



## **Weekly Bulletin –28<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Headteacher's Message**

On Monday we will enjoy our Harvest Service at St Mary's led by our Year 6 pupils, Worship Group and Fr. Peter. We extend our grateful thanks to you all for the many gifts already received in preparation for our celebration. They 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 local community.

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 e-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

### **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.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 1st October– Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 10:00 am – Foodbank donations collected  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – KS2 SSP Cross Country at Meadowfield Leisure Centre  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 visit to the ICKSON Temple in Newcastle  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 to NHS Carousel Fair at Durham High School for Girls  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 Durham Book Festival at Durham Johnston School

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Progress Reports  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evening  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Evening  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 Beamish Trip  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for October half term  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Return to school for Autumn Term 2  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Reception NHS Audio Screening  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Y3 Trip to Oriental Museum (Egyptians)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am – Remembrance Service – All Welcome  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Disco  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Architecture Workshop (Anglo Saxons)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Y3 Horrible Histories (Egyptians) – Sunderland Empire  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – R-Y5 NHS FLU Immunisations  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Y1 Trip to Beamish  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Y6 Visit to Robin Wood Activity Centre

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

#### **Noticeboard**

- Please inform the school office if there are any changes to personal contact details. This is vitally important in order that we have up to date contact details for all parents.
- Parents of children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 are reminded to step forward to collect their child from the class teacher.
- Y4 and Y5 Guitar Places are available. Please contact the school office for details.

#### **Packed Lunch Reminder**

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals within Durham County Council, packed lunches **should not** contain the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- **ANY NUTS AND SEEDS, OR FOODS CONTAINING NUTS**

#### **Medical – Information from the NHS**

##### **Flu Vaccinations (Year R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5)**

Please visit the link: [www.hdfn.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent](http://www.hdfn.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent) to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu vaccine in the autumn term 2018. This consent must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> September to ensure we can vaccinate your child when we are in school.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: **43464**

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help

protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please ensure you read and understand all the information at the above link before you complete the on line form.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose. If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form please do not hesitate to contact us on: 0300 0030 013.

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of creativity and worship next week will be led by Mr Tait, Fr Peter, 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. [Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net)

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