



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

### **Headteacher's Message**

Welcome back to the new school year! We are delighted to welcome our new starters and returning pupils and look forward to working together in partnership during the course of the coming academic year.

I draw your attention to the attendance information shared with parents earlier this week. Excellent attendance and punctuality is vitally important to success at school. Within this week's bulletin is important information regarding first aid, events for the term and school clubs.

### *Parking*

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to reduce congestion near school and to promote a safe and healthy environment for our pupils, staff, parents and local residents. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is vitally important for our school. I would, therefore, remind you to be considerate when parking and not to block our neighbours' driveways/access at any time or to block pavements.

For safety reasons, please do not park directly in front of the school gates at any time. Please drive with extreme caution and care if you do need to access Beal Walk. Beal Walk and surrounding roads do not have pavements and are often used by our children, so it is dangerous to drive whilst people are walking to and from school.

I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Best wishes  
Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 'Teaching and Learning in Reception' Parents Information Evening  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – ESFA Competition – Y5/Y6 School Football Team  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 to NHS Carousel Fair at Durham High School for Girls  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly  
Wednesday 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  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y3 Oriental Museum Trip  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 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

Date TBC – Y5 Trip to ICKSON Temple

Date TBC – Y3 Trip to Oriental Museum (Egyptians)

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

### **School Extra-Curricular Activities**

This week you will have received notification of the range of extra-curricular activities we are able to offer during the first half of the Autumn Term. If you haven't already done so, please express your interest using the booking form provided.

Where it is necessary to cancel a club- for example due to poor weather conditions we will aim to do so before 10am on the morning of the club in order to allow parents as much time as possible to make necessary pick up arrangements. When a club is cancelled it is not possible to provide an alternative activity. This is because all of our clubs are led by specialist leaders and coaches in their field and they are not able to provide alternative activities. This is in line with our rationale for after school clubs- namely that they provide enrichment activities to support the delivery of the curriculum and personal development of the children, rather than simply offering childcare.

### **Noticeboard**

- Photographic consent forms have been sent out to all pupils. Please return them to school as soon as possible.
- Please inform the school office if there are any changes to personal contact details.

### **Medical**

A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medications at school once parents have come to the school office to complete the required consent form. All medication must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult.

Can we remind all parents of the Durham County Council policy relating to sickness and diarrhoea, which states that a child must remain off school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before they return to school.

Packed Lunch Children – please ensure your child's packed lunch is NUT FREE as we have children in the school who have an allergy to nuts.

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of creativity this half term and worship 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 value of creativity can support us in our work and play.

*Further information on the values of Creativity:*

Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a 'gift', entrusted by God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

This half term we are focussing on Creativity as our whole school Christian Value.

Jesus told his followers that

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* John 10:10

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

*Some things to think about:*

- *How do we use the earth's resources to meet our needs whilst still carrying out our duty of stewardship?*
- *What opportunities are there to meet creative people in various walks of life?*
- *Who might inspire and channel their own creativity?*

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