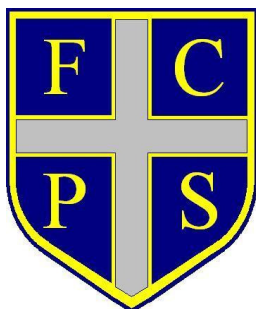


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# Fellside Matters

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

The wonderful support we receive at school from friends, family and everyone associated with our Fellside Community is second to none and makes Fellside the fantastic place it is.

We have seen a number of very successful family events in recent weeks. Nearly 200 grandparents packed the hall to share the children's learning with them; parents, grandparents and children learned new skills at our family ICT session; our two maths calculation evenings were well supported and from the number of tickets requested for the performances next week, we know there won't be a spare seat to be found. This commitment by all contributes to the Fellside vision where our children are

at the heart and centre of everything we do.

Our final family events of the term are the whole school Christmas performances and Carol Service at St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you all there.

So after 14 weeks of learning, hard work and fun it's time for everyone to take a well earned break and spend some precious time with family and friends. On behalf of all at school I take the opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Thank You

Our sponsored event this term raised a wonderful £1594.00, this means we have been able to give Londoto Primary School twice the amount they need to complete their kitchen and also donated a superb sum of £1000 to Save the Children. Thanks to everyone who kindly sponsored the children.



The final count of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child was 102, thank you to all families, friends and staff who contributed. Finally we had 310 packs of Christmas cards ordered and all calendars sold, this contributes to our school fund which all children at school benefit from.

Well done to the following children whose artwork is included in our calendar this year: Anna Dobbie, Luke Osborne, Dylan Kidd, Jude Caithness, Olivia Pugmire, Charlotte Barras, Jack Pearson, Ben Cassidy, Mia Bullock, Rachel Tate, Jacob Turnbull and Charlie Gillespie.

## Texting/Email System



A reminder please that this will be the last paper copy of Fellside Matters, from January onwards the newsletter will be sent to you via email, please ensure that our school office has up to date email and mobile phone contacts.

## Parent Governors

The Governors of Fellside contribute much to the life of our school, working with the leadership of the school to provide strategic direction, together with dedicating time, skills and experience to support the school in many ways. Following a recent election, we welcome our new parent governor to the Governing Body, Kirsty Owen, mum of Amelia in Year 1. We look forward to the contribution she will make to the Governing Body and our school.

John Baines  
Chair of Governors

## Play Area Project

One of our parents is currently working on the idea of a play area on the fields opposite school. The project is very much its preliminary stages and needs a working group to take it further, apply for funding etc. If you are interested in becoming part of the group then please contact Neil Moore by email [neilmooreneil@googlemail.com](mailto:neilmooreneil@googlemail.com) or on 0191 4886193.

## Cycling

Well done to everyone who decorated their bike for 'Bling yer Bike' they looked fantastic. Wednesday 7th December is the last day for Wheelie Wednesdays.



## Friends of Fellside

Last Friday saw a very successful Christmas Fair. Many thanks to FOF for their superb organisation and hard work to make this event a huge success. Thanks to all who gave their time to help on the day of the fair, without this support running an event such as this would be difficult. The total raised for school is £1856.00.



## Newcastle Gateshead One Core Strategy – Consultation

The way Gateshead grows and develops in the future is currently being considered as part of proposals in the draft Newcastle Gateshead One Core Strategy. The Strategy has been prepared by Gateshead and Newcastle councils to make sure what is built in the area over the next 20 years is sustainable and well connected, will attract new jobs and investment, and provide housing for the growing population. These proposals may affect you and the places that you live, so having your say on what's included in the strategy is important.

You can go to [www.gateshead.gov.uk/haveyoursayonplanning](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/haveyoursayonplanning) to see the plans and give your views online. The consultation period closes on Wednesday 4 January 2012.

## Fellside Fun Club

The Fun Club Christmas party will be on Friday 9th December, 3.15 - 5.40pm, come along and have lots of fun. Contact Rachel to book your place 07541227842.



## Medication

Could you please ensure any school inhalers for children are up to date. We are only able to administer prescribed medication which needs to be taken **four times or more** a day.

A reminder please that children should not attend school 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

## After School Clubs

The following clubs will operate until Christmas:-

Reception / Year 1	Little Kickers - Monday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 1 / Year 2	Little Kickers - Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm
Year 3 and 4	Hula Hooping - Friday 3.15 - 4.00pm
Reception to Year 6	Karate - Wednesday/Thursday 7.50-8.50am
Reception to Year 6	Gymnastics - Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm



\* Year 5 and 6 Hockey Club will start following the Christmas holiday on a Monday (weather permitting), further information to follow.

## Diary of Planned Events to February

Tuesday 6th December	Christmas Performance - Afternoon
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Performance - Morning
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Performance - Morning
Friday 9th December	Nursery Christmas Performances AM & PM
Monday 12th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13th December	Nursery Christmas Parties AM & PM
Tuesday 13th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 14th December	Year 5 and 6 Party
Thursday 15th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Party
Friday 16th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 3rd January	Children return to school
Sunday 15th January	Closing date for Primary Admissions
Tuesday 17th January	Spanglish for families session (more details in the New Year)
Monday 6th February	Parent consultation week
Friday 10th February	Start of half term break



