Weekly Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

It was a pleasure to attend the Dance Festival on Monday to watch performances by our Year 2 and Year 5 classes. The children performed magnificently and were a credit to themselves and the school. The hard work by teachers and children was evident for all to see and it was good to see so many parents and carers in attendance to support their children. The Dance Festival is one of many events supported and made possible through our membership of the School Sports Partnership (SSP). This is the primary means by which we spend the Sports Premium Funding that the government makes available to all schools to support the enjoyment and development of school sport. Further information is available on the school website. Next week sees two exciting events in the life of the school- the FOSS Science Evening and the Drama Club's performances of 'Playing by the Rules.' See below for further information.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st March 2017	- Y6 SATS Parent's Information Evening (5:30pm)
Tuesday 21st March 2017	- Infant Agility Sports visit (Reception)
Wednesday 22nd & 29th March	- Y3 Road Safety Team
Thursday 23rd March 2017	- FOSS Science Evening (6pm-7:15pm)
Thursday 23rd March 2017	- Y4 Multi-sports Festival
Thursday 23rd March 2017	- Off-the-Page Drama rehearsal (Drama Club)
Friday 24th March 2017	- Off-the Page Drama rehearsal and performances (Drama Club)
Tuesday 28th March 2017	- Dental Survey (5 year olds)
Friday 31st March 2017	- Y3 Football Festival
Friday 31st March 2017	- Go Ride Festival
Friday 31st March 2017	- Y5 Easter Journey, St. Mary's Church
Monday 3rd April 2017	- Y5/Y6 Football Mixed Cup and Shield
Tuesday 4th April 2017	- KS1 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Y2
Friday 7th April 2017	– School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 24th April 2017	– School re-opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 1st May 2017	– May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May 2017	– School Closure, Parish and County Council Elections

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. If you would like to be considered for this rewarding position, please contact the school office staff by 24th March.

Weekly Bulletin Survey

Thanks you to all of those who completed the feedback slip regarding the weekly bulletin. The table below details the number of responses received in relation to each question. It is good to see such a large proportion of parents valuing the content of the bulletin. We also received a number of individual comments. These are detailed in full below. In response to the issues raised:

- If parents would prefer this information by paper copy or monthly, then please contact the office who will organise this for you. Paper copies can be collected from the school office.
- We are working towards increasing the amount of digital communication and will keep parents informed of the progress towards this.
- Details of lunch menus for Durham schools, as provided by Taylor Shaw, are available on the Durham County Council website.

	Yes	No	Total
Read the Contents	56	3	59
Navigated further on the website	41	18	59
Value the contents	57	2	59

Further comments:

- Would like all correspondence to be digital
- Would like return slips to be electronic
- Would like the website to detail what the lunch is each day
- Really value receiving these updates
- Good to see the school communicating in this way, helpful and efficient
- Prefer online bulletin than using so much paper
- Much more to the point than the former newsletter
- Fantastic this comes to my inbox. Really like it.
- Easy to use information / good reminders. Prefer a lot more than paper format
- Happy to been updated when the school feels there is sufficient information to tell us.
- I have followed the link on my text message on my phone to read it.
- Very information and useful.
- Great system to save paper and can read almost anywhere.
- Like receiving the bulletin direct to my email rather than loading website every week.
- It's good to know the information is on the website if I need it
- Always read paper bulletin. An email version would be better if possible rather than text.
- Useful and easy to access on phone
- Love the email format
- Email prompts us - very useful - keep doing this. Thank you.
- All for digitalisation and would love to get all correspondence electronically.
- Too little time for this - bombarded by technology daily at work and home. Prefer monthly paper copy
- Visit the website to check holidays
- We should have read the content on the school website. Sorry will do so.

Christian Values

We continue to explore the value of humility and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will thinking about how Jesus washing his disciples' feet offers us an example of service and humility.

FOSS Science Evening

Don't forget that FOSS is holding a Science Evening in School on Thursday, 23rd March from 6:00-7:15pm.

Drama Performances

We look forward to the performances of 'Playing by the Rules' by our Year 4-6 after school drama club at the Assembly Rooms Theatre on Friday, 24th March, 7pm. Tickets are available from the school office, £5.00 each.

Reminder for Drama Club members and parents:

Thursday 23rd March 2017 –	09:30-16:30 rehearsals at the Assembly Rooms.
Friday 24th March 2017 -	09:30-13:30 rehearsals at the Assembly Rooms,
	13:30-14:30 matinee performance and 14:30 pick-up.
	17:45 drop-off at Assembly Rooms,
	19:00 evening performance, 20:00 pick-up.

SATS Parents' Information Evening

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are reminded that the information evening will be held in school on Tuesday 21st March at 5:30pm. All parents of pupils in year 6 are encouraged to attend in order to familiarise themselves with the content of the assessments Year 6 will undertake in May this year and the means by which the school will be supporting parents and children.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who help the school with reading, school trips, events etc. As we move further into the spring and summer terms the number of school trips increases across the school. If you are able to give some time to help with trips we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact the school office.

School Trips

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who accompanied the Y2 school trip to Durham Cathedral on Tuesday 14th March 2017. The class have been learning about St. Cuthbert in R.E. and enjoyed learning about St. Cuthbert and dressing up as characters from St. Cuthbert's life in the magnificent surroundings of the Cathedral.

Sport

Children from Y2 and Y5 performed at the Gala Theatre in the School Sports Partnership (SSP) Dance Festival on Monday 13th March 2017. Pupils from other schools were also performing and the event was excellent. Our pupils performed their dances extremely well and our Y2 children won the prize for best costumes.

The Y5/Y6 Football team continued their winning streak with two wins this week in the Pearl league. Finchale Primary School have won the league however, we are firm contenders for a second or third place. There are 2 matches scheduled for next week.

Reception class are visiting Durham Johnston School next week, 21st March 2017, for Infant Agility run by the School Sports Partnership and assisted by Durham Johnston sports students.

Y4 are competing in the Y4 multi-sports festival on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at Chester-le-Street.

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

The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.