



## Weekly Bulletin –25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Headteacher's Message

Mrs Morgan departed on Wednesday to visit our partner school in Kenya. We are to be linked with Bongu Primary School which is approximately two hours' drive from Nairobi. This partnership has come about as a result of our participation in a *Connecting Classrooms* project. Through the further development of our international links, we will be further enriching the curriculum and enabling the children to 'think globally.' The VIP Newsletter contains further information about the Kenya project.

As half term draws to a close, I extend our thanks to parents for working with us for the mutual benefit of your children. I wish you a restful half term break.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

### Diary Dates

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for October half term  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school for Autumn Term 2  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Disco (Infants 5.45-6.45 and Juniors 7-8 pm)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Bags to School  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance Worship- 10:00am School Hall. Parents welcome.  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Greek Workshop – full day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Flu Immunisations (NHS)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 5:00pm – Y6 Robinwood Parents' Meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Greek Workshop pm – Parents' Assembly 3:00 pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Class Assembly 9.10am  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Safer Futures Live Roadshow at the Work Place  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Architecture Workshops  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Gymnastics Carousel  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Intra-school event delivered by SSP  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y1 Toys Workshop at Beamish Museum  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Christmas Fair  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December- Advent Eucharist - 9:15am School Hall. Parents welcome.  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Infant Nativity 10:00am  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Infant Nativity 2:15pm

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

## Further dates for diary

Bags to school - Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Discos - Friday 31st January 2020, Friday 15th May 2020 . Infants 5.45-6.45 and Juniors 7-8 pm

Easter coffee afternoon - Wednesday 1st April 2020

Summer Fair - Saturday 27th June 2020

## Newsletter

- Parents and Carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners, for this half term, (7 weeks) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£71.75 to be paid by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. *Please note your child's balance and adjust your payment accordingly.*
- If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one week's notice.
- BRASS LESSONS – Date Change – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am – 1:30pm instead of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- Please remember that parents are responsible for supervising their children before the school gate opens each morning.

## Primary Futures

We were delighted to welcome volunteers from the Primary Futures group to work with Years 4-6 on Thursday. The organisation connects primary schools with inspirational, diverse volunteers from a range of different careers, who come into school to talk to children about their jobs and show how what they are learning at school can lead to an interesting, exciting future. The activities the children enjoyed provided an opportunity to excite their curiosity, break down gender stereotypes and open their eyes to future possibilities. Our thanks to the volunteers (who worked in medicine, nursing and local government) and to Mrs Richardson for organising this event.

## Advent Windows 2019 in Shincliffe

### *A message from Fr. Bill:*

Can you help to create a trail of windows round High Shincliffe or Shincliffe village? As last year one window will be lit each evening towards Christmas. A map will be made so that families can walk round the village to see stars, angels and other Christmas scenes.

Families outside of Shincliffe can create their own window display to help their community feel the Christmas meaning and spirit.

To be part of this venture please let (Fr) Bill Rigby know by text to 07734 068668 or by email to [bill.rigby1@btopenworld.com](mailto:bill.rigby1@btopenworld.com) for High Shincliffe.

For Shincliffe village contact Julie Goodhart via email, [juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk).

To take part it would help our planning if you could respond as soon as possible before Friday 15th November.

With best wishes and thanks for all the wonderful contributions last year.

Bill Rigby

## Nativity Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Infant Nativity 10am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Infant Nativity 2:15pm

We have reviewed arrangements and this year will present a morning and afternoon performance. There will be no evening performance. This is in response to parental feedback that returning to school for the performance is tiring and has a negative impact. It is also in recognition of the fact that increasing numbers of children did not return for the evening performance over the last few years. Information regarding ticketing will be shared after half term.

### **NHS Notice – Flu Immunisation**

The Childhood Immunisations Team are due to deliver the flu vaccinations in School on **11 November 2019**. Public Health England has set the target for uptake of nasal flu vaccination in school at 65% this year and are very keen to achieve this in order to protect our children, school staff, families and wider community. If you haven't already completed your child's consent form, please go to the online consent website:

[www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent)

The school code school is: 114229

The deadline date for submission of electronic forms is 72 hours prior to us visiting your school. If you cannot complete an electronic consent please contact the School office for a paper form that can be used.

### **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.

### **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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