



Weekly Bulletin – 7th June 2019

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We look forward to a number of exciting events and activities. Please do consult the diary dates below and support events and activities as you are able.

A highlight this week has been each class's attendance at Deerness Gymnastics Centre for group gymnastics sessions. Through the use of our Sports Premium money we were able to provide the opportunity for each child to experience a different sport in a professional setting.

By today, you will have received a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Sun Cream

As the weather is warming up (hopefully!), please remember to apply a long lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th June 9:10 am – Pentecost Eucharist - Parents Welcome - ***please note change of date***

Tuesday 11th June – Y6 Bikeability Training Level 1

Wednesday 12th June – Y5 Trip to Beamish

Wednesday 12th June – FOSS Science Evening Event

Thursday 13th June – Y6 Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral

Thursday 13th June – Reception Trip to Seven Stories

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th June – Y6 Bikeability Training Level 2

Monday 17th June – Y4 Trip to Vindolanda

Tuesday 18th June – Y1 visit to Hall Hill Farm

Wednesday 19th June – KS2 Mini-Olympics

Saturday 22nd June – Summer Fair

Tuesday 25th June – Y6 Japanese Culture Morning

Wednesday 26th June – Y3 Potted History – Stone Age Workshop

Thursday 27th June 9:10am – Y2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome- ***please note change of date***

Wednesday 3rd July 2:30pm – Y1 Brazilian Carnival – Parents Welcome

Monday 8th July 1:30pm – School Sports Day (Reserve Day – Monday 15th July)
Tuesday 9th July – Y2 St. Mary’s Lighthouse
Thursday 18th July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers’ and End of Year Service, St. Mary’s Church – Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holidays

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

Pen Recycling Proposal

As a school, we are always looking for ways to become more eco-friendly by reducing waste and recycling where possible. I have found out that Bic are working with Terracycle, and are offering a free recycling scheme. Any brand, any pen, felt tip, highlighter or marker along with correction fluid, correction tape and mechanical pencils are accepted. The writing instruments will be cleaned and melted down to remould into new products.

The Eco team are now collecting our school’s expired pens throughout the year and I will deliver them with my Mum to the recycling point based at Thornley Library.

Iris Year 5 and the Eco Group

Water Safety Information

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold

- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Parent Governor Vacancy

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 24th June.

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.

Confirmation- Sunday 9th June

The Confirmation Service for those Year 6 pupils being confirmed this year will be held at St. Nicholas' Church Durham on Sunday 9th June at 3:00pm. All are welcome to support our Year 6 children at the service. We extend our thanks to Mrs Duell and Fr. Peter who have led our Confirmation Preparation Group during the course of the year.

Christian Values

We will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

Further information on this half term's Christian value:

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: *'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.'*

Serving God, means serving others.

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

Some things to think about:

- How are we encouraged to “find” our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

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