



Weekly Bulletin –12th March 2021

Headteacher's Message

We were delighted to welcome all children and families back to school this week. School, of course, remains different due to the current restrictions, but it is good to be able to be together again as a community. The children have returned with a real sense of joy and anticipation. As well as focusing on the children's physical and mental wellbeing, we will be spending time identifying any gaps in understanding and as we move into the Summer term, ensuring that all children make as much progress as possible for the remainder of the academic year.

I thank parents for working with us to keep school as Covid-secure as possible.

Please remember to:

- strictly observe drop off and pick up times
- leave the school site and surrounding area as soon as you have collected your children
- supervise your children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling at later staggered time
- ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mr Tait

Covid-19 key messages from Durham County Council

For further advice, guidance and support, please visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus>

World Book Day

We have been delighted by the response to our World Book Day activities. It was fantastic to see the children's creativity when making their 'Guess the Character' entries in our World Book Day forum. Some of them really had us guessing! We also loved seeing the children interacting with each other in the forum as they were guessing.

School Closure - Local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections- Thursday 6th May 2021

I have been informed by Durham County Council that they require the school building for use as a polling station on 6th May. We have challenged the decision and asked the Council to look at alternative options. They advise us that this is not possible and are therefore exercising their legal right to make use of the premises. As a result, school will therefore be closed to all pupils on 6th May. We will provide remote learning for the children.

Diary Dates

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

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Y3 Swimming Lessons

We have been informed by Durham County Council that swimming tuition will not recommence before May 2021.

Medical

- A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medications at school once parents have completed the required consent form. All medication must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult.
- Packed Lunch Children – please ensure your child's packed lunch is **NUT FREE** as we have children in the school who have an allergy to nuts.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of humility this half term. Worship will take place in class bubbles and will be led by pupils and school staff, with video contributions from Fr. Peter and Fr. Bill.

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