



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:

With three weeks left of the Autumn term, we are as busy as ever here at Fellside. This week, we have welcomed families in to share in our Early Years nativity; older children have been taking part in assessments to share their understanding of the learning they have taken part in since September while also practising for their own shows; we had a hilarious visit from Bigfoot Productions to get us laughing at Christmas and, if that wasn't enough, we also had our Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day! There's still lots more to do before we break up and we don't want our children to miss a thing.

Since September, 13% of our pupils have been recorded as being 'Persistently Absent'; this means they are missing over 10% of their school provision. We have been asked by the Department for Education to analyse the attendance of our children and report our data to the Local Authority, which we do weekly. We know that we do have some children who need support external to school and for whom attendance has unavoidably been impacted and we are proud to support them. Please do let us know if your child would benefit from any extra support, including access to the school nurse team or Early Help, in order to help your child to access school more regularly.

Over the next three weeks, we are looking forward to welcoming families into school to share our celebrations. Remember, all events are on our website so you needn't miss a thing. We email the majority of our letters home now to ensure that all communication reaches you (as so many letters were being lost or left in bags), unless we need a reply slip. We never rely on our closed Facebook group to tell families what is happening, as we understand that not everyone is on there. We do hope this clears up what we do and why. We are continuing to work on our communications with home and have made positive steps with our website, weekly newsletters and emails direct to families and appreciate the positive comments regard this on our recent questionnaire.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks as a part of our Christmas celebrations.

Mrs Green

Monday 9th December, 2:15pm: Year One and Two Christmas Performance

Tuesday 10th December, 9:15am: Year One and Two Christmas Performance

Tuesday 10th December, 1:45pm: Year Three and Four Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11th December, 9:15am: Year Three and Four Christmas Performance

Thursday 12th December, 2:00pm: Year Five and Six Christmas Performance

Friday 13th December, 9:15am: Year Five and Six Christmas Performance

Friday 13th December After School: PTA Christmas Fair – Come and join in the fun and raise more funds for our children!

Monday 16th December: Key Stage One Christmas Party Day

Monday 16th December: Year Five/Six Choir visiting manor house

Tuesday 17th December: Year Three/Four Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 18th December: Year Five/Six Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 18th December: Woodwind, Guitar and Violin performances for invited KS2 families

Thursday 19th December: Early Year Christmas Party Day

Thursday 19th December 2:00pm: Carol Service at St Mary's Church – All welcome

Friday 20th December – Dress down day

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

Nursery

Our Nursery children have been incredibly proud of themselves, performing for their families this week. We know you will all agree that they were FABULOUS! They have enjoyed sharing the book "Goodbye Autumn, hello Winter" and they have met a new friend -Jingle, the Elf!

In class, children have made salt dough Christmas decorations.

Reception

Children in reception have enjoyed sharing the book "Little Robin Red Vest". They have been writing in phonics by add an 's' onto words. In early maths, they have looked at weight, comparing heavy and light presents. Children have been using the 2Simple program in computing to draw rockets. They have been incredibly proud of themselves as they performed their nativity shows to their families – they were WONDERFUL! It has been a very active week, with gym (balancing, travelling and jumping on apparatus) and dance, as well as our school-wide Winter RUNDerland activities!

ATENDANCE WINNERS 100%

Year One

Year One children have been reading a variety of Christmas stories in class. In their own writing, they have been "Growing the Code" in Little Wandle sessions. As part of maths, pupils have been doubling and halving. In computing, they have produced Kandinski inspired digital 'paintings' while, in geography, they have looked at maps, using and creating keys.

Year Two

Year Two have loved reading "Slinky Malinki's Christmas Crackers" by Lynley Dodd, as well as "The Best Christmas Day!" by Marni McGee. They have learnt about recounts and their key features so they can write about a school trip. As part of Art & Design, children have chosen shapes carefully and developed their cutting skills in order to create Christmas cards.

Year Three

Year Three children have continued to share and enjoy "James and the Giant Peach", as well as writing their final Fables. In geography, they have ben naming the five oceans and seven continents while, in RE, they have been acting out parables from the Bible. As part of PE, children have been taking part in gymnastics – moving in different ways and stretching to warm up.

Mrs Scott is very proud of the children's attitudes towards assessment week and we hope they are proud of themselves!

ATENDANCE TARGET CLASS 94%

Year Four

Year Four are nearing the end of Anglo Saxon boy. They have been recapping place value, addition and subtraction skills, as well as multiplication. Children have also been focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. In RE, they have learned about Advent Wreaths and, in science, teeth structure.

Year Five

Year Five pupils have been learning how to improve their writing using relative clauses. In maths, they have used knowledge and skills to solve problems and reason with mathematical vocabulary. Children used the acronym SMART to create "Keep Safe Online" posters. They also really enjoyed time in Fellside Families creating decorations for our school tree.

Year Six

Year Six have been applying all of their hard work when writing up a story linked to Matchbox Diaries. In computing, they have created 3D models using Tinker Cad. PSHE, this week, focused on Zones of Regulation to support our children to identify their own emotions and how to help themselves when things go wrong. They also took part in a practise SATs week using old papers – we could not be prouder of them and we know that, when the real ones come around, they will be met with confidence.