Shincliffe C. of E. (Cont.) Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher - Mr D Tait

Dear parents,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year. The second half of the summer term is always a busy time in the life of the school. We look forward to various educational visits and to our annual Sports Day. Looking ahead towards the end of term, we will say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We wish them well and every future success as they begin the next phase of their educational journey at their various secondary schools. We will also welcome our Reception Class new starters to their transition days: we look forward to them joining our school community. I would like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their support during the past school year and to wish you all a restful, enjoyable and peaceful summer holiday.

- **FOSS**

We extend our thanks to the members of FOSS for the contribution to the school trips. Please join FOSS and the local community team at **'A Right Royal Community Party'** on **Saturday 11th June 2016, 1pm-4pm** at school to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. We are most appreciative of the huge amount of hard work and time that FOSS members dedicate to events. Dates for diary include Bag 2 School on Tuesday 14th June 2016 and the school disco on Friday 24th June 2016.

- **School Closure**

REMINDER - The school will be closed on **Thursday 23rd June 2016.** The school will be used as a polling station for the **EU Referendum.**

- **Y3 Swimming at Brandon Swimming Pool**

Swimming will re-commence on Friday 10th June 2016 for Y3.

- **Twitter**

The school now has a Twitter account which we currently use to inform parents of our sporting events. Please take a look and follow us **@Shincliffesport.** A link can be found on the school website.

- **DB Primary – Learning Library**

The new look school website has a link to the **DB primary** site which the children have been using for homework, self-led study and to communicate with one another. The children are enjoying the DB Primary site. Please read the article, written by Lorne in Year 6, in the News section of this newsletter.

- **Sports Day – Tuesday 28th June 2016**

Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 1:15pm – 3:30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to spectate at this event which takes place on the school field and playground. At this time of year pupils get the chance to go outside for P.E., weather permitting, and to practise some of the Sports Day events.

During the year, as part of our Durham Sports Partnership Service Level Agreement, we have had coaches delivering different activities for our pupils. In the Autumn term we had dance (culminating in Y2 and Y5 performing at the Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre); in the spring term it was rugby delivered by the Gateshead Thunder's Coach; we also had gymnastics for Y4 and in the summer term we have had multi-sports. Athletics is scheduled for Summer Term 2.

- **Transitions**

Year 6

The year book photographs will be taken on Monday 6th June 2016. The Year 6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral is on Thursday 16th June 2016. The Y6 Leavers' Assembly is on Tuesday 19th July 2016 and the Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church is on Wednesday 20th July 2016.

New starters in Reception 2016

We welcome our reception new starters into school for their induction visits and lunches on 1st and 8th July 2016. They will start full-time in September 2016.

All classes

On Tuesday 5th July 2016 from 3:30pm – 5pm the school is open for parents, carers and children to visit the children's September 2016 classrooms and meet their teacher for the next academic year.

- **Helping Hands**

Thank you to those parents who have supported the school with reading, library duties, walking to Church and school trips etc. A special thank you to Mrs King and Mrs Morl for the years of support whilst their children have been pupils at our school.

- **Year End Reports**

Year End Reports will be sent home on Friday 8th July 2016. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher after receiving the report, then please contact your teacher by letter or by contacting the school office.

- **The Teaching Staff - September 2016**

Reception – Mrs V Short and Mrs F Silvester
Year 1 - Mrs H Troupe, Miss L Newman and Mrs V Dietz
Year 2 - Mrs H Armstrong and Mrs D Caygill
Year 3 - Mr M Gowan and Mrs L Luke-Taylor
Year 4 - Mr P Rumbles and Mrs D Marsden
Year 5 - Miss G Brunt and Mrs J Horton
Year 6 - Mrs L Richardson and Mrs J Henderson

Mrs G Wilds will be joining Mrs P Lythgoe and Mrs D Hopper in the office.

- **Kik Messenger (Notice from Durham County Council)**

Kik messenger has become a popular app with some groups of pupils, however we have been warned by Durham Police that it is being used by offenders to groom children to obtain indecent photos and videos. Please be aware that :-

Kik has a minimum age of 13, and it is not suitable for younger children due to risks associated with inappropriate and/or illegal sharing of images and videos

Parents should manage their children's use of technology. Please set tablets and phones so that children cannot download apps without parental permission. (We have come across many cases where children have been abused through an app that parents and carers did not realise had been installed)

If your child is old enough to use the app, and is mature enough to manage its appropriate use please check the privacy settings so that your child's whereabouts and images are not being broadcast around the net without their knowledge.

See further advice on

http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/kik

If you discover that your child has been abused using this or any other app please contact Durham Police on 101 or contact the school for further advice.

- **SATS**

Much has been said in the press recently about the new SATs. In our school the Y6 and Y2 children sat the tests and we await the results.

- **Primary Maths Challenge**

On Monday 25th April two Y6 teams attended the maths challenge at Durham Johnston School. 48 students from 8 different primary schools participated and competed in various challenges including logic and maths games. The competition was fierce and with only one round to go there was a tie for first place and only 30 points between the top and bottom teams. The overall winners were St. Margaret's with Shincliffe in 2nd place. One of the Shincliffe teams will go on to the next stage on Friday 8th July 2016.

- **DB primary - *By Lorne Y6***

I think DB Primary is a very good thing for our school. We can access it in school during computing lessons and outside of school. It's good that the whole school get to use it, not just KS2 or KS1. It's a great thing if you want to talk to friends or the whole class in a safe environment. You can email people who don't have a phone and you can discuss topics with everyone in your class. Another good thing is that teachers can set you tasks about Maths, English and most subjects, which can help us learn and revise at home.
The learning library is great because there are loads of activities and games to play with our friends while we learn.

- **Mini-Police representatives meet Sophie, The Countess of Wessex. *By Ben and Lorne Y6***

On Tuesday the 29th of April Ben and Lorne went to Aykley Heads (the police headquarters) to meet Sophie, The Countess of Wessex. There they formed a guard of honour to welcome her.
Watching the royal helicopter arrive, we were very excited to see it land right in front of us.
The Countess of Wessex came to speak with us, we thought she was very nice and kind. She talked to us and asked us different questions, like what we do at the mini police and if we liked it.
After speaking with us, she went to The Choristers to congratulate them on their 100 year anniversary.
Whilst Sophie was away, we went into the control room where we were shown how the police deal with 101 and 999 calls. It was very interesting to find out how the police use their different technology and fight crime on a day to day basis.
Then it was time to get back out to see the helicopter landing again, after it had been to refuel.
We got lots of photos next to it. The pilot of the helicopter told us that the royal family all have their own seat in it.
There were many magazines inside, like one all about Land Rover - a small insight into the royal family life. The seats where all white leather with a shined oak table and a red carpet. The windows where bullet proof.
When Sophie returned we did a second guard of honour to say goodbye. As the helicopter took off, the gust was so big that it blew Lorne's hat off!

- **Police Community Safety Officer- Speed Check**
  By Emily and Alex Y6.

On Wednesday the 20th of April 2016, some members of the Mini Police went to the road outside school to do a speed check. Only a few cars came along the road between 2:30 and 3:10; however, we did see some buses and vans. We didn't catch anyone speeding but some people slowed down so much that the speed didn't register. We even saw Mrs Troupe but she definitely wasn't speeding!

Christian Values in School

Our Collective Worship will continue to be led by a variety of school staff, Fr. Peter and Mrs. Matthews from St. Mary's Church and visitors from local Churches, organisations and charities as appropriate. An exploration of the values and their application both in school and beyond are the central focus of our Collective Worship.

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

Wisdom

Wisdom is Good sense and judgement based on life experiences.

Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise doesn't necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. Although it is a gift, it is a virtue that needs to be nurtured. The Bible has specific books of wisdom in which, through poetry, story and proverbs, advice is given on how wisdom might be developed. The book of Proverbs is a selection of over 300 sayings of Solomon (who wrote over 3000 in total - see 1 Kings 4:32) and helps the reader to discover what wisdom is, often contrasting it with foolishness; the book also probes into some of the characteristics of wisdom, highlighting a judicious use of silence, a reluctance to say too much and a caring attitude toward those less fortunate. Proverbs also points its readers to examples in nature from which we can learn wisdom, for example, 6:6 'learn by watching an anthill'; compare this with Aesop's fables or the stories about Anansi the spider from West Africa

The Book of Proverbs says:
''Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels.'

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home. Please look at our home school value sheet for wisdom. This will give you lots of ideas of activities you can do at home.

Some things to think about:

- How do we gain wisdom?
- What helps you make a wise choice?
- Who do you think is a wise person and why?
- Wisdom is about being prepared to listen to the advice of others, thinking before you speak and choosing silence over words. Wisdom involves considering others, deliberating over the issues, reflecting on the long view and taking into account all possible consequences. How good are you at doing these things? What would help you do better?

'Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.'
William Saroyan

Parent Information Notice Board

- **School meal prices**

We have been informed that from September 2016 the price of pupil school meals will increase from £1.95 to £2.00. This is still fabulous value for money.

- **Packed Lunches**

Parents of those children who bring packed lunches are reminded that , in the interest of the health and safety of all children, this is a nut-free school.

- **Social media**

Parents are reminded that photographs taken at events are not to be used on social media.

- **Medication in school**

Shincliffe School is able to administer prescribed medication to pupils, provided that a consent form has been signed by the pupil's parent/carer. **Medication is only administered in school if prescribed to be taken 4 times a day.** The medication is to be handed to and from an adult, via the school office. Please note, that anti-biotics can only be given for a period of seven days from the prescribed date.

Shincliffe School is not allowed to administer medication not prescribed by a physician, (for example; cough mixture, Calpol, throat lozenges, travel sickness tablets, lip salves or glosses, or alternative therapy) and subsequently children are not allowed to bring these to school.

- **Sunscreen and Hats**

Please remember sunhats and sunscreen. Please apply long-lasting sunscreen at the beginning of the day.

- **Home / School Office Communication**

Paperwork/ Payments etc.: Parents are reminded to check school bags for letters etc. All replies, acknowledgements, letters, forms, payments etc. are to be returned to school via school book bags for transfer to the school office via class baskets.

School Ethos Statement

Every member of the school community is valued as a child of God, made in his image and likeness. All are welcome and are encouraged to use their gifts and talents to contribute to the happy and caring environment we strive to create. We seek to develop the highest levels of academic achievement and personal well-being within a loving Christian context. We aim to provide a stimulating learning atmosphere in which the potential of all can be realised. We recognise and cherish our role within the wider community and seek to build strong links between home, school and local community.

Parent and Community Voice

- **Shincliffe & High Shincliffe Neighbourhood – Local Police Update**

We have been informed that officers will be making more 'Hi-viz' patrols around the school at peak times to review traffic issues.

A number of parents have again commented on the hazards associated with traffic in Beal Walk at drop-off and pick-up times before and after school. We have had 2 near misses reported over the last few weeks where children have narrowly avoided an accident. Please try to avoid parking in Beal Walk. We have also had a complaint about the speed of traffic and traffic mounting the pavement in Hill Meadows. We have started to record all near miss incidents. Please report incidents to us so that we can pass them on to our neighbourhood police officers. Thank you.

- **Scholastic Books**

Thank you to Mrs Stewart for co-ordinating the Scholastic Books orders over the past five years. When orders are placed through the school the school benefits by getting free books. Mrs Stewart is stepping down from this role and we are looking for someone to pick this up. If you are interested, please contact the school. Mrs Stewart is happy to chat with anyone who would like to understand the requirements / time commitment etc.

The Arts

- **Let us Entertain You**

On July 1st the school will again be performing 'Let us Entertain You'. Year 5 and Year 6 children will each be issued with a ticket to give to a member of our community or a grandparent.

- **The Singing Club**

The Singing Club has re-commenced and is rehearsing for the Big Sing at Elvet Church on 9th June 2016.

Sports Round-up

- **School Football**

The Girls' Football team have **won the Girls' Football League**. They played 9 matches and won all 9, conceding only 2 goals throughout the competition. The Girls' Football Team also won a tournament held at Durham Johnston School, winning new kits which will be presented to the girls at Ramside Hall Hotel in June. Well done!

The girls qualified for the **County Cup** however the final clashed with the league final matches and sadly after many attempts to get the fixture moved the girls had to pull out of the County Cup Finals.

The **Y4 Football team** were joint winners of the Y4 Football Cup with Neville's Cross team. The final was a 2-2 draw. The team progressed to the County semi-finals at Horden Cotsford Junior School and played on a very wintery April evening. Well done to the team.

Y3 had their first matches as a **football team** in April at the Y3 Football Festival at Meadowfield. They played 5 matches, all of them close, drawing 2. Well done to everyone involved.

- **Mini-tennis**

Y3 took part in a mini-tennis festival at Framwellgate School. Everyone participated and had a great time.

School Trips and Visits:

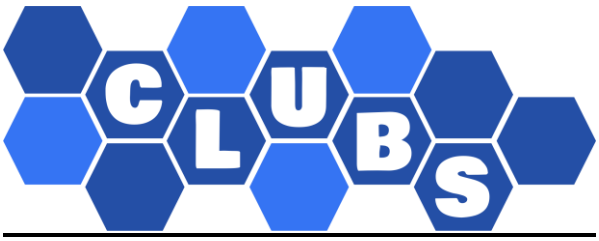
- **Looking back at Summer Term 1**

- Y5 visited **Durham City** for their **Geography field trip.**
- KS2 had a visit from the **Parliamentary Education Service**, learning about voting and elections.
- **Y4** visited **Seaham** as part of their geography field trip. They had a superb morning at the coast.
-On a beautifully sunny day in May **Reception** class visited **Hall Hill Farm** and had fun feeding the lambs.
-Y3 visited the **Oriental Museum** in May to continue their studies on the Egyptians. It is the first time we have tried this visit and Y3 gave it a huge thumbs up. A fabulous visit.
- Pupils and staff were very excited about the **National Police Helicopter** landing on the school field. Police cars were parked on the field and Jet and Ben, the police dogs, met the children. It was an amazing experience.
- With SATs over **Y6** enjoyed the **Barnabas RE Day** in school, focusing on the **Northern Saints.**
- Although the DLI museum has closed its doors for class visits **Y5** were still able to learn about how Durham people served in WW1 on their visit to Palace Green Library. The **Somme exhibition** proved to be an interesting visit.

- **What's coming up in Summer Term 2?**

Reception – House of Objects – 7th June 2016
Y4 – Durham Cathedral – 9th June 2016
Y1 – Seven Stories – 14th June 2016
Y5/Y6–Discovery Week in France – 13th-17th June 2016
Y3 – Hancock Museum – 21st June 2016
Y4- Roman Potter – 21st June 2016
Y5 – Beamish Museum - 21st June 2016
Y4 – Vindolanda – 22nd June 2016
Y3 - Egyptian Potter – 22nd June 2016
Y2 – St. Mary's Lighthouse – 27th June 2016

Extra-curricular Clubs



- **African Drumming**

The drumming club is continuing for Y3-Y6 pupils. Parents and older siblings are also welcome to join the club. **There are a few spaces available to join this club.** Mondays 3:30 – 4:30 at school starting Monday 13th June, 20th, 27th and finishing on 4th July. The cost is £15 per person. Please complete the attached form if you are interested in joining this Club. The drumming club may be performing at 'Let Us Entertain You' on 1st July 2016 and may do a performance for parents on 4th July 2016.

Thank you to those parents of KS1 pupils who showed an interest in a KS1 club. Unfortunately, the numbers were not high enough for a club to run.

- **Nick Pickering Football Club**

Nick Pickering Football Club runs on a Thursday 3:30 – 4:40 for Y3-Y6. There are **places available** to join this club from Thursday 9th June 2016. There are 5 sessions this half-term until Thursday 14th July 2016. The cost is £15.00. Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office with payment.

- **Brick Club**

The Brick Club will re-start on 17th June 2016. At the Brick Club children are read a Bible story and then interpret the story by building with Lego bricks. The Lego creations are photographed and dismantled ready for the next story the following week. The Club will run for 5 weeks. If you are interested in joining, then please indicate on the attached form. Please note that parents / carers are asked to accompany the children.

- **Other Clubs this half term**

KS1 Fit and Fun, KS2 Simply Sports Breakfast Club, Le Club Francais, Change For Life Fit and Fun, Singing Club, Cooking Club.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2	Activity
Monday 6th June 2016	School re-opens for Summer Term 2
Monday 6th June 2016	Y6 Leavers' Photographs
Monday 6th June 2016	KS1 Fit and Fun continues
Tuesday 7th June 2016	Reception - House of Objects
Tuesday 7th June 2016	Singing Club restarts
Tuesday 7th June 2016	Le Club Francais continues
Wednesday 8th June 2016	Change for Life Fit and Fun Club resumes
Wednesday 8th June and 15th June 2016	Y3 Child Pedestrian Training Scheme
Thursday 9th June 2016	Y4 – Pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral
Thursday 9th June 2016	Nick Pickering Football Club re-starts
Thursday 9th June 2016	The Big Sing
Friday 10th June 2016	Violin lessons recommence
Friday 10th June 2016	Y3 swimming recommences
Friday 10th June 2016	KS2 Simply Sports breakfast Club continues
Saturday 11th June 2016	FOSS - A Right Royal Community Party
Monday 13th June 2016	African Drumming Club re-starts
Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June 2016	Y5 & Y6 visit to France
Tuesday 14th June 2016	Bag 2 School (FOSS)
Tuesday 14th June 2016	Y1 – Seven Stories
Wednesday 15th June 2016	Durham Dash
Thursday 16th June 2016	Y6 School Leavers' Service Durham Cathedral – pupils only.
Thursday 16th June 2016	Confirmation Class Rehearsal
Friday 17th June 2016	Y4 Tri-golf Festival
Friday 17th June 2016	Brick Club restarts
Sunday 19th June 2016	Confirmation Class - confirmation at St. Oswald's Church
Tuesday 21st June 2016	Y3 Hancock Museum
Tuesday 21st June 2016	Y5 Beamish Museum
Tuesday 21st June 2016	Y4 Roman Potter
Wednesday 22nd June 2016	Y4 Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum
Wednesday 22nd June 2016	Y3 Egyptian Potter
Thursday 23rd June 2016	**School Closed –EU Referendum – polling station**
Friday 24th June 2016	School Disco
Monday 27th June 2016	Y2 – St Mary's Lighthouse
Monday 27th June 2016	Last KS1 Fit and Fun
Tuesday 28th June 2016	School Sports Day
Tuesday 28th June 2016	Le Club Francais – last one
Tuesday 28th June 2016	Last Singing Club
Wednesday 29th June 2016	KS2 Mini-Olympics
Friday 1st July 2016	Let Us Entertain You
Friday 1st July 2016	Last KS2 Breakfast Club
Monday 4th July 2016	Last African Drumming Club
Tuesday 5th July 2016	Classroom Open Evening, 3:30pm
Wednesday 6th July 2016	Last Change for Life Fit and Fun Club
Friday 8th July 2016	Year End School reports sent to parents
Tuesday 12th July 2016	Y2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities
Thursday 14th July 2016	Y1 Multi-skills
Thursday 14th July 2016	Last Nick Pickering Club
Tuesday 19th July 2016	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 20th July 2016	Y6 Leavers' Service, St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 20th July 2016	Last Day of term
Tuesday 6th September 2016	New School Academic Year

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Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 23rd June 2016 as the premises will be used as a Polling Station.

School Holidays 2015/2016

2015-2016	Holiday	Last Day of Term	Teaching Resumes
Summer 2016	6 weeks, 3 days	Wednesday 20th July 2016	Tuesday 6th September 2016

Staff PD Days 2016-2017

Monday 5th September 2016
Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Friday 26th May 2017

School Holidays 2016/2017

2016-2017	Holiday	Last Day of Term	Teaching Resumes
Autumn Half Term 2016	1 week	Friday 21st October 2016	Monday 31st October 2016
Christmas 2016	2 weeks, 2 days	Friday 16th December 2016	Wednesday 4th January 2017
Spring Half Term 2017	1 week	Friday 17th February 2017	Monday 27th February 2017
Easter 2017	2 weeks	Friday 7th April 2017	Monday 24th April 2017
May Day 2017	1 day	Friday 28th April 2017	Tuesday 2nd May 2017
Summer Half Term 2017	1 week,1 day	Thursday 25th May 2017	Monday 5th June 2017
Summer 2017		Friday 21st July 2017	

Nick Pickering Football Club

The football club, led by Nick Pickering, runs on a Thursday 3:30-4:40pm. There are places available from Thursday 9th June 2016. There are 5 sessions left for this club. The sessions will run on 9th June, 16th June, 30th June, 7th July, 14th July 2016. The cost is £15.00

Please return this slip with payment if your child wishes to join the club.

Child's Name: Year:

Payment: £15:00 (cheques payable to Mr N Pickering)

Parent / carer name: **Signature:**

The Brick Club

The Brick Club has been a great success and will re-start on 17th June 2016. The Club will run for 5 weeks. If you are interested in joining, then please compete this slip and return it to the school office. There is no cost associated with the Brick Club. Please note that parents / carers are asked to accompany their children. If you are already a member you do not need to return this slip.

Child's Name: Year:

My child is interested in the Brick Club.

Parent / carer name: **Signature:**

African Drumming Club

Y3-Y6 pupils and parents are invited to join the African Drumming club, Mondays 3:30 – 4:30 at school re-starting Monday 13th June, 20th June, 27th June, 4th July and possibly performing on 1st July. The cost is £15 per person. Please complete the attached form if you are interested in joining this Club.

Child's Name: Year:

Parent / carer name: **Signature:**