



Weekly Bulletin – 16th November 2018

Headteacher's Message

This week we have marked both Inter-Faith and Anti-Bullying Weeks in school. Both of these events have provided us with the opportunity to discuss diversity, difference, tolerance and understanding. All of these are vital qualities for our children as we work in partnership to prepare them for life in modern Britain. Please do take the opportunity to continue discussions at home.

I draw your attention to the FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening taking place this coming Thursday at school. The FOSS team have put a considerable amount of effort into preparing for, and organising, the evening and it would be good to see a high level of support on Thursday 22nd November. Events such as these, together with last Friday's discos, demonstrate the high level of commitment to supporting the school demonstrated by our FOSS volunteers. We thank them.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd November – Y3 Horrible Histories (Egyptians) – Sunderland Empire
Thursday 22nd November – FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening
Friday 23rd November – R-Y5 NHS FLU Immunisations
Friday 30th November – Y1 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6th December 9:10am – Advent Eucharist – All Welcome
Friday 7th December – School Christmas Tree delivery from Grange Farm
Tuesday 11th December 10:00am – KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 12th December 6:00pm – KS1 Nativity
Thursday 13th December – Christmas Lunch in school
Thursday 20th December 2:45pm – KS2 Christmas Singalong
Friday 21st December 10:00am – Christmas Service
Wed 16th – Fri 18th January 2019 – Y6 Visit to Robin Wood Activity Centre

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

Noticeboard

- Please remember to inform the school office if your child is being collected from school by someone else. For safeguarding, we cannot allow a child to go home with someone else without parental consent.
- *Reception Parents:* Please remember to write a brief comment in your child's reading diary each week. This is of vital importance in supporting the partnership between home and school. Thank you.

- *Reception Parents:* We currently have a shortage of spare boy's trousers in the Reception class. Any donation of spare/old trousers that you no longer need would be greatly appreciated.

Leave of Absence during Term Time

There was since a change in the law concerning term time leave of absence from 1st September 2013. Head Teachers **are not able to grant any** leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where leave is granted, Head Teachers must decide the number of school days a child can be away from school.

If you wish to make an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from school reception. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional.' Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the School's decision.

Parents / carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take the child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed / authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Advent Windows- information from Fr. Bill

To Residents of Shincliffe village and High Shincliffe:

Advent Window Trail 2018

Plans are afoot to create a trail of light and joy around each community. A new window will be displayed each day during the days of Advent, until Christmas day.

If you would like to help out, please contact Bill or Julie as soon as possible, before 21st November if you can. A map will be made to show everyone when each window will be lit.

For residents in other areas, please feel free to create your own window or look for local information.

For High Shincliffe

Bill Rigby mobile 07734 068 668 or email bill.rigby1@btopenworld.com

For Shincliffe village

Julie Goodhart tel 0191 386 9047 or email juiannegoodhart@hotmail.com

Many thanks towards a happy celebration of Christmas.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of compassion and worship next week 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 Jesus demonstrated compassion in the story of Lazarus.

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

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