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Fellside Matters

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

It was wonderful to welcome back all children and families on a sunny Tuesday morning this week. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break despite the weather being a little on the wet side. A particular welcome to those families new to Fellside this year in our Nursery and Reception classes.

The children, as ever, look fantastic in their smart new uniforms; they have all made a great impression on all members of staff in this first productive week of term. They have already demonstrated their wonderful ability to listen well, behave superbly, use their delightful manners and be enthusiastic about their learning. Who could wish for a better start.

The home school partnership and involvement of parents is a very important aspect of life at Fellside, next week you will receive welcome booklets outlining the topics and curriculum being taught throughout the whole academic year. We have included a reply slip inviting any contributions you feel you could make. We welcome any knowledge, skills or experience you could offer that would support any of our topics. We thank all parents who contributed their time in various classes across the school last year. In the coming weeks I will be seeking your views on other activities, sessions we can run at school to help you to help your child at home.



Staffing Updates

We officially welcome Jessica Grinsted this week; she joins the Fellside teaching team in our Reception class. The recruitment process begins this term for a new Deputy Headteacher.

Jane Cuggy our violin teacher left at the end of the summer term due to increased commitments in other schools, we look forward to Mr Evans from the Gateshead Music Service teaching violin from next week.

We said goodbye during the summer to Val Spall one of our lunchtime supervisors, many thanks to Val for the care she showed whilst working with the children. This leaves us with a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisory assistant. If anybody is interested please speak to myself or Julia Knox in the school office.

Summer Building Improvements

The external painting programme is now complete; all classrooms, library, dining room and ICT suite have been painted, with the rest of the school being completed during the autumn and summer half terms next year. We have a new school sign, the sink areas in classrooms Reception to Year 6 have been replaced and there is a new carpet fitted in the Year 6 classroom.



Bike It News

Cycling levels at Fellside almost doubled during 2010/2011. Twenty four Bike It activities took place; Bike It breakfasts, after school clubs, Bling yer Bike, The Big Pedal, sessions from British Cycling as well as on road cycle training. We have planned in a number of activities with Alan Barlow during this term, more details will follow.



Parent Involvement

This year we have signed up to a new computer programme that can be used at home, Spellodrome, it is produced by the same company as Mathletics. The children access the programme using their Mathletics password and will be shown how to use this by staff at school. It will allow the children to practise spellings in a games format.



The Governors at Fellside play a key role in the leadership of our school, working as an effective team acting as both supporter and 'critical friend' of the senior management team. This term we have a vacancy for a parent governor. Your experience from being a parent/carer is essential, together with experience and skills you may bring from work and/or other areas of your life. If you are interested in this role then please see the information sheet attached to the back of this newsletter.

To help us update our records this year, in the coming weeks we will be sending out consent forms regarding use of the internet in school.

Friends of Fellside

FOF's annual MacMillan coffee morning takes place on Friday 23rd September from 9.00am. Clare Walton, MacMillan Nurse, will be explaining a little bit about the work she does. FOF have organised a welcome coffee morning for Reception parents on Monday 12th September as they leave their children for the first full day at school, coffee and hankies will be provided!



If anyone is interest in joining Friends of Fellside or helping out at any of the events they run through the year then please see Marie Thom or Amy Tate.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will operate this half term:-

Year 1	Little Kickers - Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 2	Little Kickers - Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 3	Art Club - Thursday 3.20 - 4.15pm
Year 5 and 6	Tag Rugby - Friday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Reception to Year 6	Karate - Wednesday/Thursday 7.50-8.50am
Reception to Year 6	Gymnastics - Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm



Diary of Planned Events to December*

Monday 12th September	FOF Coffee Morning for Reception Parents
Tuesday 13th September	Dr Bike Session
Friday 23rd September	FOF MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 4th October	Bike It Breakfast
Wednesday 12th October	Reception & KS1 Cycling
Thursday 20th October	FOF Halloween Discos
Friday 21st October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 31st October	Return to School
Monday 14th November	Training Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 29th November	'Bling Yer Bike'
Tuesday 29th November	Early Years & Year 1 children to Northern Stage
Thursday 1st December	Year 2 & KS2 children to Northern Stage
Tuesday 6th December	Christmas Performance - Afternoon
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Performance - Morning
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Performance - Morning
Tuesday 13th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church



* Further information will follow regarding many of these events

