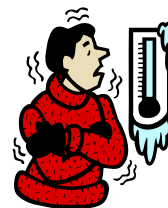


With the temperature in recent days hovering around zero, it's difficult to believe that this term started with some of the best weather of an indifferent summer.

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.

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.

Remember!

Nursery Christmas Hamper raffle drawn today 21st December—last day of term—Good Luck

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.



Concerts

The concerts for both morning and afternoon children will have provided treasured moments for all who saw them—dozens of you.

The quality of their singing and dancing and their perfect behaviour is something we can all take pride in. I'm sure you join me in thanking Lynn and Anna for their work with your children in their first term at school.



More fun this week at the Nursery parties where a very special guest was in attendance!

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.



Seasons' Greetings

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