Weekly Bulletin –26th May 2017

Headteacher's Message

As I wrote in last week's bulletin, e-safety is of paramount concern to all in school. I hope many of you have had time to access the range of resources available to support you in discussing these issues with your children available via the school website. Below is some further information from the NSPCC which you will find useful. To further support our e-safety work, students from Durham Johnston School, together with their teachers, will be delivering e-safety workshops for our Year 5 and 6 pupils on 7th June.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of this academic year on 5th June.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

NSPCC E-Safety Information: *Share Aware Overview*

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Parents can sign up to the Icebreaker email series and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, follow our four simple steps to keeping kids safe online, watch our film 'Safety advice from a 10 year old' or visit Net Aware – our guide to your child's social networks apps and games.

The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

Diary Dates

Friday 26th May – Friday 2nd June - Half-Term Holidays (school finishes Thursday 25th May 2017)
Monday 5th June 2017 - School restarts for Summer Term 2
Monday 5th June 2017 - Y6 Yearbook Photographs
Tuesday 6th June 2017 - Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition, Riverside Stadium
Wednesday 7th June 2017 - Y3 Oriental Museum Visit – Egyptians
Wednesday 7th June 2017 - Brass lessons instead of the Thursday
Thursday 8th June 2017 - School closed, General Election Polling Station
Thursday 8th June 2017 - Y6 Leavers' Service, Durham Cathedral
Friday 9th June 2017 - Y6 swimming
Tuesday 13th June 2013 - New Parents Evening (Reception intake September 2017)
Tuesday 13th June 2017 - High5 Netball Competition
Monday 12th June 2017 - Y4 Roman Potter
Tuesday 13th June 2017 - Y3 Egyptian Potter
Tuesday 13th June 2017 - Y4 Pilgrimage Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 14th June 2017 - Durham Dash
Thursday 15th June 2017 - Car Free Day
Thursday 15th June 2017 - Change4Life Festival (C4L Club)

Friday 16th June 2017	- Y5 Beamish Museum
Friday 16th June 2017	- Y6 swimming
Tuesday 20th June 2017	- KS2 Mini-Olympics
Wednesday 21st June 2017	- Y4 Vindolanda
Thursday 22nd June 2017	- Reception Assembly
Friday 23rd June 2017	- Y5/Y6 Cricket Competition
Tuesday 27th June 2017	- Y2 St. Mary's Lighthouse
Wednesday 28th June 2017	- Y1 multi-skills
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- School Open Evening
Monday 10th July 2017	- Sports Day (13:30)

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

Noticeboard

- Could Year 1 children please bring in kitchen roll tubes for the Brazilian Carnival.

-Brass lessons have been re-scheduled to Wednesday 7th June 2017 due to the school closure on Thursday 8th June 2017. Thank you.

Christian Values

During the second half of the summer term we will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

On Wednesday, 7th June at 9:15am we will be celebrating Pentecost with a Eucharist service led by Fr. Peter and Fr. Bill. All are welcome to worship with us.

Fidget Spinners

Please note that fidget spinners and similar items are not allowed in school. They are potentially quite dangerous as they contain metal and very heavy. Children have been reminded in assemblies this week that they are not allowed in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Closure- General Election

School will be closed on Thursday 8th June as Durham County Council requires the school to be used as Polling Station for the General Election to be held that day. The reasons for a school closure are obviously of interest to parents and we have received a number of queries about this matter. We endeavour to keep the school open, but for the reasons outlined here it has been necessary to close. Under electoral law the school must comply with the council's request to make the school available for the purposes of polling. It is necessary to close the school to pupils as a review of all relevant risk assessments (school security, visitors', fire evacuation and emergency plan etc.) demonstrates that it would not be safe to open the school and that to do so would jeopardise safeguarding arrangements.

<u>School Events</u>

SNAG British Day

On Friday 19th May, school held a British Menu day, organised by SNAG (School Nutrition Action Gang). We had fish, chips and even mushy peas. Everyone loved the different sauces – tomato was our favourite. For dessert, we had jelly and ice-cream – yum, yum!

We would love to hear what you thought about this day and any ideas for future menus – please pop into the school office or send in a note.

Thank you. *SNAG*

Year 6 Northern Saints Workshop

Everyone in Y6 really enjoyed the Northern Saints workshop. Firstly, we went into the hall and Elizabeth told us all about what a saint is and what a saint is not. During the morning we were shown what a Monk dressed like and how to scribe using a quill.

When we came back into the classroom we listened to stories about St Oswald, St Hild, St Cuthbert and St Bede. We learned that St Oswald was an enabler who helped others to learn; St Hild helped others find their talent; St Cuthbert showed us how important is to have time for ourselves and for God and finally, St Bede who was curious and thankfully recorded everything for others to read.

We all had a great time and found it very interesting.

Poppy and Ellie Y6

School Council Meet with Dr Erlebach

On 15th May, the school council met with Dr Erlebach, who came in to talk to us about what he does as a school governor. He told us all about what his role involved, such as deciding where to spend money and to make sure we are all safe. Then we told him all about the good work that the school council does, such as our recent healthy tuck shop, which was a huge success.

We learned that Dr Erlebach is our science link governor and in the future, we will discuss how we can use his skills to help benefit the school.

Finlay

Secretary

Year 6 Japanese Culture Morning

On Tuesday 24th May, some Japanese students came to teach us a bit about their culture. We learned origami, some simple phrases, calligraphy, how to use chopsticks and we got to dress up in traditional Japanese dress. We had a great morning and really enjoyed learning a little about the Japanese culture.

Mini Police – Beamish Flag Day

Over the weekend of the 20th and 21st May, three mini police volunteers helped celebrate Flag Day at Beamish museum. Chloe, Abigail and Niamh helped fly the flag for Mini Police and were fantastic advocates for both the Mini Police and Shincliffe School. This was a fantastic event, celebrating volunteers and the good work that they do and everyone had a great time.

Upcoming events for the Mini Police include Durham Dash and the Shincliffe Garden Party.

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