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Fellside Nursery 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.

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.

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.



MUSIC IN THE NURSERY

Following on from the success of last year Dr Brendon Renwick will be coming into nursery next term to do several music workshops called Musical Discoveries with your children.

Children explore the elements of music through a fun range of singing, playing & movement activities. Each session provides good opportunities for children's creative development and fully supports related Early Learning Goals.



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.



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

40th Anniversary Evening Celebration

Tickets for the **Fellside School 40th Anniversary Evening Celebration** at The Coachman on Friday 8th 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 give 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.

