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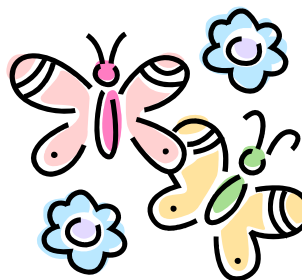
Fellside Nursery Matters

Butterflies, beans, tadpoles, peas, carrots, cress, radishes, potatoes and children are all growing and flourishing in our nursery. This period of Spring/Early Summer has given our children a wonderful opportunity to study growth inside the nursery, in the garden and in the pond (literally for one child!).

This week children have enjoyed their home grown cress in their own sandwiches and have shared the fascination of all of us watching the painted lady butterflies emerge from cocoons. Tadpoles borrowed from our pond have demonstrated another of these miraculous transformations of nature as legs develop and they change to frogs. Today will see the release of the butterflies and tadpole/frogs into the wild.

These very real early childhood experiences are often those we remember as our memories of the more routine fade with time.

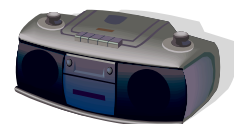
Thanks of course to Lynn and Anna for the extra but essential effort it requires to provide these stimulating experiences for the children. I take this opportunity also to those of you—probably almost all—who have helped in the nursery this year.



Money

The money raised in events such as the Sponsored Toddle is vital for those extras—the butterflies for example.

New audio equipment is already available to our children as a result of your efforts.



Fellside Fun Club

Our childcare facility Fellside Fun Club offers out of hours childcare for children from Reception to Year 6.

Mornings care (and breakfast) is available from 8.00 am with evening care to 6.00 pm.

For more information contact Karen Renner on 07974007091 or Rachel Wilson on 07717314540.

Karen will be at our meeting (19th June) for parents of children starting our Reception Class.

Fellside Funclub has been very popular with this year's reception children and parents. Please be aware that it is open for children from other local schools.

Moving in the Wind

What a fine display of wind power we've had for the past few weeks. Many thanks for your work with your children and the interesting creations. Which have enhanced our grounds with their movement and colour.



Extreme Reading

This exhibition of your children, reading in often unimaginable situations, is entertaining and does of course reinforce the high profile of reading at Fellside. Your fabulous photos are attracting much attention and comment. The Local Authority want the display available at Dryden Centre (for all who work in Gateshead schools).

Diary of Planned Events

To end of Term

Wed 21st May	Y3 to Vindolanda	
Friday 23rd May—Monday 2nd June	Half Term Holiday	
Saturday 14th June	Pedalling Picnic (Derwent Walk)	
Monday 16th—Friday 20th June	National Bike Week	
Thursday 19th June	3.30 pm Bike Trials Event and 6.00 pm New Reception Parents Meeting	
Friday 20th June	Friends of Fellside Summer Fair	
Monday 23rd June	School Closed—occasional day holiday	
Tuesday 24th June	Y3 performing at the Sage—songs from 'Joseph'	
Thursday 26th June	2.00 pm 'Strawberry & Wine Concert'	
Friday 27th June	Athletics Festival—Gateshead Stadium	
Wednesday 2nd July	'Joseph' performance for parents by Y3 and Drama Club	
Friday 4th July	Y4 to Life Centre and End of year reports to parents	
Tuesday 8th July	Y5 to Thornley Woods and KS1 to Hall Hill Farm	
Thursday 10th July	Y6 Leavers Performance (evening)	
Friday 11th July	Friends of Fellside BBQ—live music	
Monday 14th July	Drama group performing Oliver AM and Sports Day PM	
Tuesday 15th July	Alternative Sports Day (if wet Monday)	
Wednesday 16th July	(evening) Y6 Leavers Party (Blaydon Rugby Club)	
Thursday 17th July	PM Discos for children	
Friday 18th July	Last day of term	

Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd September.

You will be aware that Nursery is unavoidably closed for some sessions during this term (Sports Day & incoming reception taster days) - reminders will be sent/posted in nursery closer to the dates.

Of course a major event at the end of term is Mrs Ducker's retirement after 37 years at Fellside. We will of course be marking this occasion with events appropriate for children, staff past and present, governors and parents.

There are a few 'swansong' appearances for Mrs Ducker at concerts and performances listed above. She will also be at the Friends of Fellside BBQ on 11th July. Always a big occasion and perhaps the best opportunity for a goodbye from parents and families.