



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:

My goodness, what another busy time it has been here at Fellside.

While you, as parents and carers, only see a few of the things we do with your own child, it is true to say that, behind the scenes, the entire team works incredibly hard every second of every day to ensure that your child gets the education and experience that they deserve. While we might not always get it right at every opportunity, we always do it with our best intentions and we would ask that, if you have any questions, you speak to your child's Class Teacher in the first instance by making an appointment through the main office. If they can support in any way, they will! If you find that the issue hasn't been resolved, then please make an appointment to speak with our Senior Leadership Team (me and Ms Thornber). Following on from this, if any issues are not resolved sufficiently, our Governing Body is there to help and you can contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Davison, via the main office.

You may know that our Year Six Teacher (SENDCo, Maths Lead, Leading Key Stage Two Teacher) is currently absent. In her absence, I have taken on her leadership responsibilities personally and will be arranging SEND review meetings, with invitations being sent out next week. I will arrange meetings for families with children with Educational Health Care Plans first; following this, I will prioritise Year Six, then Year Five, Year Four, Year Three, Year Two, Year One and then Early Years, in that order to ensure that everyone has a review by the end of the term in order to review the provision that your child receives and talk about steps to move forwards. I will also, alongside Ms Thornber, be meeting with every parent in Year Six to discuss their child's progress so far and how we can support them in this final year at primary school.

Next week, it is our Year Six assessment week, with the other year groups following the week after that. Assessment week is simply used to inform our teaching staff of any current gaps that we need to be aware of but, mostly, to celebrate the knowledge that our children have learnt so far. It is always a boost to see how far our children come each term and we endeavour to make the weeks as straightforward and calm as possible. Some children may benefit from a smaller group in a different space other than the classroom; if you feel as though your child may benefit from this, please speak to your child's teacher.

Please can we remind you that we strive to be nut free in this school and our catering staff ensure that school dinners do not contain nuts. We have members of our school community with nut allergies and wish to keep them safe. If your child brings in a packed lunch, please can we ask that they do not bring in any products containing nuts (including Nutella).

Mrs Green

Key Dates

You can see a bit of a Christmas Theme creeping up here... While many people enjoy the excitement, we know that this can be overwhelming for some children and families; please let your child's teacher know if they need to be aware of anything that may be dysregulating during this period.

Monday 17th November and Tuesday 18th November

- Fellside Church Christmas Story Event

Tuesday 25th November

- Year One local visit to Elliott's Fruit and Vegetable Shop
- Whickham Christmas Tree Light Switch On – all welcome to walk down together if you would like to (more details to follow)

Friday 28th November

- PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 2nd December 2.15pm

- Foundation Stage Performance

Wednesday 3rd December

- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 4th December 9.30am

- Foundation Stage Performance

Friday 5th December

- Y1 – 6 Panto in school AM
- EY Panto in school PM

Monday 15th December

- PTA Christmas Disco

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

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Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed reading a special story together – “Best Diwali ever”. They created rangoli patterns, cutting, sticking and adding details. They have also been thinking ahead to celebrations in school by learning Christmas nativity songs to share with families and carers. They really enjoyed playing “Witches and Wizards” this week, moving in different ways, finding spaces in the hall.

Change winner: Theo S

Year One

Year One have shared the books “Squirrel’s Secret” and “Rhythm in the Rain” this week. In their own writing, they have written about lions! During maths, a focus has been on days of the week, sequencing the days in order. As part of geography, to learn about maps, they looked at an aerial view of their own classroom. They have started to discuss where fruit and vegetables come from, ready for a special design and technology event coming up. During computing, they have learnt to ‘drag and drop’ to put together online jigsaws. Children discussed the importance of Remembrance this week.

Change winner: Wynter K

Year Three

Year Three have begun to think of the celebrations ahead and have begun the brilliant story “The Christmasaurus” by Tom Fletcher. Within their writing, they have looked at a biography of Mary Anning while, in maths, they have learnt more about fractions. Within geography, children have been naming continents and oceans on maps. As part of computing, children have discussed online bullying and what is considered appropriate and inappropriate behaviours while, in RE, children learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam. During PSHE, Year Three thought about how respectful relationships are built on mutual respect.

Change winner: Amber B

Year Five

Children in Year Five have looked into what they need to develop an opening for their setting descriptions, including modal verbs. They have continued to look at fractions by comparing two different fractions. They have started to look at cam mechanisms in design technology and enjoyed the start of their singing rehearsals, ready for a Christmas show.

Change winner: Francesca S
ATTENDANCE WINNERS: 99%

Reception

Reception children have been enjoying the story “Winnie In Space” this week. They have been writing labels and names, alongside learning how to properly form the graphemes *qu* *z* and *ch*. In early maths, children have counted to ten then back to zero, talking about one more and one less. In small groups, they have learnt to design then make rockets using ‘junk modelling’ and they have also grown their computer skills by learning more about mouse control, creating firework pictures. Children enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day and have also started to plant bulbs outside, ready to grow in the Spring.

Change winner: Rosie R
ATTENDANCE TARGET: 78%

Year Two

Year Two have enjoyed sharing “Jack and the Beanstalk” this week and have used verbs in their writing. During maths, they have looked at money, making amounts with pounds and pence. Within history, children thought about how to attack a castle and what was used in the past while, in computing, they have discussed online safety, including online bullying, types of bullying and how to report cyber-bullying. Year Two enjoyed PE where they created ‘Secret Garden’ dances, creating shapes and moving just like creatures they might find.

Change winner: Molly W

Year Four

The wonderful story of “The Egyptian Cinderella” is being shared in Year Four, as they have looked closely at Ancient Egyptian society within history. During maths, they have discovered mixed number fractions while, in PSHE, they have talked about the difference between equality and equity (some people need something extra to make things ‘fair’). They enjoyed playing ‘rugby’ with a game of Cat and mouse.

Change winner: Sophie R

Year Six

The text being shared by children in year Six is “A Christmas Carol”. During their own writing, they have looked into direct and indirect characterisation within narrative writing. During maths, Year Six have focused on metric and imperial measures, converting between and within these units. As part of geography, they have discovered more about world rivers, finding sources and noting the countries that some rivers run through. Year Six produced some beautiful pieces of Remembrance art this week and they will be displayed in the main hall for all to see.

Change winner: Freddie T