



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:

It was a genuine honour to be part of the annual "Lighting Up Whickham" celebrations on Tuesday. Each year, the residents of Whickham join together to officially welcome in the Christmas Season and spread Christmas cheer and this year is the first year that we have joined in with a choir performance. Our children showcased our school wonderfully, with the respect and enthusiasm that the event deserved. It is an honour to spend time leading the choir and sharing in the talents of our children. I have a feeling that this is the start of a great Fellside tradition.

On Thursday, we gathered together as Fellside Families, in house teams, creating Christmas decorations ready for the Christmas Tree. The tree has been kindly donated by Lamesley Farm, who delivered it personally, and we are incredibly grateful.

Our Parent Teacher Association worked incredibly hard, once again, behind the scenes, setting up and running a Christmas Fair. They know how much our children would benefit from a large screen in the hall and have resolved to make it happen, even securing a wonderful offer from one of our families to install the screen once it has been purchased. We know that school budgets are tight and, because of the support we get for the 'extras', we are able to focus our finances where they will impact the children best – through our curriculum offer, resources and staffing. It was magical seeing so many of you at the fair, supporting us – THANK YOU!

Our children, from Year One to Year Five, have been taking part in assessments throughout the last week and have managed incredibly well. The results will be used to inform our planning moving forwards, to ensure that your children learn the skills and knowledge that they need to move forwards. We are committed to ensuring that every child gets the education that they deserve.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

While many people enjoy the excitement, we know that Christmas time 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.

Tuesday 2nd December 2.15pm

- Foundation Stage Performance

Wednesday 3rd December

- Christmas Lunch (Turkey or Vegan Quorn Fillet) and Christmas Jumper Day
- Year 5 Craft Afternoon (2.15pm)

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
- KS2 Choir to Manor House
- Y3/4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 16th December

- Y1/2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December

- Y5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December

- Carol Service at St Mary's Church
- Early Years Christmas Party (with a special visitor...)

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

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Nursery

Children in Nursery have enjoyed practising their nativity and sharing the book "The Nativity play" together. They have written "Santa letters" and created salt dough decorations together.

Challenge winner: Jesse M

Reception

Reception have enjoyed sharing the books "Smeds and Smoos" as well as "Owl Babies". They have enjoyed practising for their Christmas play – especially the dress rehearsal where they all felt very fancy! They have also been designing rockets and have even started to make them!

Challenge winner: Patrick D

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 79.3%

Year One

Children in Year One have shared "The Leaf Thief" and "I'm Not Sweet" as their class books. They have focused on sentence structure in their own writing and, during maths, they have been counting in 2s. The class thoroughly enjoyed a trip into the heart of Whickham where they bought fruit and vegetables which were then used in a healthy taste testing lesson. In PSHE, children thought about "My Body, My Choice" and, in computing, they used drag and drop to complete online jigsaws.

Challenge winner: Matthew R

Year Two

Year Two children have been sharing "Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy" while, in their own writing, they have written from the point of view of the giant, when retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. In maths, children have learnt about multiplying and dividing by five and ten. During PSHE, they have spoken about understanding differences and knowing that all of our opinions are important. Year Two children particularly enjoyed Fellside Families this week, meeting with children from all across the school.

Challenge winner: Isaac E

Year Three

Year Three are enjoying the class book "Christmasaurus". They have been fact finding about lions to create some wonderful pieces of writing and they have also, in geography, learnt the difference between a physical and political map. Within science, children learnt how friction impacts objects on different surfaces. In computing, the class have learnt the correct position for their hands on the keyboard. Mrs Scott would like to let you all know the following message *"I am so proud of everyone in Y3 doing their NFER papers. They are AMAZING!"*

Challenge winner: Henry L

Year Four

The class are continuing to enjoy "Egyptian Cinderella" as a class and have begun to plan their narrative. In maths, children have looked at improper fractions and mixed number fractions while, in history, they have looked at elements of Tutankhamun's life. As part of computing, the class have been making their own music.

Challenge winner: Aya O'S

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 100%

Year Five

Year Five have finished writing their setting descriptions and are incredibly proud of their finished pieces which use imaginative vocabulary. Within computing, they explored databases and learnt how to refine searches while, as part of music, they have been practising for their Christmas performances. Ten of our Year Five children have attended Playground Leader training this week with Gateshead SSP – well done to them! This week was test week and Mr Hickey would like to share that all of the children were superstars.

Challenge winner: Ollie K

Year Six

This week, in Year Six, children have been writing about A Christmas Carol, thinking about the images that Scrooge was shown and what he learnt from the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. They have been learning about perimeter and area, looking at how to work out missing amounts. In geography, Year Six learnt about the features of a river – upper, middle and lower course. In gymnastics, children have practised rolls, making shapes, balancing and jumping to make sequences and also learnt new hockey skills. They loved being part of Fellside Families, supporting the younger children in their houses to make decorations.

Challenge winner: Harry C