



Weekly Bulletin – 26th April 2019

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the summer term. We look forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive term ahead. By today, you will have received a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

European Election- potential school closure

We have been informed by Durham County Council, that should the European Elections go ahead on 23rd May, they will require use of the school hall as a polling station. Should the elections be confirmed, school will be closed on 23rd May as we will be unable to safely open the school. I apologise that we are unable to give certainty at this point, but we await further information from Durham County Council who will update us as political developments unfold.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th April – Reception Class – Zoolab Workshop
Tuesday 30th April – Y5 Geography Field Trip (Durham)
Monday 6th May – School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 9th May – Rec class Assembly - Parents Welcome
Monday 13th May – Y6 SATS Week
Tuesday 21st May – Y4 Cathedral Pilgrimage
Monday 20th – Friday 24th May – School Sports Week
Friday 24th May – School closes for summer half term holiday
Tuesday 4th June – School re-opens
Thursday 6th June – Y2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome
Wednesday 12th June – Y5 Trip to Beamish
Wednesday 12th June – FOSS Science Evening Event
Thursday 13th June – Y6 Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral
Thursday 13th June – Reception Trip to Seven Stories
Friday 14th June 10:00am – Pentecost Eucharist - Parents Welcome
Monday 17th – Friday 21st June – Y6 Bikeability
Monday 17th June – Y4 Trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 18th June – Y1 visit to Hall Hill Farm
Wednesday 19th June – Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Saturday 22nd June – Summer Fair

Tuesday 25th June – Y6 Japanese Culture Morning
Wednesday 3rd July 2:30pm – Y1 Brazilian Carnival – Parents Welcome
Thursday 18th July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers’ and End of Year Service, St. Mary’s Church – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holidays

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

Online Safety

We would like to remind parents that we do not allow pupils to bring mobile phones, tablets or cameras into the school as they can distract pupils from their learning and damage children’s privacy.

If, in exceptional circumstances, a child needs to bring a phone into school they must hand the phone to the school office for safekeeping during the school day. The school may impose sanctions on pupils who break these rules.

Parents will also want to help ensure that their children are safe when using their phone or tablet at home, and will want to know about what they are sharing online. Any Social Media site used by children will have inherent risks; the website net-aware.org.uk provides advice on many popular sites along with a suggested minimum age.

If our pupils see unpleasant or hurtful comments they have been taught to take a screenshot and show a trusted adult. We will treat cyberbullying seriously and may impose sanctions on pupils.

Thrive Approach

We now have members of the staff team trained in delivering the Thrive Approach to support children’s wellbeing. The information below gives some basic information about Thrive.

The Thrive Approach has been developed over many years in order to help children to flourish. It supports their emotional and social development and helps them feel happy and secure, enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional wellbeing, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It supports them in becoming more self-assured, capable and adaptable. It can also address any troubling behaviours providing a firm foundation for academic attainment. Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities supports their development, helping them to:

- *feel good about themselves and know that they matter*
- *increase their sense of security and trust*
- *increase their emotional well-being*
- *improve their capacity to be creative and curious*
- *increase their self-esteem and confidence to learn*
- *learn to recognise and regulate their feelings*

- *learn to think before behaving in a certain way*

Christian Values

This half term we are exploring the value of thankfulness. Our thinking will be focussed on the story of Easter and what they can tell us about thankfulness.

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

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



TICKETS
£10 each

Music for a Summer's Evening
with
The Elvaston Ensemble Wind Quintet

St Mary's Church, Shincliffe on
Friday 7th June at 7pm

The programme includes:
Handel - Water Music Suite No 2
Mozart - Overture to The Magic Flute
Amy Beach - Pastorale
Rimsky-Korsakov - Flight of the Bumblebee
George Butterworth - The Banks of Green Willow

Proceeds will be shared between The Cobweb Orchestra
and Church Fabric Fund

Tickets are priced at £10 each. Refreshments will be served in
the church hall after the concert.

Tickets available from Margaret Charters or Helen Rigby
email: helenrigby@btinternet.com

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