



Weekly Bulletin – 11th June 2021

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.

I wrote to you earlier in the week sharing the good news of Mr Rumbles' appointment of headteacher. Please do read Mr Rumbles' message below. I look forward to a period of smooth transition during the remainder of this term.

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

Message from Mr Rumbles

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be appointed as the new headteacher for Shincliffe CofE Primary, and I am looking forward to leading the school and continuing the good work that is already in place. From my experience of being a deputy headteacher for the last 8 years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together and I have been grateful for the support I have received. I am looking forward to working with you all and helping the school to be at the heart of the community where all can flourish. Parents make an important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to continue to develop the positive relationships between the school. I will be working closely with Mr Tait over the next few weeks to provide a smooth transition and will update you on arrangements for the new term in the coming weeks.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Staffing

Mrs Morgan will be leaving Shincliffe at the end of term in order to pursue long-planned travel adventures. We thank Mrs Morgan for her many years of dedicated service to the school and wish her well for the future. So many children have benefitted from the rich and exciting international curriculum that Mrs Morgan has led and she leaves a rich legacy. Indeed, many children will remember with huge fondness their educational visit to France which was first introduced and subsequently led for many years by Mrs Morgan.

Covid-19 key messages from Durham County Council

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

In line with the roadmap out of lockdown Durham County Council are now offering free LFD testing and home testing kits to residents. Find out more and book appointments

www.durham.gov.uk/CovidLFT

Sun Cream

As the weather is warming up (hopefully!), please remember to apply a long lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

Water Safety Information

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth

- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Dates

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

Tuesday 8th June – School Reopens after half term break

Monday 14th, 15th, 16 June – Y6 Bikeability

Tuesday 22nd June – Y5 Trip to Beamish

Friday 26th June and Friday 9th July – Y6 Swimming

Monday 28th June – Y6 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Friday 2nd July – Reception Zoom Dinosaur Session

Wednesday 14th July - Y6 Leavers' Event

Friday 16th July – School closes for Summer holidays

Advance Notice: Year 6 Leavers- 2pm Wednesday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers' Events will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 14th July. It is planned that this will involve a performance by the children and short service for the presentation of leavers' bibles. In order to comply with Covid guidance and risk assessments this will take place outside on the playground. The event will go ahead unless the weather is severe. We are able to invite 2 adults for each Year 6 pupil and visitors will need to sit in household groups. Further details to follow.

Christian Values

This half term we are focussing on Service as our whole school Christian Value.

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.'

Serving God, means serving others.

Some things to think about:

- How are we encouraged to "find" our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

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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The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.