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# Fellside Matters



We are fast approaching the end of a very busy half term at school, performances, parties, a music workshop, African drumming, a visit by 10 Head teachers from China, Christmas dinner for 179 children and 22 staff and the snow! Many, many thanks to all parents and families who kindly helped to dig paths and the car park.

Time for a well deserved holiday for all. I take this opportunity to thank all families, staff and friends of Fellside for their support and hard work this term. I can honestly say I am thoroughly enjoying my new role, every day is different, every day I

learn something new and there is not a day that goes by when I don't spend some time in one of the classrooms around school, a real privilege.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



## Charity Appeals

Thank you doesn't quite seem enough for the generosity that you have shown for both of our charity appeals this term.

The total amount raised for COCO was £2024, a wonderful total; we look forward to a visit next term by Steve Cram to accept the cheque on behalf of the charity. (More details to follow.) We also collected 132 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal, nearly equalling last year's total.



## Christmas Calendar

We only have a few of our birthday calendars left, if anyone would like to order one please return the order form to the school office by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## Texting Service

The recent weather conditions have seen us using the texting service to notify all families when the school has remained open. Please ensure that Julia Knox in the school office has all up to date mobile telephone contacts and email addresses.



## Farewell

We say goodbye this term to Trina Bowron, we thank Trina for all she has contributed to Fellside in her 7 years here, the time she has spent taking children to the dance festival, organising the sports days, the work she put into the Healthy School Award; we wish her well as she moves on.



We also say farewell and thank you to Carole Nicholson, one of our lunchtime supervisors, for the 16 years she has cared for the children of Fellside.

## Safety Issues in the Car Park

The installation of the barrier has greatly improved the safety of children as they arrive at school. At certain times of the day there are still vehicles coming in and out, please wherever possible use the path around the edge of the car park when arriving and leaving school.



A reminder, please do not park in the entrance area outside the school gates or use it as a place to turn.

## **Friends of Fellside**



Friends of Fellside will be raffling a Christmas cake next week. It is a round 8 inch iced and marzipan fruit cake; it contains nuts and is fully decorated on an 11 inch board. It was baked and kindly donated by Mrs Ellen Mayes, Grandma of Ben Horsfall in Year 1.

Tickets will be on sale (£1 per strip) from Friends of Fellside members before and after school, Monday to Thursday on the yard.

## **Year 4 Parents**

On the last day of this term (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December) Mr David Mordue will be at school getting to know the children and the routines of the school and class, he will be on the yard at the beginning of the day if anyone would like to meet him.

## **Creative Curriculum**

At the end of this term you will all receive our year group curriculum newsletters; these are linked to the new topics that the year groups have worked on together. This will update you on many of the activities that have taken place as well as anything in particular the children have enjoyed. There is a space for your comments which would be much appreciated, if you could return these after the holiday please.

## **Sport**

Our A and B teams experienced success at the Tag Rugby tournament held at Winlaton RFU last month. On a very cold evening both teams played superbly and represented our school well. The A team won and made it through to the regional finals in Durham in April next year.



Our Year 6 were also successful at the recent basketball tournament that took place at Whickham School, well done to all.

## **Spare Uniform**

We are running short of spare school trousers for Key Stage 1, we would be grateful for any donations.

## **BUG**

We now have our very first BUG – Bike It User Group.

### **Leaders: Oliver Cooper, Maddie Walton**

Jessica Cromarty	Alistair Thom
Matthew Jacques	Kieran Livingstone
Georgia Kyle	Daniel Hand
Daniel Frogatt	



They will be responsible for organising Bike It events and thinking of new ways to encourage more children to cycle to school, please pass on any ideas you have to any member of the group.

## **After School Clubs**

The following after school clubs will be operating next week

Year 5 and 6	SAQ - Monday 3.20-4.20pm
Reception to Year 6	Karate Club - Wednesday/Thursday 7.50-8.50am



## **Diary of Planned Events to January**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Parties AM & PM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><u>NON UNIFORM DAY</u></b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school following Christmas Holiday

