



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:

The week has passed in a real blur of singing, costumes and excitement. It has been a real delight welcoming so many of you in to watch the Key Stage One and Two performances all week. I hope you feel as proud of them as we do!

Our Year Five and Six choir have thoroughly enjoyed singing to families after the Year Five and Six Christmas shows, in preparation for entertaining the residents of Manor House on Monday. It is pleasure to lead this enthusiastic and talented bunch of pupils over lunch time to share their talents and I will be continuing doing so after the Christmas break with new songs and new reasons to entertain. If your child is in Year Five and Six and they want to join us, please do encourage them to do so – the more the merrier!

We have one more week to go until the Christmas break and we know how tired the children (and adults) are. There are the usual seasonal germs and excitement mixed in too... For this reason, we have decided to not send homework out this weekend. Our children deserve time to rest, to be with you and to simply "be".

Next week will be Mrs Thom's last week with us and we wish her well as her career as an author (she has now published three books!) and social media personality. Mrs Thom has been a key part of our team, delivering Colourful Semantics and Alphabet Arc, plus much more, including her ever-popular Dance Clubs after school. Thank you, Mrs Thom and Good Luck in all you go on to achieve.

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.

Monday 15th December

- KS2 Choir to Manor House
- Y3/4 Christmas Party
- PTA Christmas Disco evening

Tuesday 16th December

- Y1/2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December

- Y5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December (there is no Fellside Fun Club tonight)

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

Friday 19th December (there is no Fellside Fun Club tonight)

- Christmas Dress Down Day (non uniform)

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

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Nursery

Nursery have shared the book "Dear Santa" by Rod Campbell. They have made very special calendars to bring home and share with families and there has been a lot of talk about Santa from every single child – they are a bit excited!! They have taken part in a lot of Christmas-based singing, too, which has been lovely. Children have really enjoyed using the bikes on the Key Stage One yard. Their class elf, Jingle, has been up to lots of mischief, including swinging from the tinsel!

Collaboration winners: Sonny C and Ezra H

Reception

Reception children have enjoyed the story "Little Robin Red Vest" this week. Their writing focus has been writing their names inside the Christmas cards that they made, and they have also made calendars to bring home too. In early maths, they have been learning about "1 less than", taking away amounts from other amounts. On the computers, children have used Kidpix and shape tools to draw images of a Christmas tree using mouse control. Their first mystery readers (including Mrs Green!) read some lovely stories and they want to say a big thank you!

Collaboration winners: Rosie B and Freya B

Year One

Year One children have been sharing the book "Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue", as well as the short narrative "We're Going To Find The Monster". In maths, children have looked at 2D shapes while, in Design technology, they have created designs for their smoothie packaging. Children learnt more about Respect, one of our Character Compass points, during PSHE, and sang Christmas Carols as part of music.

Collaboration winners: Tilly F and Wynter K

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 76.9%

Year Two

Children in Year Two have shared different Christmas themed books this week, including "The Santa Trap", "The Christmas Extravaganza Hotel" and "The Christmasaurus".

In their writing, they have been using apostrophes for contraction and also bullet points, alongside identifying key features of instructions to enable them to write a set of instructions on how to trap Santa! Year Two have also learnt a new note on the recorder and have been reading musical notes.

Collaboration winners: Laura C and Olivia T

Year Three

Year Three have continued to enjoy "The Christmasaurus" together. In their writing, they have been thinking about the ideas they can use in their stories based on "The Lion and The Mouse", inferring what might happen from the pictures they see. During maths, they have concentrated on multiplying and dividing using the three times table. They have created some wonderful cards and calendars to bring home to share and would like to share how proud they are of themselves for performing so well in their Christmas play.

Collaboration winners: Noah B and Heidi M

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 98.6%

Year Four

Year Four's book this week has been "The Gut Garden". They have been linking this to their writing – all about the digestive system! During maths, children looked at decimals and started to use them dividing by ten and one hundred. During design and technology lessons they have designed and marketed toy cars while, as part of sports, they all walked to Whickham School for a Winter Sports event where they had a lot of fun!

Collaboration winners: Lily R and Aurora T

Year Five

During their writing lessons, the children in Year Five have worked very hard on their use of modal verbs in order to write persuasively. During maths, children have learnt about perimeter and area while, in computing, they have been coding in preparation for learning more about robotics. They have been particularly proud of themselves this week as they worked together in their Christmas performances, putting nerves aside and being an incredible team.

Collaboration winners: Oswyn A and Spencer C

Year Six

In their writing, Year Six have been using past tense as well as colons and semi-colons. They have learnt about coordinates during maths and meanders and Oxbow Lake as part of geography. Within PE, children have played basketball and football, thinking about team skills. The highlight of the week, however, has most certainly been the two performances to their families, where they showcased their teamwork, their enthusiasm and their talents. They could not be prouder of themselves – and rightly so!

Collaboration winners: Zarah CC and Megan W