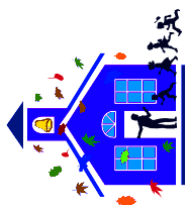
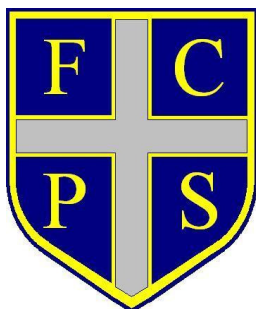


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Fellside Matters

We are polite with good manners, respect everyone and everything, we work hard and have fun.

By now, you should have all received the letter from Ofsted, notifying you that our school will no longer be part of the routine inspection process. Their interim assessment of all available performance data showed that the school continues to make progress in all areas and remains outstanding. This is something that everyone within our community should be extremely proud of.

A letter like this is recognition of the continuing hard work, commitment and dedication of everyone associated with Fellside; staff, governors, children, parents, families and the wider community. I would like to thank you all for your efforts.

The Big Pedal

Well done to everyone who took part in the Big Pedal, our final finishing position was 140th; this was out of around 1200 schools, a superb achievement. We were competing directly against Winlaton West Lane Primary and pipped them to the finishing post, this means we have won a bike; everyone who took part was entered into the draw.



Attendance

An impressive number of our children achieve 100% attendance each term; the school overall attendance figure is around 96%, but there are a number of children with much lower attendance, many around the 90% and a number in the 80% to 90% range. The Government guidelines advise that every child of primary school age should be achieving a minimum of 95%. Our Local Authority recommendation is 92%.



Obviously we recognise that children will be unwell from time to time. Some illnesses may result in extended absence from school – absolutely understandable.

The parents of those children whose attendance gives us cause for concern will be contacted, a measure that receives the full support of our Chair of Governors and the Local Authority.

Friends of Fellside Summer Fair

The new date for Friends of Fellside Summer Fair is Friday 20th May; this is slightly earlier than usual. There will be lots more information to follow.

If you would like to help out in any way please see any Friends of Fellside member.



Thank you

A big thank you from Katie Milmore in Year 6; everyone looked great on Red Nose Day and we managed to raise £201.63 for the charity.



Training Days and Occasional Days

School will be **closed** to children on the following dates: Friday 15th April and Thursday 5th May will both be teacher training days. Monday 27th June and Monday 4th July will both be occasional days.

Questionnaires

At Fellside we are well aware that we work in partnership with our parents and the wider community. We receive comments about our school on an informal basis throughout the year. Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire. The purpose of this is to enable you to comment on specific areas related to school.

The results should clarify parental opinion on what works well and what could be improved in the future. I would be grateful if you could spare a minute or two to complete the questionnaire and return it to school by Tuesday 3rd May.

Warmer Weather

Hopefully once we return from the Easter break the warmer weather will be with us! With this in mind could we ask that the children bring named water bottles, sun caps/hats and on particularly sunny days (ever the optimist!) have sun cream applied before school.



Photographs

A reminder, please could all photograph envelopes and payments be returned to school by Monday 11th April. You will receive your photographs following the Easter holiday.



School Menu Changes

Please note the menu changes that were sent out earlier in the week, this is a result of the kitchen floor being replaced during the Easter holiday.

Sporting Success

Our Year 6 indoor 5-a-side football team qualified for the county regional finals which took place last night in Darlington; this was along with three other schools from Derwentside, Sunderland and Washington. Our team finished in a well deserved 3rd place. Well done!



Two Y3 tennis teams played extremely well at the recent tennis challenge at Whickham School, they came first and second. Our first ever netball squad made it through to the final stages of a competition at Whickham School, they came 6th over all.

Finally the rugby squad have qualified to take part in the North East regional Tag 2 Twickenham Final on Friday 6th May at Kingston Park Rugby Club. We wish the team the best of luck.

Car Park

A reminder please; families, children and staff use the entrance to school on Fellside Road, please do not use this as a place to turn or as a drop off point, there have been a number of near accidents in recent weeks.



After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be operating next week:-

Year 1	Little Kickers - Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 3 and 4	SAQ - Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 3 and 4	Art Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Year 5 and 6	Hockey - Monday 3.20 - 5.30pm
Year 6	Cookery - Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30pm
Reception to Year 6	Karate Gradings - Wednesday/Thursday 7.30-8.50am



Diary of Planned Events to May

Thursday 14 th April	Royal Wedding Celebration (Red, White & Blue Day)
Friday 15 th April	Training Day (school closed to children)
Mon 18 th Apr - Mon 2 nd May	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May	Children return to School
Thursday 5 th May	Training Day (school closed to children)
Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 20 th May	FOF Summer Fair
Friday 27 th May	Break up for May Half Term

