



Weekly Bulletin –6th December 2019

Headteacher's Message

We extend our thanks to FOSS for ensuring that our Christmas Fair was such a fantastic success. All of the money will be used for the benefit of the children in school. We are deeply grateful for the superb efforts of the small group of volunteers who make events such as these possible. I encourage all parents to support FOSS as they are able. We look forward to letting you know the final total raised soon.

Next week are our Key Stage One Nativity performances. We look forward to the children's presentation of the Christmas story following the huge amount of hard work on the part of both children and staff in their preparations.

Our Advent Eucharist on Wednesday was well attended and we thank parents and parishioners for their support. We were pleased to be welcoming Bishop Sarah of Jarrow to lead the service. At the service we were able to recognise the children preparing for Confirmation. A huge thank you to Fr Peter and Mrs Duell for leading the preparation classes. We were also able to thank Mrs Matthews for her immeasurable contribution to school life as she steps down as a school governor. I'm delighted to say that she will be continuing to lead collective worship each Wednesday.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Monday 9th December – Christmas Tree delivery
Tuesday 10th December- Infant Nativity 10:00am
Wednesday 11th December- Infant Nativity 2:15pm
Thursday 12th December- School Closed General Election
Friday 13th December – 'Eat a Rainbow' Lunch
Monday 16th December – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December – Infants Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Charity fundraiser
Wednesday 18th December – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December- KS2 Christmas Singalong 2:45pm. Parents welcome.
Friday 20th December- Christmas Service 10:00am. Parents welcome.

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

Kenya Update from Mrs Morgan: Mrs Morgan writes...

Mrs Morgan has enjoyed sharing her amazing experience in Kenya with children, parents and governors. Our new partner school, Bongu Primary School is a rural school and has very little in the way of sound buildings and resources. The charity, Team Kenya supports 14 schools in and around Ndhiwa in Kenya and helps the local community through sustainable projects, such as agriculture projects, girls support groups, table top banking projects to help women into business ventures, brighter future projects encouraging girls to find equality through playing football, setting up a library and many more. Its' main grants are used to help equip schools. We have just heard that Team Kenya have committed to allocating some extra funds for new desks & textbooks and making improvements to the water catchment system at Bongu Primary School. They are hoping that through the farming project the community supporting Bongu Primary School will be able to raise money to complete the unfinished classroom.

At Shincliffe CE Primary School we would also like to help. It is our intention to hold some fundraising events this year in order to buy solar lamps for children at our partner school. It usually gets dark at about 6.00pm and homes in the area have no electricity. By providing lamps it will enable children who are so keen to learn to study once it is dark. Each solar lamp costs £10.00.

Our first event will be on Wednesday 18th December when everyone in school can come in their Christmas jumper. We ask for a donation of £1 per child if you are able.

Sports Premium Funding

It is the school's vision, in line with the government's provision for school sport, that children leaving primary school should be physically literate and with the knowledge, skills and motivation necessary to equip them for a healthy, active lifestyle and lifelong participation in physical activity and sport. Mr Gowan leads our sports provision within school.

We measure the effectiveness of sports provision against 5 key indicators:

1. The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity - the Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that all children and young people aged 5 to 18 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, of which 30 minutes should be in school.
2. The profile of PE and sport being raised across the school.
3. Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport.
4. Broader experience of a range of sport and activities offered to all pupils.
5. Increased participation in competitive sport.

The Sports Premium page on the school website details the way in which we spend our Sports Premium Funding. It contains details of the activities undertaken by the pupils and our work with the School Sports Partnership. Please do look at the website information and watch out for further sports updates in the weekly bulletin.

Newsletter

- CHRISTMAS TREE - We are delighted that Mr and Mrs Laing of Grange Farm, High Shincliffe will be delivering our school Christmas tree once again this year. We thank them for their generosity.

- **Year 1 and Year 2** – REMINDER – Please bring in your party clothes on a named hanger for the dress rehearsal on Monday 9th December.

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 Christmas Story.

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