



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 has been a pleasure to see so many proud faces in school this week, as you spoke to your child's teacher and heard about the progress they are making in school. All of our children have different strengths, whether academic or personal, and it is our pleasure to help them to develop as they grow. I'd like to say a personal thank you to all of our Class Teachers who have given up their own time this week to stay in school; I truly feel incredibly lucky to work with such a dedicated group of professionals who put our children at the heart of all they do.

You will no doubt be aware that the 80th anniversary of VE Day will be celebrated on 8th May. We want to celebrate this with our children and are planning a week of learning focusing around the history of this event in a child appropriate way. The week will end with "street party entertainment" on our Key Stage Two yard, where each class from Year One upwards will perform a chosen song or poem. We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us on the yard from 2:00pm on Friday 9th May to celebrate the VE Day Anniversary together. If you are, or have been, a member of our armed forces and would like to be part of the event or the week of celebrations, please do contact our main office.

Thank you for promptly leaving the yard following drop off and collection, especially from the rear gate. It is vital that we are able to close the gates at the allocated time to allow Mr Renton to return back to his caretaking duties within school once he has ensured our safety outside.

After Easter, we have a few tweaks to our staffing due to staff reducing their hours. The main change will be for children in Reception as Mrs Bonner (who supports Reception Wednesday to Friday) will be moving to a different part of school and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Fuller into our team. Mrs Fuller has a wealth of knowledge and we know that she will be an asset to our Early Years. Mrs Bonner will still be popping into see the Reception children to say "hello". We are not losing anyone; we are gaining a new member of our Fellside Family.

Thank you, once again, to our fabulous PTA who have given us some Easter spirit on the last day of term, raising more funds for our school. We are pleased to let you know that the money being raised is all going to be going towards improving our outdoor spaces – used for play, learning and much more. We can't wait to get going with the plans!

We hope that your child has an enjoyable Easter break and feels refreshed and ready to learn when we return on Monday 28th April.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Monday 14th to Friday 25th April – Whole School Easter Holidays

Tuesday 29th April

- **Year Five** Football Team – Friendly matches against St Mary's and Ellington Primary

Thursday 1st May

- **Key Stage Two** Gateshead Football Finals

Friday 2nd May

- **Year Six** Breakfast Booster

Saturday 3rd May to Monday 5th May – Whole school PTA Great Fellside Carwash Weekend

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th May

- **80th Anniversary of VE Day Whole School celebration week**, culminating in “Street Party Entertainment” on Friday for **Key Stages One and Two**

Wednesday 7th May

- **Reception** Athletics cluster event

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May

- **Year Six SATs Week** - Good Luck Year Six: Show everyone what you can do!

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

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Nursery

Nursery children have been sharing the book “Easter” and “My First Festivals”. Alongside this, they have held discussions around easter and Christian beliefs. Children took part in an Easter Egg Hunt and decorated Easter Biscuits. In early maths, they have been matching numbers.

Year One

The book “Kitty and the Roof Top Garden” has been shared this week in Year One. During writing, they have created their own Egg-Spotters Guides, non-chronological reports. In maths, children have written numbers in both words and numerals, alongside place value of 50 – 100. In RE, Year One have talked about why Easter is a celebration for Christians. They thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families into school to decorate eggs together – thank you to everyone who joined us!

Year Three

Year Three are enjoying “the Land of Roar” alongside “The Secret of Black Rock”. They have continued to write their own narratives using dialogue, possessive apostrophes and fronted adverbials. In maths, children looked at money – adding and subtracting amounts. During science, they learnt about the parts of a flower used in pollination while, in RE, they learnt about Holy Week.

Year Five

Year Five have been gathering quotes from NASA employees to use a direct and indirect speech in an upcoming newspaper report. Within maths, they have been recognising thousands as fractions and decimals, whilst also learning to convert percentages. Within RE, children took on the role of detectives, investigating the details in the trial of Jesus while, in reading, they have been practising the skill of extracting information from unfamiliar texts to support answers. As part of their French lessons, children used their knowledge of colours to add descriptive adjectives to their items of clothing.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS 99.3%

Reception

In Reception, they have shared the book “We’re Going on an Egg Hunt” They have been rewriting the story of the traditional tale “The Ugly Duckling”. In early maths, children have been doubling and halving while, in RE, they have learned about the Easter Story. Children have made Easter bonnets and cards and were very excited to make chocolate Easter nests, finding out what happened when chocolate was warmed up!

Plea from Mrs Storey: “We will be planting cress after the Easter holidays to make egg cress heads. Can children please bring in an empty and cleaned egg shell (enjoy eating the egg first!)?”

Year Two

Year Two have shared “The Lonely Beast” by Chris Judge and continued to read “Fantastic Mr Fox” by Roald Dahl. In their own writing, they have written a story about the Lonely Beast’s adventures. As part of their maths, children looked at properties of 2D and 3D shapes, alongside statistics using pictograms and block charts. In history, they recapped facts learnt about Florence Nightingale, by writing a fact file about her life and achievements. They enjoyed sewing, practising overstitch to join two pieces of material together.

Year Four

Year Four have continued to enjoy sharing “Witches” while, in their own reading, they have created newspaper articles about Everest. They have learned about measurement / time in maths while geography focused on mountains. During RE, children have learnt more about Palm Sunday and, in French, they have been singing songs!

Year Six

Year Six are continuing to enjoy the book “Beowulf” while, in their own writing, they have been working in groups to generate effective languages and vocabulary. Pupils have focused on algebra skills, finding the “nth” term. During computing, they have used micro:bits, sensing movement. In French, pupils used vocabulary to describe where places are (opposite / next to).

ATTENDANCE TARGET 92.4%