



Weekly Bulletin – 9th November 2018

Headteacher's Message

We marked Remembrance Day in school this morning. It was good to come together as a community and to take time to pause, reflect and remember in this season of Remembrance and as we approach the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. We extend our thanks to all who supported us this morning and especially to FOSS for providing refreshments.

We are pleased to announce the birth of Mr & Mrs Rumbles' third child, a Baby Girl named Thea. Mrs Rumbles gave birth on Wednesday morning and we wish the family all the best. Mrs Pattinson will be teaching Year 4, whilst Mr Rumbles is on Paternity Leave (10 days).

Next week we are marking both Inter-Faith and Anti-Bullying Weeks in school. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your children about what they have been doing in school.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Friday 9th November – FOSS Disco - KS1 5:45-6:45pm (accompanied by an adult) - KS2 7:00-8.00pm

Tuesday 13th November – Y5 Architecture Workshop (Anglo Saxons)

Thursday 22nd November – Y3 Horrible Histories (Egyptians) – Sunderland Empire

Thursday 22nd November – FOSS Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 23rd November – R-Y5 NHS FLU Immunisations

Friday 30th November – Y1 Trip to Beamish

Thursday 6th December 9:10am – Advent Eucharist – All Welcome

Friday 7th December – School Christmas Tree delivery from Grange Farm

Tuesday 11th December 10:00am – KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12th December 6:00pm – KS1 Nativity

Thursday 13th December – Christmas Dinner in school

Thursday 20th December 2:45pm – KS2 Christmas Singalong

Friday 21st December 10:00am – Christmas Service

Wed 16th – Fri 18th January 2019 – Y6 Visit to Robin Wood Activity Centre

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

Noticeboard

- Please remember to arrive promptly to collect your child at the end of the school day. Once you have collected your child, please ensure they are carefully supervised. Children must not be in the car park and access road area unsupervised at any time. This is in order to safeguard the wellbeing of all.

- Please remember to inform the school office if your child is being collected from school by someone else. For safeguarding, we cannot allow a child to go home with someone else without parental consent.
- *Reception Parents:* Please remember to write a brief comment in your child's reading diary each week. This is of vital importance in supporting the partnership between home and school. Thank you.

FOSS

A reminder that the School Disco takes place tonight in the school hall. Please note the new times: Infants Disco 5:45 pm and Juniors 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

School Christmas Gift Project – FOSS will be in the School Hall on Wednesday 14th November from 3:30 – 4:00 pm, please come along to collect your orders.

Leave of Absence during Term Time

There was since a change in the law concerning term time leave of absence from 1st September 2013. Head Teachers **are not able to grant any** leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where leave is granted, Head Teachers must decide the number of school days a child can be away from school.

If you wish to make an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from school reception. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional.' Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the School's decision.

Parents / carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take the child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed / authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Advent Windows- information from Fr. Bill

To Residents of Shincliffe village and High Shincliffe:

Advent Window Trail 2018

Plans are afoot to create a trail of light and joy around each community. A new window will be displayed each day during the days of Advent, until Christmas day.

If you would like to help out, please contact Bill or Julie as soon as possible, before 21st November if you can. A map will be made to show everyone when each window will be lit.

For residents in other areas, please feel free to create your own window or look for local information.

For High Shincliffe

Bill Rigby mobile 07734 068 668 or email bill.rigby1@btopenworld.com

For Shincliffe village

Julie Goodhart tel 0191 386 9047 or email juiannegoodhart@hotmail.com

Many thanks towards a happy celebration of Christmas.

Packed Lunch Reminder

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals within Durham County Council, packed lunches **should not** contain the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- **ANY NUTS OR FOODS CONTAINING NUTS**

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 ways in which Jesus demonstrated compassion for other people and how this example supports us in how we treat others.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net

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