



## **Weekly Bulletin –14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Headteacher's Message**

By today, you will have received a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school.

Through working together in partnership we will be able to achieve the very best for the children in the year ahead.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

### **Parking**

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to reduce congestion near school and to promote a safe and healthy environment for our pupils, staff, parents and local residents. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is vitally important for our school. I would, therefore, remind you to be considerate when parking and not to block our neighbours' driveways/access at any time or to block pavements.

For safety reasons, please do not park directly in front of the school gates at any time. Please drive with extreme caution and care if you do need to access Beal Walk. Beal Walk and surrounding roads do not have pavements and are often used by our children, so it is dangerous to drive whilst people are walking to and from school.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 to NHS Carousel Fair at Durham High School for Girls

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Progress Reports

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y3 Oriental Museum Trip

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 Beamish Trip

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for October half term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Return to school for Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Y3 Trip to Oriental Museum (Egyptians)

Date TBC – Y5 Trip to ICKSON Temple

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

### **Noticeboard**

- Photographic consent forms have been sent out to all pupils. Please return them to school as soon as possible.
- Please inform the school office if there are any changes to personal contact details. This is vitally important in order that we have up to date contact details for all parents.
- Parents of children in Years Reception,1 and 2 are reminded to step forward to collect their child from the class teacher.

### **Governing Body**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Sharon Foreman as Parent governor.

The governing body is made up of the following members:

Mr Tait: Headteacher

Mr Rumbles: Deputy Headteacher

Fr. Peter Kashouris, Mrs Julie Latham: Foundation

Mr David Duell: Local Authority

Dr Kit Erlebach (Chair), Mrs Pat Matthews, Mrs Angela Lee: Co-opted

Mrs Sam Black, Mr Wayne Harrison, Mrs Lisa Clerk, Mrs Sharon Foreman: Elected by Parents

### **Safeguarding- information for parents**

#### *Definition of Safeguarding*

This can be summarised as:

- o Protecting children from maltreatment
- o Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- o Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It relates to aspects of school life including:

- o Pupils' health and safety
- o Meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions
- o Providing first aid
- o Educational visits
- o Internet or e-safety
- o Appropriate arrangements to ensure school security

Safeguarding can involve a range of potential issues such as:

- cyberbullying (by text message, on social networking sites, and so on)
- Racist, disability, and homophobic or transphobic abuse
- Radicalisation and extremist behaviour
- Child sexual exploitation
- Sexting
- Substance misuse
- Issues that may be specific to a local area or population, for example gang activity and youth violence
- Particular issues affecting children including domestic violence, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation and forced marriage

Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website.

### *Training*

3 members of staff are trained in Level 2 safeguarding and child protection:

- Mr D Tait (Headteacher)
- Mr P Rumbles (Deputy Headteacher)
- Mrs H Armstrong (Year 2 teacher)

All other staff and governors have been trained in Level 1 safeguarding and child protection. Mr Tait, Mr Rumbles and Mrs Armstrong regularly access additional training, for example in Female Genital Mutilation, Prevent, Online Safety, Child Sexual Exploitation and Domestic Violence.

### **Medical – Information from the NHS**

#### **Flu Vaccinations (Year R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5)**

Please visit the link: [www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent) to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu vaccine in the autumn term 2018. This consent must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> September to ensure we can vaccinate your child when we are in school.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: **43464**

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please ensure you read and understand all the information at the above link before you complete the on line form.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose. If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form please do not hesitate to contact us on: 0300 0030 013.

### **Online Safety Information**

There are many positives associated with the Internet and children are increasingly using the Internet for both education and play.

As a school, we believe that online safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. To raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, the school carries out many age appropriate activities, including participating in the 'Safer Internet Day' organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre as well as half termly e-safety lessons.

The UK Safer Internet Centre website contains information which is very useful for parents to support the work done in school and ensure that our children keep safe whilst using the ever-expanding growth of mobile technology.

The online safety section of our school website will provide you with links to really useful advice on how children can safely use the Internet together with some great tips on how to keep safe.

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of creativity this half term and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Fr Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which the value of creativity can support us in our work and play, with a particular emphasis on achieving a healthy balance between work and relaxation.

*Further information on the values of Creativity:*

Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a 'gift', entrusted by God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

This half term we are focussing on Creativity as our whole school Christian Value.

Jesus told his followers that

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* John 10:10

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

*Some things to think about:*

- *How do we use the earth's resources to meet our needs whilst still carrying out our duty of stewardship?*
- *What opportunities are there to meet creative people in various walks of life?*
- *Who might inspire and channel their own creativity?*

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. [Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net)

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

## FOSS Website and Amazon Link

### Help FOSS raise money every time you buy on Amazon

For those of you who aren't aware when you go to the FOSS website <http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk> you will see a big Amazon logo

When you click on the logo, you will be taken to Amazon as usual, where you can browse and purchase just as you normally would.

It costs you nothing extra. Amazon then sends FOSS a percentage of the purchase price. It's that simple! The rate varies by product category and number of items purchased in a given month, but it's typically 5% or more of the purchase price. Even small purchases can help push us into a higher rate tier and thereby earn us more on all purchases.

You can easily add the link to your home screen on your mobile device so you never forget

#### Quick instructions to add to home screen

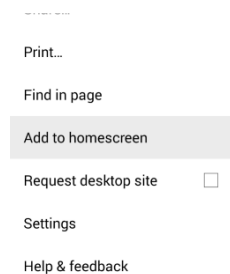
##### Android devices

Launch Chrome for Android and open the FOSS website [www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk](http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk).

Tap the menu button and tap Add to home screen.

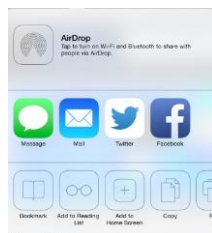
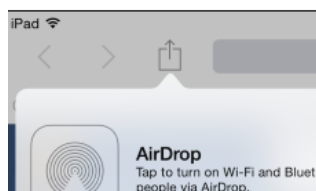
You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen.

The icon will appear on your home screen like any other app shortcut



##### iPhone, iPad

Launch the Safari browser on Apple's iOS and navigate to the website or web page you want to add to your home screen. Tap the Share button on the browser's toolbar — that's the rectangle with an arrow pointing upward. It's on the bar at the top of the screen on an iPad, and on the bar at the bottom of the screen on an iPhone or iPod Touch. Tap the Add to Home Screen icon in the Share menu. You'll be prompted to name the shortcut before tapping the Add button



## Shincliffe Play Park



**Baby & Toddler Nearly New Sale**  
**Free Entry**

Nearly new sale of baby and toddler books, toys, clothes and equipment. Come and grab a bargain with lots of nearly new and pre-loved items or book a table and sell your unwanted things!

Tables can be booked for £10 (payable upon booking) and you can keep 100% of your takings.  
Contact Birgit for details or to book a table:  
[birgitkincay@gmail.com](mailto:birgitkincay@gmail.com)

Proceeds will go to the redevelopment of the play park in Shincliffe Village.  
Entry is free but donations are welcome!  
[www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shincliffeplaypark](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shincliffeplaypark)  
Shincliffe Village Church Hall, DH1 2NN  
10am-12noon

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