



# Fellside Community Primary School

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## Fellside Matters

*Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.*

*Ambition for all.*

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### **Mrs Green's Weekly Message:**

Happy New Year! I hope that the new year brings peace and hope for a joyous 2025 for you all. It has been refreshing getting back to the routines of school life, and joyful to see the children's faces as they reunite with friends and staff.

As you will no doubt be aware, many businesses are trying to 'tighten their belts' in terms of finance and schools are no exception. For a while, we have been reducing the amount of paper based letters we send out, using emails more. This is something that will be continuing. We will mostly use paper letters for instances where responses are needed. While we appreciate that this may not be everyone's preference, the costs associated with physical letters (especially when so many seem to get lost to/from school) mean that this is something which we have to move forwards with. By cutting down on unnecessary spending elsewhere, we will have more money with which to spend on our children's education and much needed resources around school. Thank you for all of your support in this.

In other news, our children are being asked for their opinions about our sports provision. The School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) have sent out a questionnaire for each child from reception upwards to respond to. It would be great to get as many replies back as possible so that we can continue to provide a fun and relevant sports curriculum and further opportunities.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

*Mrs Green*

### **Key Dates**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Deadline for **Nursery** applications for Reception Class places

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Heights & Weights measurements in **Reception and Year Six**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – **Year Five** Basketball Tournament at Vertu Arena

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – **Year Five & Six** Basketball Roadshow at school

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Seven Stories visit to **Early Years**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – **Robotics Team** competition at Nissan

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – **Year 6** to Robinwood Residential

*Please continue to check our website, which is updated regularly with key dates.*

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### **School Menu changes -**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – **Vegan Sausage in a bun, skinny fries, corn on the cob or Jacket Potato with beans or vegan cheese with a fruit smoothie and mini vegan biscuit**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – **Chinese New Year** – **chicken/veggie bites with sweet & sour sauce, rice, prawn crackers and spring rolls with smoothie or fruit salad (jacket potato option also available)**

### **Nursery**

Children in Nursery have been sharing the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", going on their own Bear Hunts around school. They have been writing about their favourite memories of the Christmas holiday and also taking part in dance. Some new friends started this week which has been wonderful!

**Challenge winner: Molly G**

### **Year One**

In Year One, children have shared the book "The Queen's Hat". In their own writing, they have used the prefix 'un', as well as capital letters at the start of people and place names. In maths, there has been a focus on prepositions 'left' and 'right'. Children have learned about The Great Fire of London. They had an introduction to Beebots in computing and thought about prophets in RE, looking at both Christianity and Judaism. Children discussed the importance of rules in PSHE.

**Challenge winner: Harvey M**

### **Year Three**

Year Three have enjoyed getting stuck back into their book "James and the Giant Peach". In their own writing, they have been answering questions about Animation, using predication and inference. In maths, they have been measuring, comparing, adding and subtracting lengths while, in geography, they have identified countries which make up Great Britain and the British Isles. They have learned about the bones in the human body and begin to discover facts about the Islamic faith. In PSHE, children have thought about rules and expectations.

**Challenge winner: Olivia E**

### **Year Five**

Year Five children have started to share "Kensuke's Kingdom", using inference skills based on the front cover, alongside the blurb, to make predictions. In maths, pupils have been recapping how to find common denominators before adding, subtracting, ordering and comparing fractions. In science, children built parachutes to test the effect of various sized surface areas on air resistance. The class have begun their dance unit in preparation for the Gateshead Dance Festival – very exciting!

**Challenge winner: Edan C**

### **Reception**

Reception have shared the book "The Big Dark" and, in writing, they have sent thank you letters to Father Christmas. In early maths, children have looked at number order to ten and counting orally to twenty. Children have talked about the Arctic and where it is. Children have also been painting Winter trees. In science, they have created ice pictures, turning water into ice. Little Kickers lessons began – how exciting! Reception have also been completing their dinner registers using tally marks.

**Challenge winner: Wynter K**  
**ATTENDANCE WINNERS 100%**

### **Year Two**

The books being shared this week in Year Two were "Snail Trail" by Jo Saxton and "Winter Sleep" by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss. In writing, children have been writing questions and also sentences which begin with "When". In maths, they have looked at symmetry in 2D shapes and the concept of faces, edges and vertices in 3D shapes. In geography, children learned about points on a compass and recapped the concept of human and physical features. They also enjoyed creating collages to recreate of "The Snail" by Henri Matisse. Ms Thornber says it's been lovely to be back together after the Christmas break.

**Challenge winner: Alex P**

### **Year Four**

Pupils in Year Four have been thinking about the "Great Chocoplot", the key events and using expanded noun phrases. During maths, they have learned about position and direction while, in history, they learned about the gods in Ancient Egypt. Children have started to talk about the key beliefs that people who follow Islam believe while, in PSHE, they are thinking about secrets – which may be safe and which may be unsafe to keep.

**Challenge winner: Millie D**  
**ATTENDANCE TARGET CLASS 94%**

### **Year Six**

Year Six have shared the book "Varmints". In their own writing, they have been looking at adjective choice and selecting appropriate vocabulary. During maths, children have been determining the areas of parallelograms and triangles. During RE, children have begun to learn about Hinduism while, in PE, they have learned the skills needed to play volleyball. Miss Robson states that the children have come back into Year Six with great attitudes and they have had a great start to 2025!

**Challenge winner: James M**