



## **Weekly Bulletin – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Durham County Council have confirmed that they will require use of the school hall as a polling station for the European Elections on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. School will, therefore, be closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> May as we will be unable to safely open the school. We do not take the decision to close the school lightly. We have requested that the Council seeks alternative polling venues, but this has not been possible. As the owners of the school building, the Council have the right to request the use of the school premises. Safeguarding is our first priority. The school hall is to be used for voting and we have no way of safely opening the building in a way that can separate pupils and the voting public. The decision to close is therefore the only available option.

We remain conscious of the congestion around the school at drop off and pick up times. With this in mind, we again request that parents exercise care and consideration when parking around the school. I would encourage all who are able to do so to walk to school and so reduce congestion.

There have been a number of enrichment activities this week. Reception Class very much enjoyed their Zoolab Workshop and Y5 visited Durham as part of their Geography studies. We thank parents for their continued support with these events and visits.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed – May Day Bank Holiday  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Rec class Assembly - Parents Welcome  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS Week  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – FOSS School Disco  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y4 Cathedral Pilgrimage  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School Sports Week  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- SCHOOL CLOSED- EUROPEAN ELECTION  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for summer half term holiday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS Bags2School returns  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Trip to Beamish  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS Science Evening Event  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Trip to Seven Stories  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am – Pentecost Eucharist - Parents Welcome  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Trip to Vindolanda  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 visit to Hall Hill Farm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Stone Age Workshop

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Summer Fair

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Japanese Culture Morning

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome- ***please note change of date***

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2:30pm – Y1 Brazilian Carnival – Parents Welcome

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Parents Welcome

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers' and End of Year Service, St. Mary's Church – Parents Welcome

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer holidays

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

### **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*

### **Parent Governor Vacancy- Readvert**

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please contact school for a nomination form.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available no ballot will be necessary.

Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form.

When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via our weekly bulletin and website. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

### **Christian Values**

This half term we are exploring the value of thankfulness. Our thinking will be focussed on the stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples 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.

St Mary's Church Notice –



**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](mailto:helenrigby@btinternet.com)**

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