



Weekly Bulletin –22nd November 2019

Headteacher's Message

This week we marked Anti-Bullying Week in school. This provided us with the opportunity to discuss respect, tolerance and understanding. All of these are vital qualities for our children as we work in partnership to prepare them for life in all its fulness. Please do take the opportunity to continue discussions at home.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our thanks to the members of FOSS who worked so hard to ensure that yesterday's Christmas Shopping Evening was a huge success. The FOSS team put a considerable amount of effort into preparing for and organising the evening and we are delighted that the funds raised are able to be used to support additional activities for pupils.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th November – Intra-school event delivered by SSP
Thursday 28th November- Kenya information session for parents- 3pm School Hall.
Friday 29th November – Y1 Toys Workshop at Beamish Museum
Saturday 30th November – FOSS Christmas Fair
Wednesday 4th December- Advent Eucharist - 9:15am School Hall. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 10th December- Infant Nativity 10:00am
Wednesday 11th December- Infant Nativity 2:15pm
Thursday 12th December- School Closed General Election
Thursday 19th December- KS2 Christmas Singalong 2:45pm. Parents welcome.
Friday 20th December- Christmas Service 10am. Parents welcome.

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

Further dates for diary

Bags to school - Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Discos - Friday 31st January 2020, Friday 15th May 2020 . Infants 5.45-6.45 and Juniors 7-8 pm
Easter coffee afternoon - Wednesday 1st April 2020
Summer Fair - Saturday 27th June 2020

Punctuality

We continue to monitor punctuality daily. We request that all parents ensure that their children arrive promptly for the beginning of the school day. This not only means that pupils are present and ready

for teaching at the beginning of the morning session but it also teaches pupils the importance of meeting deadlines and showing respect for others who may be impacted by poor time-keeping. In cases of persistent lateness the services of the Education Welfare Officer will be enlisted to support families in meeting their obligation to ensure that their children attend school on time. I thank parents for their continued support.

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.

Newsletter

- FOSS Christmas Fair – All quality donations required for the Tombola (including cuddly toys and bottles for the mystery bottle stall). Please can you leave them at the drop-off area outside the School (under the canopy) from WC 25th November.
- Cake Donations required for the FOSS Christmas Fair – please bring into school on Friday 29th November or Saturday 30th November. If you require a cardboard cake box please collect from the School office from WC 25th November.

General Election - School Closure

Durham County Council have confirmed that they will require use of the school hall as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12th December. School will, therefore, be closed on 12th December as we will be unable to safely open the school. We do not take the decision to close the school lightly. We have again requested that the Council seeks alternative polling venues, but this has not been possible. As the owners of the school building, the Council have the right to request the use of the school premises. Safeguarding is our first priority. The school hall is to be used for voting and we have no way of safely opening the building in a way that can separate pupils and the voting public. The decision to close is therefore the only available option.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of compassion. 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 story of Lazarus demonstrates compassion.

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