



## **Weekly Bulletin – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Please do remember tomorrow's FOSS Christmas Fair here at school between 2 and 4pm. A huge amount of effort has gone into organising this event. All of the money will be used for the benefit of the children in school.

Next week are our Key Stage One Nativity performances. We look forward to the children's presentation of the Christmas story following the huge amount of hard work on the part of both children and staff in their preparations.

Our Advent Eucharist yesterday was well attended and we thank parents and parishioners for their support. We were delighted that twelve children received Holy Communion for the first time. A huge thank you to Fr Peter and Mrs Duell for leading the preparation classes.

Another highlight this week has been the Worship Choir's visit to sing for the residents at Sherburn Hospital care home on Tuesday. They sang a number of the items they had prepared for the school Advent Service together with some well-known Christmas carols. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and residents and enabled the children to make a difference in our local community.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Tree delivery from Grange Farm

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm – 4:00pm – FOSS Christmas Fair

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm – KS1 Nativity

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch in school incorporating Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Y5/6 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Infants' Christmas Party

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Y3/4 Christmas Party

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2:45pm – KS2 Christmas Singalong

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10:00am – Christmas Service

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**

- We are delighted that Mr and Mrs Laing of Grange Farm, High Shincliffe have delivered our school Christmas tree once again this year. We thank them for their generosity.

- Thank you to Year 6 for organising the delivery of children's Christmas cards to each class.
- Concert of Classical Christmas Music at St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe at 7:00 pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Tickets £10.00, children under 16 free; followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Contact [helenrigby1@btinternet.com](mailto:helenrigby1@btinternet.com), or [mscharters@hotmail.com](mailto:mscharters@hotmail.com).

### **Earring Reminder**

Parents are reminded that earrings are not permitted in school. This is a health and safety matter. Earrings can present a hazard in PE activities and similarly if caught during playtime games and activities can easily cause injury and hurt. Earrings should be removed before the school day. Where parents wish to have their children's ears pierced, we recommend that this is done at the start of the long summer break. Where earrings cannot be removed during to recent piercing, it is parents' responsibility to cover the earrings using medical tape before their child comes to school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Rotary Club Young Photographer and Young Writer Competitions 2019**

Durham (Elvet) Rotary Club have once again invited pupils from Shincliffe CE Primary School to take part in the Young Photographer and Young Writer Competitions.

Young Photographer Competition – "The Beauty of Nature," children will be required to enter three photographs. The reverse of each photograph requires a brief sentence describing what the photograph represents in relation to the theme.

Young Writer Competition – "My Inspiration," children will be required to enter one A4 page, or up to 500 words about this theme.

Shincliffe CE Primary School has previously had a District Winner in the Young Writer Competition, who was also highly commended nationally. We have also had runners up in the District Photography Competitions.

District Winners receive £50, a trophy and a certificate. All entrants receive a certificate. If your child would like to enter either, or both competitions, forms and information packs are available from the school office. Entries should be returned to school by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Good Luck!

### **School Library: returning books before Christmas**

A message from the Librarians: if your child has borrowed a book from our school library we would like the book to be returned before the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

### **St Mary's Shincliffe Christmas Services**

Sunday 23rd December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:30am Parish Eucharist

4:00pm Carol Service

Monday 24th December: *Christmas Eve*

3:00pm Christingle

4:15pm Christingle

11:00pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December: *Christmas Day*

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parish Communion

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of compassion 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 Nativity Story and the coming celebration of Christmas.

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)

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