



## **Weekly Bulletin –13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **Headteacher's Message**

We extend our thanks to FOSS for ensuring that our Christmas Fair was such a fantastic success. A total of £1017 was raised for school funds.

Our preparations for Christmas continue. The Key Stage One Nativity performances were an uplifting retelling of the Christmas story and greatly enjoyed by all of those in the audience. Our thanks to the children and their teachers for two excellent performances. I would also like to thank all who contributed or designed costumes for the children to wear during the performances.

Another highlight this week has been the Worship Choir's visit to sing for the residents at Sherburn Hospital care home on Tuesday. They sang a number of the items they had prepared for the school Advent Service together with some well-known Christmas carols. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and residents and enabled the children to make a difference in our local community.

We look forward to the children's Christmas parties, Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day, Christmas Sing Along for Key Stage Two and our Christmas Service next week.

Our Christmas tree was delivered on Monday. It has been decorated and looks impressive in the School Hall. We are delighted that Mr and Mrs Laing of Grange Farm, High Shincliffe supplied the tree once again this year. We thank them for their generosity.

Best wishes  
Mr Tait

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Infants Christmas Party  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Charity fundraiser  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- KS2 Christmas Singalong 2:45pm. Parents welcome.  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Service 10:00am. Parents welcome.

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

### **School Clubs**

Details of our Before and After-School activities for Spring Term 1 and 2 will be sent out next week. Please note that clubs will not start until week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 unless otherwise specified.

### **St Mary's Shincliffe Christmas Services**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:30am Parish Eucharist

4:00pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: *Christmas Eve*

3:00pm Christingle

4:15pm Christingle

11:00pm Midnight Eucharist

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: *Christmas Day*

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am All-Age Parish Eucharist

### **Rotary Club Young Photographer and Young Writer Competitions 2019 – Closing Date Reminder**

Durham (Elvet) Rotary Club have once again invited pupils from Shincliffe CE Primary School to take part in the Young Writer and Young Photographer Competitions. Please contact the school office for entry forms and details.

Young Writer Competition – “Connections,” (can be fiction or non-fiction work). Children will be required to enter one A4 page, or up to 500 words about this theme. Completed entries should be returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Young Photographer Competition – “Through my Eyes,” children will be required to enter three photographs. The reverse of each photograph requires a brief sentence describing what the photograph represents in relation to the theme. Completed entries should be returned to school no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Shincliffe CE Primary School has previously had a District Winner in the Young Writer Competition, who was also highly commended nationally. We have also had runners up in the District Photography Competitions.

District Winners receive £50, a trophy and a certificate. All entrants receive a certificate.

Good Luck

### **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 continuing to think about the Christmas Story.

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**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
EVENT IN AID OF NSPCC  
SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER  
12-2 SHINCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL**

**All cake and Tombola donations welcome**

**CHRISTMAS**