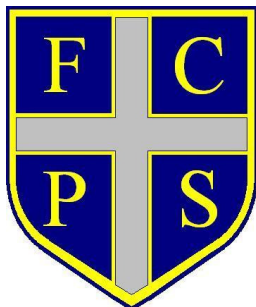


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Fellside Matters

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

We have just recently completed the task of completing the diary for the summer term and I am delighted to say that just about every day sees something different happening for our children at school. This term can often be one of the busiest in terms of the number of events and activities taking place, for example Sports Day, Strawberry and Wine Concert, Friends of Fellside Barbeque, Arts Weeks, visits out for classes, Year 6 Leaving Performance, as well as many, many more. These events provide many opportunities for our school community to come together and share talents, successes and experiences.

At the time of writing this newsletter, our Year 6 children sit their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. Over the course of the week the children will take tests in reading, writing, spelling, two written maths tests and a mental maths test. Their attitude throughout the term has been superb, each one of them

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks for the return of 88 questionnaires, I am busy collating the results and will let you know details in the June edition of Fellside Matters.

One request that many parents made was for better access to letters that are sent out by school. On the front page of the website and in each class section, you can now find copies of not only letters from school but also those from clubs, for example SAQ, Little Kickers. We will also be using the texting system to alert you when important school letters have been sent home.

Pedalling Picnic/Cycling

This year's pedalling picnic is on the morning of Saturday 18th June. Once again there will be the choice of two routes – the longer route from Shotley Bridge (11 miles) meeting those on the shorter route through Derwenthaugh Park (approximately 3 miles) before a picnic at the Green at Swalwell. Full details after the half term break.

The number of children riding, walking and bringing scooters to school each day increases; it is wonderful to see the bike sheds full and overflowing. This term we eagerly await the new Scooter Pod and are also exploring the idea of either another shelter or bike racks to accommodate the extra bikes at school.

We ask that in a morning on arrival at school, children park their scooters and cycles, as the yard is full and busy with many children and adults. A reminder also please for all children to take particular care on the yard at the end of the school day, there have been a couple of accidents in recent weeks.

Friends of Fellside Summer Fair

Don't forget the Friends of Fellside Summer Fair is on Friday 20th May at 2.30pm.

Prizes to be won, games to play, plenty of stalls to spend your money at. We'd love to see you all there. More details on arrangements for collecting children to follow next week.

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

showing commitment and determination to achieving their very best.

The academic success, wonderful manners, excellent social skills and attitudes towards learning at the end of Year 6 of all our children is a reflection and celebration of the work and learning that has taken place throughout the children's time at Fellside.



Newcastle United Tickets

Congratulations to Cameron Watt from Reception who won the Newcastle United tickets from the 100% attendance draw last term. We hope that he and his family enjoyed the match.

Summer Days

At last the warmer weather feels like it is with us. If we could ask that sun hats, caps, sun cream and water bottles be brought to school, all named please. Also it is important that children continue to wear their black school shoes, as sandals can and often do cause tripping accidents, particularly for those in Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1.



MoonWalk

A group of staff and parents are taking part in the MoonWalk on the 14th May in Hyde Park in London; this is to raise money for breast cancer causes. If you would like to support them you can make a donation at:

www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/sarah_balkwill

To help them on their way we are sending sock monkey with them! Good luck to everyone taking part in this event.

Improvements during the Easter break

During the Easter holiday the school kitchen received a much needed new floor, this now matches the one in the dinner hall. An area outside of the Year 1 and 2 classrooms was cleared away and an outdoor learning area built. We are currently waiting for sails to cover this area so that it can be used all year round.

Sporting Success

Our Tag Rugby team made it through to the National Tag to Twickenham Rugby regional finals at Kingston Park Rugby Club. Our school came second out of over 900 Northern schools who originally entered, which means they have now qualified for the National finals on 13th July at Rugby School, Warwickshire. As usual their performance was exceptional, they showed great sportsmanship and passion and as always they were a credit to Fellside and their families.



Our Year 4 tennis teams experienced success at the tennis challenge last week, coming 1st and 3rd. This sees the school through to the finals in Sunderland later this term. Well done to everyone who took part, particularly as it was their day off!

PE kit reminder - black plimsolls must be worn for indoor PE activities.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be operating this half term:-

Year 1	Little Kickers - Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 2	SAQ - Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 5 and 6	Hockey - Monday 3.20 - 5.30pm (23rd May to 20th June)
Reception to Year 6	Karate - Wednesday/Thursday 7.30-8.50am
Reception to Year 6	Gymnastics - Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm



Diary of Planned Events to July

Mon 9th - Fri 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 20th May	FOF Summer Fair
Friday 27th May	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 6th June	Return to School
Saturday 18th June	Pedalling Picnic
Monday 27th June	Occasional Day (School closed to Staff and Pupils)
Thursday 30th June	Strawberries and Wine Concert
Monday 4th July	Occasional Day (School closed to Staff and Pupils)
Friday 8th July	Musical Assembly
Friday 15th July	FOF BBQ
Monday 18th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 22nd July	Break up for Summer Holiday



