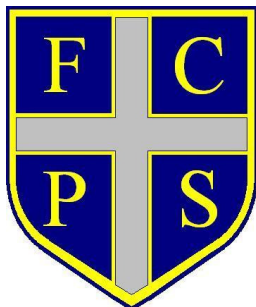


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# Fellside Matters

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

The confidence and self assurance with which our children take part and speak in front of large audiences fills everyone at school with pride. This was demonstrated most recently at our school council elections, twenty children from Years 3 to 6 put across excellent ideas in speeches that they had clearly put a huge amount of thought and effort into. Ideas included vegetable gardens, a healthy tuck shop, to be more involved in charity work, to improve equipment for indoor playtimes and to spend more time with their Fellside Families (no swimming pools this year!) The children talked about the qualities a school councillor would need; be a good listener, the ability to involve everyone and consider all ideas and suggestions and to be strong and confident to put across suggestions to the staff at school.

The choice of who to vote for was incredibly difficult for all classes, the staff certainly couldn't decide. Congratulations to everyone who took part and a particular well done to the new council members;

Year 3 – Rose Underwood, Eloise Knowles.

Year 4 – Bill Allan, James Barras.

Year 5 – Grace Atkinson, Ryan Woolsey, Aidan Walton.

Year 6 – John Moody, Daniel Humble, Jude Caithness, Josef Waller.

One of the first tasks of the council is to organise and run the Fellside conker competition, now in its tenth year and always keenly contested.

We look forward to another active school council and productive year in office!

## Curriculum and Helping at Home

Our children have excellent attitudes and dispositions towards learning at school, their strengths lie in self motivation, listening, questioning, determination, reflection and perseverance. We also recognise their excellent manners and social skills. This year through our curriculum we are looking to promote skills of independence, self responsibility and organisation. We would very much welcome your support at home with this. The following is a list of ways families can help, the list is by no means exhaustive and is not aimed at any particular age group; it will very much depend upon each individual child.



Practise: cutting skills, cleaning their own shoes, being responsible for their own belongings, remembering their homework, packing and unpacking their school bag, tying shoelaces, fastening zips and buttons, using a knife and fork, remembering to take home letters and knowing when they need to remember PE kit. We have also attached a chart to the newsletter which we hope you will find useful.

Many thanks to everyone for taking the time to complete the questionnaire about activities and sessions you would like to see run at school; the following proved to be the most popular: family learning sessions on Spanish, French, ICT, cooking and the outdoors and then maths, reading and spelling information evenings run by school. Further details and information will follow regarding the dates and times of the sessions.

## Thank You

A message from Lynn O'Neill: "I wish to thank everyone for all the gifts, cards and messages for my retirement; they certainly brought more than one tear to my eyes. With the money, I had a real treat and stayed for 2 nights in the Porcelain suite at the Galle Fort Hotel, Galle Sri Lanka, it was fabulous. With the money from the Nursery parents I bought a lovely suitcase, not wanting to appear 'shabby' in such a posh hotel! Thank you all again and see you soon."



## Charity Week



This year our charity week will be week beginning 17th October. Each class will be learning about the work of Save the Children and we will be catching up with the progress of Londoto Primary School who we supported last year through COCO.

We have decided this year that our sponsored event will be to raise money to help Londoto Primary School finish the kitchen and also make a donation to Save the Children. Our event last year was a huge success and made a real difference to the lives of the children in Tanzania. More details about the event will follow.

To finish the week, on Friday 21st October, we will be holding a special assembly to combine this work with our Harvest celebration. We would be grateful for a donation on the Friday morning to this assembly of an item of food from the following list: Dried pasta, jars of pasta sauce, cereals, tinned fruit, packet soups, biscuits, sugar, tea, rice, tinned peas and carrots. This will then be sent to 'food 4 U', a charity supported by local churches and the community who supply food parcels to people in urgent need.

We will also be launching our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, if you are interested, details of what to include is on the leaflet which is attached to this newsletter. Children should bring their box to build a wall on our stage during the week 7th to 11th November.



## Fellside's Got Talent Wall

Our talent wall is now in need of updating. Please send in new photographs of your child demonstrating their talent to your child's class teacher with your child's name and class on the back. We look forward to seeing the many and varied skills of all our children on display in school.



## Grandparents

Following the huge success of our grandparents' afternoon a couple of years ago, we have decided to hold similar events this term. This time year groups will be hosting their own afternoons linked to either their creative curriculum topics or activities that are being carried out.

Each year group will send out invitations with dates and arrangements nearer the time. We look forward to sharing some of the learning that takes place at school with you.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October. This, the first of two scheduled consultation meetings, is particularly important for the discussion and awareness of targets for individual children and to share how children have settled in to their new classes.



The Spring Term consultations can then follow up on progress around the midpoint in the year, with the final report in July giving a picture of progress throughout the year, as well as future targets.

## Friends of Fellside

A terrific £220.28 was raised during the Macmillan coffee morning for the cancer charity, thanks to everyone who came along and gave their support. FOF's next events are the Halloween discos, taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are available on the door costing £2.00, which covers entrance fee, a bottle of water and a bag of sweets.



**Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 4.45 – 5.45 pm**

**Key Stage 2 6.00 – 7.15 pm**

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

**Please note a change to the Christmas fair date; it will now take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, giving plenty of time to buy those Christmas gifts.**



## **Fellside Fun Club**



The Fellside Fun Club Halloween Party will take place on Monday 31st October from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Bookings are now being taken and places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Please see one of the Fun Club members of staff to book your place early and avoid disappointment.

Thanks,  
Rachel

## **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\***

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)	
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	
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Performance - Morning	
Monday 12th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	
Tuesday 13th December	Nursery Party	
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 the term	

*\* Further information will follow regarding many of these events*

