



Weekly Bulletin – 12th July 2019

Headteacher's Message

Sports Day took place on Monday Afternoon. The children enjoyed a range of sporting activities organised by Mr Gowan and our volunteers. We are grateful to all who made the afternoon so enjoyable and to FOSS for providing refreshments. Continuing on a sporting theme, a number of Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Durham Dash at Beamish Museum on Wednesday. It was an enjoyable, if soggy, evening! Our thanks again to the staff who made this possible.

Today we said farewell to Miss Kelman who has taught Year 5 during Mrs Anderson's maternity leave. We thank her for her dedication during the past year and wish her well in her new teaching appointment. We look forward to Mrs Anderson's return to school on Monday.

As we look towards the end of term, I would draw your attention to two events. Next Thursday is our Year Six Leavers' Assembly to which parents of Year Six pupils are invited. Friday is our Leavers' and End of Year service at St. Mary's Church.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 4th September – School reopens for the Autumn Term 2019/2020

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

Noticeboard

- **KS2 Dinner Money for Autumn Term 1 2019/20** - Parents and Carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners, for next half term (7 weeks 3 days) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£77.90 to be paid by Wednesday 4th September 2019.**
- **Packed Lunches** – The School office requires one week's notice if your child is moving to Packed Lunch.
- **Universal Free School Meals** – If your circumstances have changed and you think you may qualify for Free School Meals please contact the School office.
- **Y6 Dinner Money Credits** – If your child has a credit on their school dinners, a refund will be issued on Friday 19th July.

Reading Books: a polite request

If you happen to be having a sort out in your child's bedroom over the Summer holidays and are getting rid of any books, then we would very much appreciate any donations to supplement our stock in the KS2 corridor. These would then be added to our range of books from which the junior children are able to select their home reading books. (Please note, we already have sufficient books for the KS1 corridor).

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mrs Short

Rotary Club Competitions 2019

Durham (Elvet) Rotary Club have once again invited pupils from Shincliffe CE Primary School to take part in their Competitions. There are five categories:

- **Young Artist** – Theme "Through My Eyes," children will be required to produce one finished 2-dimensional piece of artwork based upon the theme. To accompany the submission, each entrant must provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme.
- **Young Environmentalist** – children are required to select a topic and undertake some research and exploration into the current magnitude of the problem. They may work on projects on their own or as part of a group of not more than 4 people.
- **Young Photographer** – Theme "Through My Eyes." The task is to produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme. To accompany the portfolio, each entrant must provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of each photo to the theme.
- **Young Musician** – This is a competition at which the competitors are judged within the context of a live performance. Competitors perform a selection of works of their own choice.
- **Young Writer** – children will be required to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled "Connections." The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme.

Shincliffe CE Primary School has previously had a District Winner in the Young Writer and Young Photographer Competition. They were also highly commended nationally. We have also had runners up in the District Photography Competitions.

District Winners receive £50, a trophy and a certificate. All entrants receive a certificate. If your child would like to enter any or all of the competitions, forms and information packs are available from the school office. Good Luck!

Your School PTA (FOSS) would like to thank you for all the support this Year

During this academic year to July 2019 FOSS have raised and donated a fantastic total of £4798 to the school to pay for School Trips, Christmas Gifts, Library Books, Y6 Leavers Gifts, etc. In the last 7 years (the length of time spent at school from Reception to Y6) FOSS have made the following donations to the school:

Summary of donations - 7 years ending 31 Jul 2019

School Trips	£11,200
Panto Productions	£7,093
Playground Equipment	£4,601
Library Development	£4,020
Y6 Leavers Gifts	£2,545
PA Sound System	£2,044
Christmas Presents/Parties	£1,896
Sports Day Refreshments	£265
Jubilee/Anniversary Gifts	£370
Football Strip	£100
Miscellaneous	£190
Total	£34,324

The PTA events and donations are not a guaranteed given. Without your continued support we will be unable to host the annual events for the children to enjoy in a safe environment and help the school with these very important funds.

We look forward to your continued support Next Year.

If you would like any more information about your school PTA please contact the school office or email foss.shincliffe@gmail.com

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Christian Values

We will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be continuing to think about the ways in which we may serve people during times of transition as we look both forward and back.

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.

RAZZAMATAZ SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

You're invited to take part in our fun filled Summer Stage Academy! The week will be jam packed with singing, dancing, drama, games, set designing and prop making. You will also have the opportunity to perform in front of your friends and family on the final day. This year is based on the smash hit Broadway musical and brand new film,

Aladdin

Venue: Sjovoll Centre, Front Street, Pity me, Duham, DH1 5BZ

Dates: Monday 12th August – Friday 16th August 2019

Ages 4 – 7 years: 10am – 1pm £85 for 5 days

Presentation for family and friends at 12.15pm on Friday 16th

Ages 8+ years: 10am – 4pm £150 for 5 days

Presentation for family and friends at 3.15pm on Friday 16th

**Please note payments are non-refundable*

On the last day of the academy there will be a short performance for parents/guardians, family and friends to attend. All student's must be signed in and out of the venue, unless we have written consent from a Parent/Guardian, signing in will take place between 10am and 10.15am please do not arrive prior to this time as the Razz staff need to prepare the venue and assess all rooms prior to the students arrival. All tutors are DBS checked and a First Aid Trained member of staff is always present (Our Child Protection Policy is available to view on request). Please wear comfortable clothing and trainers/dance shoes, bring sufficient healthy snacks, water and finally ... lots of energy!!!

If you would like to book a place please contact Razzamataz on 07599 283 931 or email durham@razzamataz.co.uk.