



Fellside Community Primary School

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Fellside Matters

Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.

Ambition for all.

3rd March 2026

Mrs Green's Mid-Week Message:

Good afternoon everyone,

I apologise that I was absent through illness during the final week of half term. As much as we try to keep going, sometimes we need time to recover and this was certainly the case prior to the break. In my absence, however, Ms Thornber was able to step up into my shoes as is her role as Deputy Head Teacher. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated member of the Senior Leadership Team with us. Sadly, it is now Ms Thornber's turn and we ask for your patience while we wish her the very best in getting better and getting back to us once she is fit and well again.

While I was absent, Ms Thornber was incredibly busy and, as a result, I know that the newsletter didn't make it's way out so I thought I would send this to you as a celebration of the winners of the week and also as a reminder of dates coming up.

This half term, we will be embedding the systems that I have put in place over the past two and a half years. Consistency and clarity are incredibly important to us and, while we acknowledge that we may not always get it right, we *always* make decisions with your children at the very heart of all that we do.

With this in mind, we have been told that soooooo many children would like to wear non-uniform on Thursday's World Book Day and many have costumes, so we'd like to invite children to wear whatever they want to on this day – **but bring in a book!** This may be contrary to the message you heard before half term but please do not put any pressure on yourselves – cosy clothes are brilliant to read in. Dressing up isn't the aim – celebrating books is, however this takes its form. Children can wear uniform if they prefer – not all children like to dress up. We hope that this supports those of you who have let us know you were disappointed in the messages shared earlier while also reassuring those of you who aren't in favour of fancy dress. It's never an easy task to make sure that everyone is happy – but we will try our best, always.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day – Dress to share your love of books, however that looks! This can be a costume, a tshirt or wear comfortable clothes which you enjoy wearing when you read.
- World Book Day Themed Lunch (Chicken or veggie burger – see attached menu)

Friday 6th March

- Y5 to NFL Flag Football Festival at Blaydon Leisure Centre
- Book Fair from 8am in the main hall

Monday 9th March

- Book Fair from 8am in the main hall
- Book Fair from 3.25pm in the main hall

Tuesday 10th March

- Book Fair from 8am in the main hall

Wednesday 18th March

- Y5 and Y6 Hockey Teams at Whickham School

Wednesday 25th March

- Y3 to the Primary School Dance Festival at the Glasshouse, Gateshead Council

Thursday 26th March

- Football league matches at Fellside

Tuesday 31st March

- Reception to Kirkley Hall

Wednesday 1st April

- Whole School Photographs

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

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Collaboration winners:

Nursery: Agnes H and Freya H
Reception: Felicity L and Lilian R
Year One: Alba A and Xander C
Year Two: Laura C and Ava R
Year Three: Gene L and Will O
Year Four: Connie F and Delilah H
Year Five: Noah C and Oliver D
Year Six: Jessica I and Sienna K