



# 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 wonderful welcoming all of our children back alongside our new members last week. Big smiles, a touch of nerves but lots of happy children!

This year, I would like to share our four main priorities with you.

- Improve writing outcomes – As a school, we are focusing on ensuring that more of our children are reaching the expected level in their writing before they leave for secondary school.
- Curriculum improvements – Our Subject Coordinators will work with our Senior Leadership Team to ensure that all of our children meet the national curriculum in relevant and memorable ways
- Ambition for All – We will continue in our drive to support all of those children who need it in terms of Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding and Attendance, while also using our wonderful Careers Curriculum and Computing opportunities to encourage all of our children to be the very best that they can be.
- Streamline finances – we will be making sure that we focus on best value and our school priorities.

Last year's Macmillan breakfast and Green Day was such a success that we are repeating it this year. It is a charity close to many of our hearts and we hope you will all support us. We know that events like this can touch so many families; if there are any experiences that you wish for us to be aware of, please let us know. If you would like to support our "Green Day Raffle", we are welcoming any green items into the main office in the next week, ready for Miss Knox to work her magic.

As is a Fellside tradition, we will be learning about Harvest Festival and collecting non-perishable items for a local charity. This year, we wondered if any families have any links to a food bank or other charity which they would like us to support with, alongside The People's Kitchen.

If your child has new ear piercings, we expect them to be out by the end of the third week at the latest. We do not allow children to wear earrings as part of their uniform. Until they are healed, they must be covered by plasters.

We would like to let you know about our plans to revamp our homework policy. The homework has been varied across the school, both in expectations and uptake. We want to ensure that any homework set is purposeful and manageable, therefore we will be using the next three weeks to research best practice and find out what will work for our school, our children and our families. We will be inviting you to take part in our decision making process in the coming weeks. In the meantime, teachers will continue to send reading books home, from next week, using our brand new reading record books, and a selection of spellings.

*Mrs Green*

**Key Dates coming up:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Admissions 2025 Day for children who will be going into secondary school (current Year Six), Reception (current Nursery) and incoming Nursery children.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Green Day – we will be raising money for an amazing charity. Please join us for a MacMillan breakfast; your child is welcome to wear green to commemorate the day.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fluenz vaccinations – Please sign up online. A separate eSchools message will be coming to you about this.

Can we also remind families collecting from any clubs that our back gate is locked at 4:30pm on a Friday evening.

**OUR HEALTHY TUCK SHOP IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY FOR KS2 PUPILS DURING BREAK.**

### **Nursery**

Mrs Smith says: "The children enjoyed their first week back at Nursery, settling back into our routines! They have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things, exploring the classroom and telling their friends (and grownups) all about what they got up to over the summer holidays. They have worked incredibly hard rediscovering all the fun things to play with, although it has been tiring work! "

### **Year One**

Mrs Greenwood & Mrs Fraser say: "It has been a pleasure welcoming all into Year 1 and seeing the smiles on their faces as they saw their friends and entered school. What a busy first week we have had, the children have been working extremely hard in Phonics and Maths, whilst also using their imaginations to create some amazing structures and art work.

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the academic year."

**Commitment winner: Whole Class**

PE days: Monday and Thursday

### **Year Three**

Mrs Scott says: "I have been so impressed with how all the children have been mature and taken moving into Year 3 in their stride. This week we have been getting to know each other as well as starting our new Science and History topics. The children have been so engaged and enthusiastic in all areas of their learning. They have adapted to the new routines and the way we do things in KS2. We are already super excited for our upcoming trip in October linked to the Stone Age. They are giving 100% to their work and participation and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings."

**Commitment winner: Olivia H**

PE days: Wednesday and Thursday

### **Year Five**

Mr Todd says: "It has been wonderful getting to know all the children this week and they have all adapted to year 5 rules and expectations so well. The highlight of the week for me was during our 'Year 5 Fly High' display, the children identified their enthusiastic aims to be hard-working, ambitious, respectful and resilient this year! Well done to all the year 5 children for such an amazing first week!

**Commitment winner: Jacob R**

PE days: Tuesday & Friday

### **Reception**

Mrs Storey says: "It has been lovely getting to know all of the children, their likes and dislikes. The children loved exploring our classroom and all of the gorgeous new toys/resources. Our book of the week was Some Dogs Do by Jez Alborough and we have sung two new songs: One little finger and I've got a body. We are all looking forward to meeting all our friends on Monday."

PE days: Monday and Friday (starting week three)

### **Year Two**

Ms Thornber says: "Wow! What a brilliant start to Y2! My favourite part of the week was walking out onto the yard on Tuesday morning and seeing all of the smiling faces - What a lovely welcome! Our first day was brilliant - lots of collaboration and teamwork, lots of children eager to take on roles in their new classroom and lots of calm, classroom learning."

**Commitment winner: Oscar M**

PE days: Monday and Friday

### **Year Four**

Miss Robinson says: "Year 4 have tried hard this week, settling into new routines and trying their best. I have been so impressed with the level of description being used in our English lessons, not only using their previous learning but making it as creative as possible. The class have been supporting each other in the classroom and on the yard, for instance, sharing positive feedback and affirmations. When playing outside I have seen many acts of kindness and working together as a team. Keep up the good work, well done!"

**Commitment winner: Oswyn A**

PE days: Swimming on Wednesday, PE on Thursday

### **Year Six**

Miss Robson says: "Favourite things about my class last week: their enthusiasm, the enjoyment they have shown when working together, and the care they have shown towards each other."

**Commitment winner: Jacob V**

PE days: Tuesday and Wednesday