



## Weekly Bulletin –19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Headteacher's Message

I again thank parents for working with us to keep school as Covid-secure as possible. It's really important that everyone continues to play their part.

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.

The Governing Body, working with the Local Authority, have commenced the process of appointing my successor. We will keep you updated with developments.

Further information about my new role can be found here- a number of you have been asking what it involves:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-england-appoints-leaders-updated-siams-schools-inspection-model>

I am very grateful to the many parents who have offered their congratulations.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March marks one year since the beginning of the lockdown and has been designated a National Day of Reflection. The Church of England offers the following prayer for use:

God of Love,

As we think about all that has changed this year,  
help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died,  
help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,  
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

Amen.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mr Tait

### Covid-19 Test Results

I remind parents to **inform school immediately of any Covid-19 test results**. You can telephone the school office between 8:30am and 4pm Monday and Friday or use the school email address: [shincliffece@durhamlearning.net](mailto:shincliffece@durhamlearning.net) at other times. Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

## **Covid-19 key messages from Durham County Council**

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

### **FOSS**

FOSS work extremely hard to support the life of our school. Many of the activities we offer would not be possible if it were not for the fundraising efforts of our FOSS volunteers. Events such as Christmas parties are supported by FOSS. FOSS are currently seeking support from parents with a number of roles. These include treasurer, secretary and chairperson. If anyone is interested in supporting the work of FOSS then please contact school or speak with any member of FOSS.

### **FOSS Easter Raffle**

For the chance to win an Easter hamper, you can purchase a raffle ticket via ParentPay. The price of a raffle ticket is £1.00, with the option to buy up to 10 tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Please note, due to Covid-19 restrictions, no raffle tickets will be issued. Therefore, names will be drawn from ParentPay raffle payments.

### **School Closure - Local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

I have been informed by Durham County Council that they require the school building for use as a polling station on 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May. We will provide remote learning for the children.

### **Diary Dates**

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 & Y6 PE Lessons (no PE on Thursday)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Easter Extravaganza Lunch

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – FOSS Easter Raffle

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Final day of Spring Term 2 for Easter break

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – School re-opens for Summer Term 1

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – School Closure (Local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections)

### **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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