



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:

Our Class Teachers are looking forward to welcoming you in next week to speak about your child's progress and give you their Spring interim report (KS1 and KS2) to support the discussion. Please can we politely ask for you to respect that each appointment is allotted ten minutes; if you have any SEN or pastoral issues which you would like to discuss outside of this time, please do make another appointment at a convenient time for you and your child's teacher. We have had instances where some families are waiting over forty minutes for their allocated appointment due to extra time which others have taken, and we are keen to extend the same courtesy to everyone, while also respecting the "out of hours" time which our teaching team are giving to their class. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

A number of our families may now be eligible for "Pupil Premium" (sometimes known as "Free School Meals"). You can check your child's eligibility through the following link [Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#). If you qualify, our school is given extra money (currently £1,455 per pupil) with which to support teaching and learning – every little helps! Please note, that this is not the same thing as "Universal Free School Meals" which all Key Stage One children qualify for automatically. For more information on how we currently use our Pupil Premium, please see our website [Fellside Community Primary School - Pupil Premium](#).

We would like to remind everyone that we are a nut-free school as a number of our pupil body have allergies. While we work in collaboration with Gateshead Local Authority to ensure no nut products are used in the food which our pupils eat, we also ask you to be mindful if your child brings in a packed lunch to ensure that no nut products are consumed in school.

And, finally, we know that many of you have been wondering about the trim trail which has been out of bounds for a number of weeks now. During a routine inspection, unfortunately, some of the wood was found to be rotten, meaning that we were required to render it "out of order" immediately, for safety reasons. We would like to reassure you all that there are plans in place to have it fixed. As you will appreciate, finding time for this to happen safely, while our children are using the outdoor areas for PE and breaks, has been tricky and, and we also need to ensure that it is made safe by an approved company. Nonetheless, we are now in a position where we can inform you that it will be fixed by the start of the new half term.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April

- **Whole school** Parent Meetings and Spring reports shared with KS1 and KS2 families

The following clubs will still take place next week – Monday Y5 Dance, Tuesday Y3/4 Fitness and Kidslingo, Wednesday Game Karate, Thursday Karate and Friday Hockey.

Wednesday 9th April

- Easter celebration lunch (see attached menu)
- **Reception** Vision Screening
- **Year One** family event – Easter Egg pasting

Thursday 10th April

- **Whole school** deadline for returning photographs to school and online orders.

Friday 11th April

- **Whole school** PTA Easter tombola & pre-loved uniform sale.

Monday 14th to Friday 25th April – Whole School Easter Holidays

Tuesday 29th April

- **Year Five** Football Team – Friendly matches

Thursday 1st May

- **Key Stage Two** Gateshead Football Finals

Saturday 3rd May to Monday 5th May – Whole school PTA Great Fellside Carwash Weekend

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th May

- **80th Anniversary of VE Day Whole School celebration week** – more information to be shared next week

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

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Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed sharing “Jasper’s Beanstalk” by Mick Inkpen. During early maths, they have used numicon. They really enjoyed their trip to Hall Hill Farm and planting in the vegetable patch in the outdoor classroom.

Commitment winner: Clara M

Reception

Reception children have read “The Ugly Duckling” together this week and, in maths, have thought about missing number ‘number sentences’. The highlight of the week was definitely the trip to the zoo where they met a zoo keeper who helped them to hold some of the animals. They have been talking and writing about the day out since they got back as they loved it so much!

Commitment winner: Joe M
ATTENDANCE TARGET 94.55%

Year One

Year One children have been enjoying “Kitty and the Sky Garden Adventure” while, independently, they have taken part in phonic assessments to ensure that they are learning the skills needed to access their own chosen texts. During maths, children have looked at place value, as well as addition and subtraction. As part of their RE, learning about Christianity, they learnt about the story of Palm Sunday. Children have enjoyed thinking about Autism Awareness and making inclusive promises.

Commitment winner: Daniel B

Year Two

In Year Two, children have shared “The Lonely Beast” by Chris Judge. In writing, they have used ? and ! at the end of sentences when writing about the ‘Beast’. In early maths, children have talked about grams and kilograms in terms of measuring weight. During history, they have compared modern day hospitals with Victorian hospitals while, in computing, they have designed their own quiz using Scratch Jr, where questions are designed by sprites.

Within PSHE, pupils created one-page profiles in celebration of acceptance. Children enjoyed PE where they performed their final circus dance with a partner, to their audience of friends.

Commitment winner: Elodie W
ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS 99.33%

Year Three

Year Three have continued with “The Land of Roar” and “The Secret of Black Rock”. During writing, they have created their own narratives, using expanded noun phrases, “show don’t tell” and dialogue. Within maths, they have focused on adding and subtracting while, in history, they have learned about the history of Newcastle, featuring famous landmarks. In science, children learnt the life cycle of flowering plant while, in RE, they learnt about Good Friday as part of thinking about the Christian faith. During PSHE, Year Three talked about diversity and created a “diversity quilt”.

Commitment winner: Lily R

Year Four

“The Witches” continues to be enjoyed by Year Four while, in their own writing, children have been creating setting descriptions. During maths, there has been a focus on multiplication while, in geography, they have learnt about mountains. As part of RE, learning about Christianity, children have learnt about the significance of Palm Sunday while, in PSHE, they have thought about the importance of acceptance.

Commitment winner: Elodie E

Year Five

Year Five are continuing to share “The Nowhere Emporium”; they have been introduced to Elie Silver, the owner’s daughter, who amazingly appears as a ghost to the real world. In maths, they have been reading and interpreting bar charts and line graphs whilst also using data to draw their own graphs. During art, children have used various sketching techniques to draw still art images. Within PSHE, Year Five completed a variety of activities as part of Autism Acceptance while, in music, children have learnt to rap ‘The Fresh Prince of Bel Air’!

Commitment winner: Freddie T

Year Six

Our Year Six pupils are enjoying “Beowulf” together while, in preparation for their own writing, they have explored an author’s choice of language and vocabulary. In maths, Year Six have focused on algebra and have also revised the topic of time. During computing, they have been programming using Micro:Bits. As part of Autism Acceptance, they designed an “autism aware” classroom, to help everybody to learn. Year Six particularly enjoyed going to Whickham School for a science lesson this week.

Commitment winner: Penny J