



Weekly Bulletin – 10th May 2019

Headteacher's Message

Next week is SATs week - national assessments for our Year 6 pupils. We are mindful of all of the hard work undertaken by both children and staff in preparation for these tests and wish the children every success next week.

E-safety is of paramount concern to all in school. Each half term, every class participates in a dedicated e-safety session using lesson resources appropriate to their specific year group. In addition to this, e-safety is promoted across the curriculum. I would encourage parents to make use of the range of resources available to support you in discussing these issues with your children available via the school website. Further information from the NSPCC is detailed below.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

European Elections- School Closure

Durham County Council have confirmed that they will require use of the school hall as a polling station for the European Elections on 23rd May. School will, therefore, be closed on 23rd May as we will be unable to safely open the school. We do not take the decision to close the school lightly. We have requested that the Council seeks alternative polling venues, but this has not been possible. As the owners of the school building, the Council have the right to request the use of the school premises. Safeguarding is our first priority. The school hall is to be used for voting and we have no way of safely opening the building in a way that can separate pupils and the voting public. The decision to close is therefore the only available option.

Diary Dates

Monday 13th May – Y6 SATS Week

Friday 17th May – FOSS School Disco

Tuesday 21st May – Y4 Cathedral Pilgrimage

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May – School Sports Week

Thursday 23rd May- SCHOOL CLOSED- EUROPEAN ELECTION

Friday 24th May – School closes for summer half term holiday

Tuesday 4th June – School re-opens

Wednesday 5th June – FOSS Bags2School returns

Wednesday 12th June – Y5 Trip to Beamish

Wednesday 12th June – FOSS Science Evening Event

Thursday 13th June – Y6 Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral

Thursday 13th June – Reception Trip to Seven Stories

Friday 14th June 10:00am – Pentecost Eucharist - Parents Welcome

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June – Y6 Bikeability

Monday 17th June – Y4 Trip to Vindolanda

Tuesday 18th June – Y1 visit to Hall Hill Farm
Wednesday 19th June – KS2 Mini-Olympics
Saturday 22nd June – Summer Fair
Tuesday 25th June – Y6 Japanese Culture Morning
Thursday 27th June – Y2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome- ***please note change of date***
Wednesday 3rd July 2:30pm – Y1 Brazilian Carnival – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 9th July – Y2 St. Mary's Lighthouse
Thursday 18th July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers' and End of Year Service, St. Mary's Church – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holidays

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

School Email Migration – Tuesday 14th May

The school email account is being migrated to Office 365 on Tuesday 14th May. The email account (shincliffe@durhamlearning.net) will be unavailable after 8am on the morning of the migration, so please do not try to email us after this time. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Office via telephone (0191 3843739).

Parent Governor Vacancy- Readvert

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please contact school for a nomination form.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by Monday 13th May

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available no ballot will be necessary.

Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form.

When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via our weekly bulletin and website. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

NSPCC E-Safety Information: *Share Aware Overview*

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Parents can sign up to the [Icebreaker email series](#) and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, watch our film '[Safety advice from a 10 year old](#)' or visit [Net Aware](#) – our guide to your child's social networks apps and games.

The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

Confirmation- Sunday 9th June

The Confirmation Service for those Year 6 pupils being confirmed this year will be held at St. Nicholas' Church Durham on Sunday 9th June at 3:00pm. All are welcome to support our Year 6 children at the service. We extend our thanks to Mrs Duell and Fr. Peter who have led our Confirmation Preparation Group during the course of the year.

Christian Values

This half term we are exploring the value of thankfulness. Next week our thinking will be focussed on the story of the Ten Lepers and what this teaches us about thankfulness.

Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and the pupils, will lead worship.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net

The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



TICKETS
£10 each

Music for a Summer's Evening
with
The Elvaston Ensemble Wind Quintet

St Mary's Church, Shincliffe on
Friday 7th June at 7pm

The programme includes:
Handel - Water Music Suite No 2
Mozart - Overture to The Magic Flute
Amy Beach - Pastorale
Rimsky-Korsakov - Flight of the Bumblebee
George Butterworth - The Banks of Green Willow

Proceeds will be shared between The Cobweb Orchestra
and Church Fabric Fund

Tickets are priced at £10 each. Refreshments will be served in
the church hall after the concert.

Tickets available from Margaret Charters or Helen Rigby
email: helenrigby@btinternet.com

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