

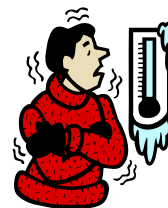


With the temperature in recent days hovering around zero, it's difficult to believe that this term started with some of the best weather of an indifferent summer.

Sixteen weeks since the start of term. Lots of hard work from children and staff and an Ofsted Inspection to keep us on our toes. No surprise in this last week there are some flagging faces among staff and children.

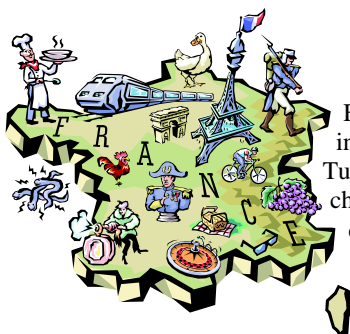
It's time for everyone to take a well earned break and spend some precious time with families and friends. On behalf of all at school I take this

opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.



We start back for the new term on Monday 7th January 2008.

... and coming in the New Year.



French Club

From September 2008 we will be introducing a Modern Foreign Language (most likely French) to our curriculum. As an introduction a French Club will operate on Tuesdays after school from Tuesday 15th January. We will initially be offering this opportunity to children in Years 3 and 4. Letters will be distributed to Year 3 & 4 children during the first week back.

Maths Workshop

Next term sees a focus on Maths through the school. Particularly the using or applying element. There has been a dramatic improvement in standards in this subject at Fellside since 2003. We aim to maintain this high standard.

Early in 2004 some of you may have attended a Maths Workshop led by Local Authority maths consultant, Neil McCallion.

Over a hundred parents were informed and entertained by Neil. He's back with us for another workshop at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 15th January with the focus on using and applying mathematical knowledge.

Make a note of this date. More information to follow early in the new year.

**Christmas Fair etc.**

Friends of Fellside's Christmas Fair was a great success—enjoyable and profitable, raising over £1200 for our children.

FOF has raised over £1600 for the school this term. The money they raise buys those 'special' things at school, examples in recent years have been Media equipment and Curtains in the Hall and Storage facilities for playground equipment.

As well as these highly visible things, without the Friends of Fellside and the generous support of all of you, our Christmas Events and many other events throughout the year would either be impossible or be far less enjoyable for your children. Thank you.

Afghan Shoe Appeal

Many thanks for your quick response to this appeal. The bin was overflowing within days.

Captain Staerck, mother of ex-pupil Harry Nichols, from the Royal Army Medical Corps has collected the shoes and written to thank the school on behalf of 201 Field Hospital in Afghanistan.

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Gateshead Council is offering recycling facilities for Christmas Trees until 14th January. Nearest to Fellside are Central Nursery Gardens on Whickham Highway and Chopwell Woods.



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# Fellside Matters

## Carol Service

What a fabulous occasion. We can all be proud of the performance and behaviour of our children at last week's concerts and this Tuesday's Carol Service. Over past two weeks we've seen confident children singing, acting, playing instruments, reading and dancing in front of hundreds of people. Well done.



Father Barry asked me to pass on his thanks for £196.00 collected at the door. Thank you.

## Congratulations

Fifty three children (1/4 of the school) receive 100% attendance certificates this week. Well done for avoiding various bugs and viruses! Particularly well done to Reception with 11 children on 100% - younger children are often more susceptible to illness.



*Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all the staff at Fellside Community Primary School.*