suggested areas for improvement. Incidentally children from Year 2 to 6 are also completing similar questionnaires. We will, of course, as on past occasions, take note of their suggestions.



## Cycling

Encouraging to count 27 bikes in the shelters as I write. To further promote safe cycling our Year 5 (soon to be Year 6) children can look forward to 'on road' cycle training over a six week period beginning 12th September. Details to follow early next term.

