



# 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:

We have bounced back to school this academic year with a wonderfully positive attitude and big smiles – it really has been a delight to be amongst all of the children this week and we have high hopes that this will continue. This week's newsletter is jam-packed as the new year brings with it a mix of reminders, requests and new information...

Please ensure that you inform the office if you have a **new address or phone number** – this is for safeguarding purposes. Likewise, please let us know about any **medication renewals** so that we can care for your children appropriately while they are with us.

While younger children get free fruit and vegetables as snacks, provided by the Government, Key Stage Two children do not. If you feel as though they need a snack to keep them going until lunch time, they are welcome to bring in a **small piece of fruit or vegetables** (if there is a dietary or medical reason for an alternative, please discuss this with the Class Teacher).

Unfortunately, the coach hire companies have increased their prices again this academic year which will have even more of an impact on the **cost of school trips**. We are trying to keep this to a minimum, however we wanted you to be aware that this has happened. If you need support with your finances, there is help out there and I would encourage you to speak with me in confidence if you need to.

We have a number of children and families with food allergies in school and we are politely requesting that **no nut products are sent into school**, either in packed lunches, snacks or as gifts. Attached is an information pack regarding our wider plan to support children with allergies, in collaboration with Gateshead Local Authority.

This year, our children have been very excited to learn that there are even more ways that they can become involved in the running of their school. With a **large number of pupil roles** to choose from Year Two upwards, there really is something for everyone who wants a role (and, of course, the special badge that comes alongside it!). Attached are year-specific sheets sharing the roles available for your child's year group, along with a brief description of the role and the adult who they will be working with. You may want to speak to your child about a few possibilities with them over the weekend as, next week, we will be asking pupils to let us know which three roles they are most interested in and we will ensure that one of them is the role they are allocated. In January, Year one children will start to become more involved with pupil voice roles but, for now, they are concentrating on learning all about Key Stage One, which is very important indeed!

**Homework will be starting next Friday** and all families will be given information on what is encouraged, and why.

You will also be receiving information regarding our **extra curricular groups**. There is so much to choose from for different year groups and it would be lovely to see as many people getting involved as possible. Due to children moving up a year group, there are now spaces available in the popular French Club, Kids Lingo; attached is a letter to share how any Year One or Two children can join, with a free taster session available. Don't forget that we also have an on-site **Fellside Fun Club** team who can provide before and after school care, laughs and teamwork every single day. They would love your child to join them so feel free to get in touch and we can ask them to contact you with more information.

We are including a **reminder regarding our school uniform**. This week, a number of children have been wearing jewellery, which is not part of our uniform. We do allow a two-week grace period for any children who may have had ears pierced over the summer break but we expect these to be covered by plasters and for all earrings to be removed for the start of the third week at school.

We may have only started this year but the **applications for next academic year** in Nursery, Reception and for secondary school are already starting to be thought about! The application process officially opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September so if you or anyone you know has a child who would love to join us at Fellside, please do get in touch!

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Mrs Green*

#### PE Days

Year One: Wednesday and Friday

Year Two: Thursday and Friday

Year Three: Monday and Tuesday

Year Four: Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year Five: Monday and Thursday

Year Six: Tuesday and Wednesday

#### Key Dates

##### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

- Reception Family Learning session

##### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

- Year One Family Learning session

##### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

- Year Six French Lesson @ Whickham School

##### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- Fluenz Vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6

##### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- MacMillan Coffee Morning and After School Fun Run

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

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#### Commitment Winners

Year 1 – Eva C and Harper J

Year 2 – Flynn S

Year 3 – Emilia S

Year 4 – Matthew G

Year 5 – Millie D and Elodie E

Year 6 – Alf P

#### Attendance

**Year Two: 100!**

All year groups managed to achieve over the target of 96% this week and we very much hope that this continues as we know that every day of learning and friendship matters.