Weekly Bulletin - 24th March 2017

Headteacher's Message

It has been another successful week in school. Thursday saw a Science Evening presented by FOSS. This is one of many events organised by FOSS during the course of the year in order to raise vitally needed funds for extra activities within school, and also to bring us together as a school community. The significant efforts of FOSS and the contributions they make towards school enable us to subsidise the cost of school trips and to provide enhancement and enrichment activities for the children such as whole school theatre performances. Most recently FOSS has been able to make a generous contribution to our new school library system. This is an exciting development in improving the school library and something we will share more information about with you in the near future. I commend to you all the work of FOSS and encourage any who are able to offer their time to support their work. As I write, we are preparing for the Drama Club's performances of 'Playing by the Rules.' Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the Assembly Rooms to see the performance this afternoon with a second show this evening. Good luck to all of the children involved.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Friday 24th March 2017	- Off-the Page Drama rehearsal and performances (Drama Club)
Tuesday 28th March 2017	- Dental Survey (5 year olds)
Wednesday 29th March	- Y3 Road Safety Team
Friday 31st March 2017	- Violin Lessons cancelled
Friday 31st March 2017	- Y3 Football Festival
Friday 31st March 2017	- Go Ride Festival
Friday 31st March 2017	- Y5 Easter Journey, St. Mary's Church
Monday 3rd April 2017	- Y5/Y6 Football Mixed Cup and Shield
Tuesday 4th April 2017	- KS1 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Y2
Thursday 6th April 2017	- BRASS lessons cancelled.
Thursday 6th April 2017	-Y3 &Y4 Easter Assembly, School, 0915
Thursday 6th April 2017	- FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon, 3pm
Friday 10th April 2017	- Easter Service,First Communion (Communion Group),School, 10am
Friday 7th April 2017	– School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April 2017	– School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Tuesday 25th April 2017	- KS2 Worship Choir commences
Thursday 27th April 2017	- Girls' Football League commences
Monday 1st May 2017	– May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May 2017	– School Closure, Parish and County Council Elections

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

Christian Values

We continue to explore the value of humility and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will thinking about the last week of Jesus' life as we prepare for Easter.

Message from Durham County Council

For those pupils who are eligible for free home to school transport, the council makes arrangements to ensure that transport is safe and secure. The majority of pupils are not eligible for free home to school transport and in those instances the responsibility for ensuring that pupils arrive safely and leave safely from school is that of the parent/carer. Any transport arrangements made by the parent/carer must include making sure that pupils safely board and leave transport safely, particularly if they are being transported by public transport. It is not the responsibility of school staff to ensure that pupils, particularly primary age pupils, travel to and from school safely.

Safe transport to school

You will be aware that we are very lucky that our school is very much part of the community within which we are situated, however, this does bring with it some problems with transport at the beginning and the end of the school day. All parents want their children to arrive at school safely and on time, whether they walk to school or travel by other means. Please ensure that you keep all children safe around the school by respecting the speed limits, road safety conditions and please do not drive or park on pavements. Please also respect our school neighbours who need access to and from their homes even at peak school pick-up and drop-off times. Thank you.

School Events

Public Health England Dental Public Health Survey of 5-year-old children: our school will participate in the survey on Tuesday 28th March 2017. Please return your consent forms by Monday 27th March 2017. The examination will last approximately 3-4 minutes.

Year 3 are currently undertaking 2 sessions with Durham County Council's Safety Management Team as part of the Child Pedestrian Training Scheme. On Wednesday 22nd March, they received an introduction to road safety and then in groups went outside to practice skills and identify hazards. The second session is Wednesday 29th March 2017.

On Friday 31st March, Year 5 will visit St. Mary's Church for the Easter Journey.

Sport

Congratulations to the Y5/Y6 Football Team who came second in the Pearl League receiving their runners-up medals on Wednesday night at Durham Johnston School. The Pearl League is the top league in the SSP Primary School Football Leagues and the team only just missed the first place spot won by Finchale Primary School. Congratulations to the team and to Mr Gowan their coach.

Reception Class visited Durham Johnston School on Tuesday 21st March to take part in the Infant Agility festival with pupils from other schools. There was a carousel of athletic activities and the

children were given the opportunity to practice balance, throwing, jumping, agility and co-ordination. The Durham Johnston PE GCSE students who helped to run the event were excellent with the children.

On Thursday 23rd March, our Year 4 class attended the Riverside Stadium, Chester-le-Street, for the Y4 Multi-sports Festival organised by the Schools' Sports Partnership (SSP). The children were divided into groups with children from other schools to play a combination of football, rugby, dodgeball and netball. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of sport with high participation and a great demonstration of teamwork in action.

Next week some pupils from Y5 and Y6 will have the opportunity to take part in the Go Ride Festival and Year 3 have a Football Festival.

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