



Weekly Bulletin – 19th October 2018

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of you who attended parents' consultation appointments in order to meet with your child's class teacher earlier this week. Regular contact between home and school is vital in ensuring that we are able to work in partnership to support the progress and development of your children. The staff look forward to working with you over the coming term and implementing the strategies and approaches discussed at parents' evening. For those who were unable to attend the meetings, class teachers will contact you via telephone to discuss your child's progress. I hope you all enjoy a restful half term break.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Friday 19th October – Break up for half term
Monday 29th October – Return to school for Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 30th October – Reception NHS Audio Screening
Wednesday 31st October – Y3 Trip to Oriental Museum (Egyptians)
Thursday 1st – Tuesday 6th November – Russian Teacher in School
Monday 5th November – Y6 Safer Futures Live Workshop at The Work Place, Heighington
Tuesday 6th November 5:30pm – Y6 Robinwood Meeting
Friday 9th November 10:00am – Remembrance Service – All Welcome
Friday 9th November – FOSS Disco
Tuesday 13th November – Y5 Architecture Workshop (Anglo Saxons)
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
Tuesday 11th December 10:00am – KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 12th December 6:00pm – KS1 Nativity
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 arrive promptly to collect your child at the end of the school day. Once you have collected your child, please ensure they are carefully supervised. Children must not be in the car park and access road area unsupervised at any time. This is in order to safeguard the wellbeing of all.
- 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.
- **DINNER MONEY** - Parent and Carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners, for the next half term, (8 weeks) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£82.00 to be paid by Monday 29th October 2018**. Please note your child's balance and adjust your payment accordingly.

Earring Reminder

Parents are reminded that earrings are not permitted in school. Earrings should be removed before the school day. Where parents wish to have their children's ears pierced, we recommend that this is done at the start of the long summer break. Where earrings cannot be removed during to recent piercing, it is parents' responsibility to cover the earrings using medical tape before their child comes to school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Packed Lunch Reminder

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals within Durham County Council, packed lunches **should not** contain the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- **ANY NUTS OR FOODS CONTAINING NUTS**

NSPCC

We extend our thanks to the NSPCC volunteers who have delivered two assemblies to the children and also workshop sessions to Years 5 and 6. These have each focussed on aspects of keeping safe and support the ongoing work in school in this area.

School Clubs- Autumn 2

All outdoor after school activities have now ceased for the duration of the winter months. Places are available on the continuing clubs. Please contact the School Office for information.

Christian Values

After half term we will be exploring the value of compassion. Worship will be led by Mr Tait, Fr Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

Some further information about next half term's value:

Compassion' and 'sympathy' have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone.

The words have their roots in the idea of 'suffering with' someone, putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act, to do something. It is not about 'doing good' from a position of strength or 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others

In Colossians 3:12 Paul says: *'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'*

In the Gospels we find many stories of Jesus showing compassion to the sick and the downtrodden of society. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone. In the school community this means showing kindness and respect to each other. It is related to the way in which new people are welcomed into the school family and nurtured and supported. It is reflected in the ways in which members of the community support each other through difficult times, such as bereavement. In a church school the idea of community will always be a strong one— schools share a common life and common goals— we aim to nurture and sustain all our members.

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

Some things to think about:

- In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show kindness and respect to one another?
- How do we foster links with charities for those in need?
- How are new members of the school community nurtured and supported?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to understand and empathise with members of their community who have suffered traumatic experiences, e.g. bereavement?

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