



Weekly Bulletin –10th January 2020

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and peaceful Christmas break. We extend our thanks to all of those who sent cards and gifts into school. They were greatly appreciated. We look forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive term ahead. By today, you will have received a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

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 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.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th January - Y6 Visit to Robinwood Activity Centre – Alston, Cumbria
Tuesday 21st January – Y3 Pre-historic Workshop in school
Friday 24th January – Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch in school
Tuesday 28th January – Y1 Gymnastics Carousel at Durham City Gymnastics Centre
Friday 31st January – FOSS Disco
Saturday 1st February – Chinese New Year Celebrations at the Town Hall
Wednesday 5th February – Y1 Class Assembly 9:10am
Friday 7th February – Progress Reports
Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th February – Parents' Consultation Evenings
Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February – Norman Cornish Arts Week in School
Monday 10th February – Y2 visit to the Norman Cornish Exhibition at Bowes Museum
Tuesday 11th February – Y5 & 6 visit to the Norman Cornish Exhibition at Palace Green Library
Friday 14th February – Final day of Spring Term 1 for Half Term break
Monday 24th February – School re-opens for Spring Term 2

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

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.

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.

Online Safety

Many children will, no doubt, have received tablets, mobile phones or other electronic devices as gifts this Christmas. In order to support you in ensuring your children remain safe online, a range of resources are available via the school website. Please do make use of these.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of peace this half term.

Worship will be led by Mr Tait, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information about this half term's value:

The biblical concept of peace is not just the absence of war. It includes peace with God, positive harmony and healthy relationships between people. It involves spiritual as well as material security. Peace, in the sense of total well-being for the whole of creation, is the ultimate goal.

Matthew 5:9 says **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God"**.

In the school context peace-making actions can include everything from conflict resolution to creating times and places for stillness and reflection.

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

Some things to think about:

- How do you feel when you are peaceful?
- What sort of things make you feel peaceful?
- How important is peace in your life?
- Do you have a special place where you feel peaceful?

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