



## **Weekly Bulletin –4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **Headteacher's Message**

On Monday we enjoyed an uplifting Harvest Service at St Mary's led by our Year 6 pupils, the Worship Group and Fr. Peter. We extend our grateful thanks to you all for the many gifts received for the work of the Durham Foodbank. They speak of the generosity of our school to those in need in our community.

Next Thursday we have an assembly for parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 to find out more about next year's Discovery week to France. I would encourage all who are able to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for the children.

A further significant event marked next week is World Mental Health Day. On Friday we will be holding a whole school assembly and completing activities in class looking at ways in which we can all look after our mental wellbeing.

Best wishes  
Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

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 week's notice.
- BRASS LESSONS – Date Change – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am – 1:30pm instead of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Medical**

There have been a number of cases of Threadworms within the School. This is a highly contagious condition. Please see the information below from the NHS website. We would appreciate parents' collaboration with reinforcing good personal hygiene which is proven to significantly reduce the risk of spreading.

*Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in faeces. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing your GP. You can buy medicine for threadworms from pharmacies. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow. Treat everyone in your household, even if they do not have symptoms.*

*Symptoms can include: extreme itching around the anus, particularly at night and irritability, waking up during the night and possibly bed wetting.*

### **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.

### **Y6 Wildlife Awareness**

Graham Temby visited Y6 this Monday to talk to us about Wildlife Awareness. We learned about badgers: where they live; what they like to eat; their territories and their special features. Sadly, up to 50,000 badgers are killed on our roads every year! Graham asked the children to remind adults to take care and slow down when driving along country roads, especially at night. We were also shocked to learn that some people still hunt badgers to hurt them. Badger baiting is a horrible crime that still happens in our area. People also set up snares and traps which can injure or kill badgers or other wildlife. Graham asked us to contact Durham County Badger Group or Durham Wildlife Trust if you find an injured/dead badger or to report any issues at [chairman@durhamcountybadgers.org.uk](mailto:chairman@durhamcountybadgers.org.uk).

### **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.

### **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 examples of Christians who have persevered through testing times.

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

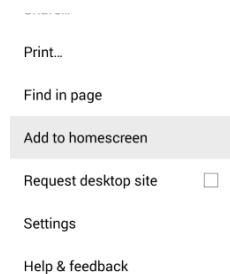
#### Android devices

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

