



## Weekly Bulletin –20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Headteacher's Message

We have enjoyed a fun filled and productive week in school with the class Christmas parties, Key Stage Two Christmas Sing Along, Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day and the Christmas Service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of staff for their hard work and dedication and for the way in which they consistently go above and beyond to provide rich, stimulating and enjoyable learning experiences for the children. I extend my thanks too to FOSS for supplying the refreshments and gifts for each child for the Christmas parties. It is much appreciated.

We are delighted to be able to announce that Wednesday's Christmas Jumper Day raised £288.85 for the Kenya Appeal. All children in Key Stage 2 took part in making gingerbread for sale and we were delighted with the response from parents and families. Enough money was raised to purchase 28 solar lamps for children in our partner school, Bongu Primary School.

On behalf of all at school, I wish you and all whom you love a joyful and peaceful Christmas:

*As people strip away the Christmas wrappings may they find your precious gift of love within. Come Lord Jesus, Advent is ending. Amen.*

I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes  
Mr Tait

### Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – PD Day for Teaching Staff in school  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – school re-opens for Spring Term 1  
15<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 Visit to Robinwood Activity Centre – Alston, Cumbria  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y3 Pre-historic Workshop in school  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch in school  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Y1 Gymnastics Carousel at Durham City Gymnastics Centre  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – FOSS Disco  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Chinese New Year Celebrations at the Town Hall  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Norman Cornish Arts Week in School  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 visit to the Norman Cornish Exhibition at Bowes Museum  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 & 6 visit to the Norman Cornish Exhibition at Palace Green Library  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Final day of Spring Term 1 for Half Term break  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens for Spring Term 2

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 have been sent out this week. Please note that clubs will not start until week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 unless otherwise specified.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that all school uniform, including PE kit and KS1 plimsolls are named. This enables us to avoid lost property remaining in school. We thank you for your assistance with this issue.

### **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

### **Travel Tracker Update**

*Email received from the Travel Tracker team leader:*

I just wanted to send your school a CONGRATULATIONS email. We have just been looking at Travel Tracker reports and your school is one of our TOP ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHOOLS this term! You have recorded 5815 journeys so far this year and this tells me that 97% of your pupils are walking, cycling, scooting or Park & Striding to school on a regular basis. This is a brilliant achievement! As the WOW mascot, I am so VERY proud that WOW primary pupils have recorded more than 25 MILLION journeys to school over 2019.

### **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 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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