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Fellside Matters

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

With the many activities, visits and visitors to school the weeks seem to be passing by at an increasing pace. More recently there has been the whole school Hoopstarz day and sponsored hula hoop event, the Road Safety Team have visited Years 4 and 6, Bike it Breakfast, Year 6 Play in a Day with the Koniflux Theatre company, Years 5 and 6 to Beamish, charity week, our Harvest celebration and the finals of the conker competition. Congratulations to our conker champion, Georgia Vanstone from Year 6.

The coming weeks see two grandparent afternoons, visits to Whickham Library, author visits to school, Bling yer Bike,

Charity Week Thank You

Many, many thanks to all parents, friends and families who supported our sponsored hula hoop event, so far we have raised £1100 for the two charities, COCO and Save the Children. Could any remaining sponsor money please be sent to school by Monday 7th November. On the Friday of charity week our stage was covered with a whole host of food items; thanks to your kind generosity, we have helped many families in need through Food 4U.



Texting/Email System

From January, to save on the amount of paper we are sending out from school, we will send you the newsletter via email; it is therefore important that we have up to date email contacts. Once this is up and running we will look to use this service for other school communication. If you could please complete the attached form and return this to school as soon as possible.



GETSET Network

Since October 2010 we have been members of GETSET, the Olympic and Paralympic community and during the summer we applied to become part of the GETSET Network; we are delighted that we have been accepted. This recognises the work we have done with COCO and Londoto Primary School in Tanzania and the development of our school values with the children. This gives the school access to many resources as well as the possibility of a visit by the mascots, athletes and tickets to the games.

The website can be found at <http://getset.london2012.com/join-us/register/pupil-registration>. Children can sign in with the following 25427-maitland and once they have done this they have access to a whole range of activities, resources and information about the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

Calling all Knitters!

We would love some knitted characters that match our school reading scheme. If anyone is able to help then please call in to speak to Sarah Balkwill.



Big Lottery Fund – Sustainable Spaces for All

During October half term we learned that our application to the Big Lottery Fund had been accepted. We have received a grant to purchase gardening equipment, build and establish raised beds and have gardening sessions for the children so each class can grow their own vegetables, not only this year but hopefully for many to come. Our School Council will be seeking volunteers to help with the gardening throughout the year to make this project a success.

Calendars and Cards

Our school holiday calendar will once again be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Friday 25th November, this year it will feature artwork from children across the school. Alternative arrangements will be in place for anyone wishing to purchase a calendar who is unable to make it to the fair. Further information will follow. This year each child is designing their own Christmas card; these will be printed in packs ready for Christmas. Order forms and a sample of the artwork will be available soon.



Nursery Intake 2012

Any parents wishing to apply for a Nursery place for next September need to do so by Friday 2nd December 2011.

theatre visits for all children from Nursery to Year 6 and a whole host of Christmas events.

All of these enrichment opportunities take place in amongst the essentials of learning in reading, writing and mathematics. We look forward to a number of parent sessions in these areas of the curriculum to continue to strengthen those important home school links which we all appreciate and value at school.

There's one thing for sure, there is always lots happening at Fellside!

Traffic Movement and Parking

Serious safety concerns have once again been raised by parents, staff and governors about the traffic movement at our school entrance on Fellside Road and also at the Burnthouse Lane gate. We are working with our local Police Community Support Officer to ensure the entrance on Fellside Road is traffic free and safe for all children as they come to school, a reminder please **no parking or turning** in front of the school gates at any time.



Members of the Gateshead Council Highways team will also be visiting school in the coming weeks looking at the parking issue on Burnthouse Lane that makes crossing the road increasingly difficult for children and families.

Gateshead Council currently have a consultation plan for a 20mph zone around our school, I would encourage you to take a look at this at www.gateshead.gov.uk and send any comments you have to:

TrafficCalming@gateshead.gov.uk . The deadline for the consultation is 11/11/11.

Friends of Fellside

The Friends of Fellside Christmas Fair is on Friday 25th of November, there will be plenty of stalls and activities to do, we look forward to seeing you there. If you are interested in helping out then please contact school or any FOF member.



Fellside Fun Club will not operate during the afternoon of Friday 25th November.

Karate

A request for parents and children arriving for our morning karate sessions. Our cleaning staff are at work cleaning cloakroom areas at that time with the health and safety risk of trailing cables and cleaning chemicals. Please avoid these areas and take coats, bags etc into the hall.



A reminder that children should not be left at school unaccompanied prior to myself, Lee or Ross arriving.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will operate this half term:-

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
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



*Please note Art Club is not operating this half term.

Diary of Planned Events to January*

Monday 14th November	Training Day (School closed to children)
Friday 25th November	Friends of Fellside Christmas Fair
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
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



* Further information will follow regarding many of these events

