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## Events this Half Term:

The "Travelling Book Company" will be in School the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children will have the opportunity in school to "browse" the books. The "shop" will be open for business each day from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, run by FOSS volunteers. Please do come and have a look!

All children will be given a £1.00 book token on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for World Book Day (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March) which they may use at the school book shop or any bookstore.

## Parent-Teacher Consultations

Please note that the Parent-Teacher Consultations will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please ensure that you have returned the form sent out before half term to arrange an appointment.

Please note that the Monday after-school KS1 Fit and Fun Club and Chess Club will be cancelled. French Club will continue in the Library. Tuesday's Netball Club for Y5 and Y6 will continue.

## Elections/School Closure

We have been informed that the school will be needed for the General Election ballot on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, therefore the whole school will be closed on that day.

## FOSS

The children will all be entertained by a production of "Tom's Midnight Garden" performed by Image Theatre on the afternoon of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, paid for by

FOSS. Thank you to FOSS for providing this opportunity for the children.

The children very much enjoyed the school disco on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February and we are grateful to all parents whose support enabled this to happen.

FOSS have again kindly agreed to part fund transport costs for each class' Summer trip.

FOSS are holding an Easter Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:00 - 4:30 pm. They are also once again holding the popular Easter Egg Competition, and "mega egg raffle." We would encourage everyone who can to drop in for a coffee, a cake and to see the children's fantastic creative displays. Please note that this is the same date as the Easter Assembly in school. Decorated eggs will therefore need to be brought to classrooms in the morning to be set up after lunch.



Our continued thanks goes to the FOSS Committee for their hard work and dedication to supporting the school.

## Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce the election of Mrs Sam Black to the role of Parent Governor. We also extend our thanks to the other parents who put their names forward for election. Governors have a vital role in supporting the work of the school, and as a school community we are appreciative of the time and commitment that our governors make.

## Governing Body

Our Governing Body members are:

Mrs Susan Hopps - Chair Local Authority  
Cllr Jan Blakey - Local Authority  
Fr Peter Kashouris - Diocese  
Mrs Anne Stark- Diocese  
Mrs Pat Hudson - Community  
Mr Michael Stewart - Community  
Dr Kit Erlebach - Parent  
Mrs Sam Black - Parent  
Mrs Gail McArdle - Parent  
Mrs Philippa Lythgoe - Parent  
Mr Philip Rumbles - Staff  
Mr David Tait - Staff

### **Safer Internet Day February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014**

As part of our wider digital literacy curriculum, the whole school took part in *Safer Internet Day* with various age-appropriate activities across the school. This year's theme was: "Let's create a better internet together."

KS1's focus was on the use of appropriate websites and how to be a good digital citizen. Years 3 and 4 focused on cyberbullying and Years 5 and 6 focused on the safe use of social messaging apps.

E-safety continues to be a key priority for the school and to support you in helping to keep your child safe online, please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.childnet.com/>  
<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

In a recent School Council meeting, new e-safety agreements for KS1 and KS2 pupils were decided upon. We appreciate your support in discussing and signing these agreements with your child and returning them to school as soon as possible.

### **School Clubs**

Clubs and before/after school activities are resuming or continuing this Half Term. Please check the "Dates for your Diary" sheet for relevant start dates. Please pay particular attention to any cancellations.

### **Church Services**

You are warmly invited to join the services at St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe:

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9:30 am - All age Service for Mothering Sunday.

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - whole school Easter Eucharist Service at St. Mary's Church at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend our Celebration!

If you are able to help walking with our classes to church, please let the school office staff know. Your help is always appreciated.

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday - All age Activity Service at 10:30 am

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday Parish Communion at 9:30 am, followed by "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party."

For more information please contact Father Peter Kashouris -

0191 374 1681  
0191 383 0830

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### **Community Services in School**

Please join us in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00 am for our Community Service for Lent.

### **Assemblies**

Class Assembly dates are as follows:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Assembly Year 3 & 4 at **9:15 am** in the school hall. Parents/carers and families are warmly invited to attend.

### **Eco Club**

The Eco Club have been busy over the course of the term and have worked closely with Emma Bishop (Senior Education officer)



and have identified that saving energy and reducing our use of electricity were areas for us to review as a school.

After a whole school assembly where we looked together at the issues of energy saving and how it would benefit us, we talked about switching off lights, turning off gadgets, not leaving items on standby and using low energy bulbs. A lot of the children were very aware of the issues and were keen to carry this out both in school and at home. Every month a class will be chosen as the ECO class of the month for being the best at saving electricity.

### Collections

We are currently collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's for our Active Kids Sports Equipment.

### Waiting Area/Gardens

Please ensure that everyone waits on the paved areas. Thank you to the pupils who are showing respect for our waiting area by waiting safely, rather than running around when there are so many people waiting in a small area. **Please ensure that pre-school children wait safely as well in order to avoid accidents**

### Medication

It is both school and County Council policy that only prescribed medication can be given in school. A consent form must be signed by the pupil's parent/carer at the school office. The medication is to be handed to and from an adult, via the school office.

Shincliffe School is not allowed to administer other non-prescribed medication such as cough mixture, paracetamol e.g. Calpol, throat lozenges, travel sickness tablets, lip salves or glosses, nor are children allowed to administer to themselves and subsequently children are not allowed to bring these to school.

### Smoking near School

Please refrain from smoking on or near the school property. We are a Healthy School and the Governors and School Council ask for your cooperation and support.

### School Uniform

Mrs Lythgoe has been working with our school uniform supplier to arrange on-line purchases. Please see the attached guidelines for ordering new uniform. Please note; purchases may be sent to school for collection and we will continue to send uniform orders out with your child/children if they are delivered to school. We are no longer taking orders via the school office, however, we still have sample uniform for checking sizes.

All long hair **must** be tied back for PE lessons. We ask that all children with long hair have it tied back/held back off their faces for school. We have had some incidences of head lice recently, and remind you that it is much easier to contain head lice when hair is tied back.

May I also politely remind you that nail varnish, earrings, and all jewellery, except a watch, are not allowed in school.

### Regulations for Holidays in Term Time

The Governing Body request that parents do not remove their child from Shincliffe School for a family holiday during term time. Amendments to the regulations from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 remove reference to allow family holidays and the 10 day threshold. Headteachers may not now grant holiday or authorised absence during term time except in exceptional circumstances. All requests for absence must be made in writing to me, and each request will be considered individually.



## Dates for your Diary



Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of second half of Spring Term 2015.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Fit & Fun Club, Chess Club, French Club resumes.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Netball Club resumes.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Debutots Club, Football Club Y4-6 resume. Preparing for Communion classes begin. Maths session for Reception and Y1 Parents 5:30 pm school hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Service for Lent 10:00 am - all welcome! Zambia Fun Run at Maiden Castle. Brass & Violin lessons resume. Nick Pickering Football (outside) recommences.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Breakfast Sport Club resumes. Fencing Club resumes, Guitar Tuition Lessons resume.
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair in school hall 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent - Teacher Consultation 3:40 pm - 6:30 pm. Chess Club cancelled. Fit & Fun Club cancelled. French Club will take place in Library.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y1 visit to Bowes Museum. Parent - Teacher Consultation 3:40 pm - 6:30 pm. Netball Club will take place.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. Y5 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Image Musical Theatre Tom's Midnight Garden
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 visit to Durham Cathedral
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Story Tellers to visit school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3&4 Easter assembly at 9:15 am in the school hall. FOSS Coffee Afternoon 3:00 - 4:30 pm, school hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service in Church at 10:00 am - all welcome! Final Day of Spring Term.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer Term 2015.
<b>Future dates for your diary:</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	General Election - school closed
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> May - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs / Assessment Week.*
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception class Assembly 9:15 am school hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re-opens for second half of Summer term, Photographer to take Y6 Year Book photos
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags to School Collection
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSS Disco
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9:15 am in the school hall.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSS Summer Fayre - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS2 "Let Us Entertain You"
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2:30 pm in the school hall.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' end of Year service 10:00 am, St. Mary's Church Final day of Summer term.

\* Please note additional assessments will take place 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May for all classes