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Fellside Matters

Many headteachers refer to the schools they lead as “my school” - a term I avoid. It’s certainly not “my school”. It may be ‘our school’ and it’s definitely your school - the community we serve.

As a headteacher and staff we are accountable to the governing body who represent this community. Governors can, and ours certainly do, play a crucial role in ensuring statutory requirements are met, standards are high and that the school satisfies the needs of a particular community.

The constitution of a school’s governing body reflects the

stakeholders in the school: Local Authority, community members, staff and importantly parent representation. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. We would like to invite any parents interested in becoming a school governor to an informal but informative meeting at school on Tuesday 3rd November at 5.00pm. There is some pretty important business for governors this year... recruiting a headteacher springs to mind!



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place next week. I’m sure you’ll all have arranged appointments with teachers. This, the first of two scheduled consultation periods, is particularly important for the discussion and awareness of targets for individual children. The Spring Term consultations can then follow up on this progress around the mid part of the year with the written report in July providing an overview of progress throughout the year and likely areas for future improvement.



Cycling

Parents of our younger children (last year’s Reception, Y1 and Y2) will remember the huge success of Alan Barlow’s learn to ride a two-wheeler sessions. We are delighted that Alan has agreed to repeat this programme with our Reception children and for any children in Years 1 and 2 now who may not be confident on a bike. This programme will run for Reception children on Thursday 5th November and Year 1 and 2 on Friday 6th November. Look out for further details immediately after the half term break.



As the days grow darker would parents of children who cycle to school please ensure bike lights work effectively.

Friends of Fellside

Friends of Fellside’s scary hallowe’en discos are after school next Thursday. We look forward to hundreds of unrecognisably scary children arriving for a fun evening.



There are two separate discos for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 - Nursery and Reception pupils are included in the Key Stage 1 disco.

Tickets are available on the door and cost £1.80 which covers entrance fee, a bottle of water and a bag of sweets.

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| Nursery, Reception & KS1 | 4.45 - 5.45pm |
| Key Stage 2 | 6 - 7.15pm |



There will be prizes at each disco for the best girl and boy fancy dress outfits.

