



## **Weekly Bulletin –27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **Headteacher's Message**

On Monday we will enjoy our Harvest Service at St Mary's church led by our Year 6 pupils, Worship Group and Fr. Peter. Gifts of food received will be used for the work of the Durham Foodbank to support families in need. They speak of the generosity of our school to those living in the communities the school serves and I thank you in advance for your generosity.

With regard to staying safe online, I would urge all parents to be alert to both the opportunities and potential dangers online so that you are able to support your children in staying safe. This will complement our ongoing online safety work in school. For further information, please familiarise yourselves with the online safety resources available via the links on the school website, [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) and the information below.

Best wishes  
Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10:00am – Harvest Festival – St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe Village  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9:10am – Y5/Y6 France Discover Assembly  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Progress Reports (Year 1 – 6)  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 George Stephenson Workshop at Beamish Museum  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Y4 Trip to the Bethany Christian Centre  
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- Flu Immunisations (NHS)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 5:00pm – Y6 Robin Wood Parents' Meeting  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Architecture Workshops  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y1 Toys Workshop at Beamish Museum  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Christmas Fair

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

- FOSS Update – FOSS will be starting the Christmas fundraiser in the next couple of weeks so watch out for the lovely art work coming home in your child's bag. Then you can enjoy selecting a choice of; Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, placemats, mouse mats, teddies, shopping bags and Teflon oven pads all personalised with Christmas picture your child has created making fabulous stocking fillers for all the family.
- If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one weeks' notice.
- Y5 and Y6 Discovery Week in France – you are invited to an Assembly on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 9:10am to find out more about the trip and discuss the itinerary in more detail.

## 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](http://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.

## Packed Lunches

In order to ensure that packed lunches are suitably healthy and meet the guidelines set by Durham County Council, parents are reminded that they **should not contain** any of the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Please also remember that we are a nut-free school- your supporting in keeping all children safe is appreciated.

## Reading – Key Stage One

From time to time we get queries from parents related to the books that are sent home for their children to read. We continually review our approaches and make use of best practice guidance from the Department of Education. Books are carefully matched to the stage of phonics knowledge that each child has. That way, children are practising the words and sounds that are phonetically plausible for their stage of phonics awareness. Books may be repeated where it is beneficial for pupils to practise decoding words. Repetition leads to fluency. Children need to be able to decode words using sounds rather than relying on other clues such as picture, images or repeated patterns. The emphasis is on pupils gaining secure phonics knowledge in order to enable them to read for fluency and pleasure, rather than accelerating through a reading programme. Of course, reading for pleasure and being read to by adults are vitally important in enabling children to develop a love of reading. To that end we would encourage all parents to continue to read with and to your children.

## International Schools Work- Kenya

Mrs Morgan is leading an exciting new project with Team Kenya and the British Council Connecting Classrooms programme to link with Bongu Primary School a rural area in Homa Bay County, Western Kenya. As part of the work, we will be grateful to receive donations of pencils and toothbrushes for Mrs. Morgan to take out during her exchange visit in October. If you would like to support this work please send any donations into school.

## Harvest Festival

This harvest we are collecting food items for 'Durham Foodbank.' We hope that you and your child/children would like to help support our 2019 Harvest Appeal in liaison with Durham Christian Partnership.

The Foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis locally. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows professionals to put longer term measures in place. We want to support our local Foodbank in helping those less fortunate, in particular families and children.

If you wish to contribute, please send donations of **non-perishable food** (see list) on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** for collection. Everyone is also very welcome to join us at **10:00am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** for the Harvest Service at Shincliffe St. Mary's Church.

## A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| - Breakfast cereals | - Soup              | - Pasta        |
| - Rice              | - Pasta sauce       | - Tinned bean  |
| - Tinned meat       | - Tinned vegetables | - Tinned fruit |
| - Tea or coffee     | - Sugar             | - Biscuits     |
| - Snacks            |                     |                |

## URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

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|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| - Sugar              | - Tinned fish | - Tinned fruit        |
| - UHT milk (1 litre) | - Pasta Sauce | - Tinned Rice Pudding |

For further information regarding Durham Foodbank you may visit: [www.durhamfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.durhamfoodbank.org.uk)

We hope you can join us for our Harvest celebrations!

**Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of endurance and worship next week will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which the season of harvest teaches us to care for the earth and its resources and how we can use God's gifts to support those in need.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. [Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net](mailto:Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net)

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

# FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening - Thursday

21st November 2019

## **Would you like to be a seller at this event?**

The popular FOSS Christmas Shopping Night will be held in the school hall on Thursday 21st November 6.30-8.30pm. The event raises funds for the school and offers a lovely night of shopping together with mulled wine & mince pies.

We invite a variety of stall holders to attend the event.

As spaces are limited we are initially asking parents/guardians/friends of the school if you would like to have a stall at the fair.

If you are interested in being a seller please complete the slip below and return to the school by Friday 11th October. Please let us know what type of products you would like to sell so we can ensure a variety of Christmas stalls. We cannot guarantee everyone a space but we will reply to requests ASAP.

Each attending stall will be charged a standard flat fee of £12.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact FOSS by email [foss.shincliffe@gmail.com](mailto:foss.shincliffe@gmail.com)



FOSS Christmas Shopping Night – Stall Entry Form – Please return by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Products to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# FOSS Website and Amazon Link

## Help FOSS raise money every time you buy on Amazon

For those of you who aren't aware when you go to the FOSS website <http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk> you will see a big Amazon logo

When you click on the logo, you will be taken to Amazon as usual, where you can browse and purchase just as you normally would.

It costs you nothing extra. Amazon then sends FOSS a percentage of the purchase price. It's that simple! The rate varies by product category and number of items purchased in a given month, but it's typically 5% or more of the purchase price. Even small purchases can help push us into a higher rate tier and thereby earn us more on all purchases.

You can easily add the link to your home screen on your mobile device so you never forget

### Quick instructions to add to home screen

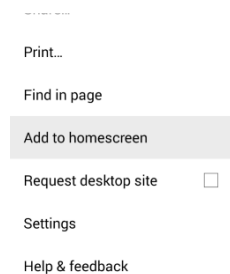
#### Android devices

Launch Chrome for Android and open the FOSS website [www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk](http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk).

Tap the menu button and tap Add to home screen.

You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen.

The icon will appear on your home screen like any other app shortcut



#### iPhone, iPad

Launch the Safari browser on Apple's iOS and navigate to the website or web page you want to add to your home screen. Tap the Share button on the browser's toolbar — that's the rectangle with an arrow pointing upward. It's on the bar at the top of the screen on an iPad, and on the bar at the bottom of the screen on an iPhone or iPod Touch. Tap the Add to Home Screen icon in the Share menu. You'll be prompted to name the shortcut before tapping the Add button

