



It's all go! In the two weeks since half term so much has happened to enhance life at Fellside.

Year Six have had their residential outdoor activity visit to Robin Wood Centre near Alston. Wild country and some pretty wild weather but hugely rewarding with our children attracting many positive comments for their immaculate behaviour, enthusiasm and positive attitude.

Many of our Karate Club members are now proudly wearing new coloured belts. Our swimmers competed at Felling Pool last week. Year Five children have now had two days working with a professional film crew on a film project to be screened later this year at the newly refurbished Tyneside Cinema.

... And what about last Thursday? World Book Day with Friends of Fellside Discos after school. Newcastle Utd's well practised goalkeeper, Steve Harper was here in the

afternoon promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles. A real bonus arose after a phone call from London on Thursday morning. A BBC Match of the Day TV crew travelled north to film the whole event for a slot on this weekend's Match of the Day\*. While all this was happening at Fellside I was heading south (staff say escaping!) to London to 10 Downing Street at the invitation of the Prime Minister. So all in all an exciting day for everyone.

What I'm well aware of is that all these events which excite, enhance and enrich school life require the extra effort of teachers, support and admin staff and others, often volunteers.

Sincere thanks to all.

\* **Sunday morning Match of the Day**



Website

For a flavour of life at school, including some of the activities above, take a look at our website ([www.fellsideprimary.co.uk](http://www.fellsideprimary.co.uk)).

Use of the School Car Park



Please remember that this is for staff and disabled users, and families to whom the school has granted a permit. Parking space is tight and we've had a couple of scrapes and bumps to cars recently. If you have permission please exercise utmost care when parking or manoeuvring.

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# Fellside Matters

## Staffing

Mrs Goodliffe returns from maternity leave after the Spring Holiday (5th—20th April). She returns on a part time basis (2 days a week) In the interests of continuity for our reception children Mrs Balkwill will plan all work and teach Reception for most of the week. Mrs Nevin will remain full time in Reception.

Our learning support teacher, Mrs Smith, leaves at Easter following promotion within the Learning Support Service. Over the years dozens of children have benefited from Eileen Smith's expertise and professionalism, making great progress in both attainment and growing confidence.

We thank Eileen for her contribution here and wish her every success in her new role.

Mrs Balkwill (a trained learning support teacher) and Mrs Goodliffe will provide learning support from the start of the Summer Term.

Mrs Bowron is likely to be absent to the end of term. Mrs Stroud and Mrs Bright will continue to teach Year Four throughout this term.

After 37 years at Fellside Mrs Ducker retires this summer. You can be sure we'll be marking her retirement appropriately towards the end of this school year. Such a special contribution to life at Fellside will require an equally special celebration.

## Sponsored Maths Event

Many thanks for your support for this learning/fundraising event. All money raised will be of direct benefit to your children.

We welcome vouchers and tokens for Sainbury's Active Kids, Tesco's Computers for Schools and Nestle Box Top Tokens.

## Willow Structures

Year Six children have been involved in designing and helping to construct living willow structures in both KS1 and KS2 yards.

Sadly, shortly after construction/planting one of the structures was subjected to an act of vandalism. Thankfully this is rare at Fellside, but the culprits, older children, were identified and appropriate action taken.

Subsequently they've had a battering from recent gales but we are hopeful they'll survive and flourish.



## Water Bottles



Please encourage your children to bring a water bottle to school as the weather improves. Bottles ease congestion at our water fountains. FCPS bottles are available from school at £2.00 each.

## Children's Cancer Run

The 26th Greggs Cancer Run takes place on Sunday 11th May. We're looking at the possibility of a school group taking part this year. More on this before the two week spring holiday.

## Extreme Reading



We have a number of photographs of 'extreme readers' already. You'll recall from Mrs Armstrong's letter on World Book Day that we'll welcome photographs of children (or adults) reading in unusual settings, right up to the start of the Summer Term.

## Lining Up

Teachers request that once the bell has rung in the yard, parents stand back from their children. This will enable teachers to ensure all children enter school with their class.