



## **Weekly Bulletin – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for the excellent effort and dedication they have shown during SATs assessments this week. We are delighted with their approach to their studies and they can be justly proud of their efforts. We look forward to the publication of results in July.

Next weeks is our 'Sports Week' in school. Mr Gowan together with the pupil SSOC Group has organised a range of activities for the children. Sadly, the gymnastics day at Deerness has been cancelled due to the European Elections. This will now be held after half term. Our Sports week is one of the many ways in which we use our Sports Premium Funding to encourage fit and healthy lifestyles. As the children will be doing one activity every day they are allowed to come to school each day wearing their own appropriate sports clothes or PE Kit.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May. School will, therefore, be closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Sun Cream**

As the weather is warming up, please remember to apply a long lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – FOSS School Disco  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y4 Cathedral Pilgrimage  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School Sports Week  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - SCHOOL CLOSED - EUROPEAN ELECTION  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for summer half term holiday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS Bags2School returns  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability Training Level 1

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Trip to Beamish  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS Science Evening Event  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Trip to Seven Stories  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am – Pentecost Eucharist - Parents Welcome  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability Training Level 2  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Trip to Vindolanda  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 visit to Hall Hill Farm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Mini-Olympics  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Summer Fair  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Japanese Culture Morning  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Potted History – Stone Age Workshop  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome- ***please note change of date***  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2:30pm – Y1 Brazilian Carnival – Parents Welcome  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 St. Mary's Lighthouse  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Parents Welcome  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers' and End of Year Service, St. Mary's Church – Parents Welcome  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer holidays

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

### **Confirmation- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

The Confirmation Service for those Year 6 pupils being confirmed this year will be held at St. Nicholas' Church Durham on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 story of Jesus' Ascension and what this teaches us about thankfulness.

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

### **Information from St Oswald's:**

St Oswald's School has funded nursery places available for September 2019. The nursery is open 7.45am-6pm all year round, with the exception of Christmas, and can offer term-time and whole year places. Please see <http://www.stoswaldsdurham.net/our-school/nursery-and-sunshine-club-admissions/> for more information.

### **AE Sports Coaching**

Andy Elliott, formerly a curriculum sports coach with DCSP, is running a Half Term coaching course for children age 5-11 at Pitlington Primary School. Information for parents can be obtained from Andy directly: [infoataesportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:infoataesportscoaching.co.uk), or call/text to 07952 562950.

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