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The first entry in a weighty leather-bound log book in my office reads “School opened on Monday 5th June 1967”. Effectively Fellside is forty on Tuesday 5th June this year—Something to celebrate we think.

Friends of Fellside and Staff are developing ideas for how we can mark this day (the second day back after the half term break) making it memorable for our current children, and equally for adults who actually worked here or who attended Fellside in the past—possibly even in 1967.

We’ll be in touch again about ‘Fellside at Forty’ before half term. In

the meantime, if you, family members or friends attended Fellside in the past, know anyone who did, or who has taught here please alert them to this milestone and the likelihood of events at school on Tuesday 5th June.

Photographs, memories, memorabilia will all be welcome. Look out for further information during May.



Childcare at Fellside

You will probably be aware that we are working towards the provision of out of hours childcare based at Fellside to begin in September.

I am pleased to report that these plans have taken a significant step forward in recent weeks with the selection of a private provider to operate our childcare at school.

Having interviewed a Whickham based provider and one from London, operating nationally, we have offered the position to the local operator. Karen Renner currently provides a successful facility for children at St Mary’s RC Primary, based in St Mary’s Church Hall.

Karen, a Whickham mum herself knows exactly what the expectations of this school and the community we serve are. She’ll be working closely with myself, governors and the LA over the next month to ensure the best possible provision (in mornings from 8.00 to 8.55 and after school to 6.00 pm) at Fellside.

This provision will operate from our existing dining room, having use of the hall, outdoor areas and library.

Work begins shortly to improve & adapt facilities in the dining room, including a remodelled entrance from outside. Our library will also receive a substantial refurbishment to improve book display and storage of musical instruments.

What we do need is a name for our out of hours childcare provision. Karen’s provision at St Mary’s is known as ‘Small Saints’, reflecting the religious affiliation at that school. So have a think about a name for our childcare facility. The prize for the name chosen? ... The pride and satisfaction of seeing it on an impressive sign at the new entrance to the dining room and all correspondence from Karen. Please use the slip at the end of this newsletter to submit your entries.

We are currently finalising a pricing structure for childcare. You should hear more on this pretty soon.

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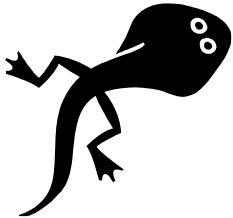
Nursery Sponsored Toddle ... Update!

We thought you might like to know how the funds you worked so hard to raise have been spent ...

Among other things we have ordered a Giant Technico Set to improve our construction area, a selection of maths activities and games and, for our outdoor learning area, a Petrol Pump and some fantastic new garden tools and equipment which the children will use for their topic on 'growing things', in particular to plant their beans.



In addition, in nursery at the moment we have caterpillars and tadpoles. We have ordered additional magnifying glasses so that the children can observe the changes very closely as these creatures go through their lifecycles.

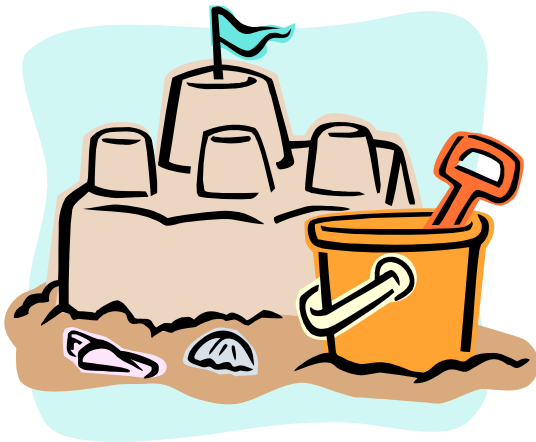


This Term ...

In many respects this is the busiest term of the year. Assessments of all children, including Y6 SATs in a couple of weeks is followed by something of a move towards less academic, yet equally important areas of the curriculum often connected to the Arts, Sport, Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE), Citizenship and of course sheer good fun.

There'll be educational visits, visitors in school, sports and art activities, a new design technology homework project, concerts, class assemblies. In addition are social events—40th birthday—Tuesday 5th June, Pedalling Picnic—Saturday 16th June, FOF Summer Fair—Friday 29th June and of course the now legendary Barbecue on Friday 13th July. Our younger children can also look forward to the beach coming to Fellside on Wednesday 11th July. ROK Construction, who built the shelter on the field, will deliver a few tons of sand for Sandcastle Day.

In short lots to keep everyone busy!



Holiday Dates ...

Holiday dates are all on the website. Dates for this term are:

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| Thu 3 May | - school closed to children for local elections |
| Fri 25 May—Mon 4 Jun | - Half Term |
| Mon 25 Jun | - Occasional Day Holiday |
| Fri 20 July | - Summer Holiday begins |

Childcare Names:

Suggestion:

By:

Class: