Weekly Bulletin 19th November 2021

Headteacher's Message

This week we marked Anti-Bullying and Inter-Faith Week in school. This provided us with the opportunity to discuss respect, tolerance and understanding and the impact of the words we use to one another. My thanks go to the school council for organising our 'odd socks day' in school and to hear the kind words the children were using. All of these are vital qualities for our children as we work in partnership to prepare them for life in all its fulness. Please do take the opportunity to continue discussions at home.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on our School Council work in school and they have shared an update on this below.

Stay safe and well,

Mr Rumbles

School Council

A Message from the School Council:
This week we've been celebrating Inter-faith week and all the different religions and beliefs people have. Last Monday, we all wore odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. Throughout this week all classes have been thinking about how a kind word would make someone feel happy and good about themselves.

Today, every class shared our posters about 'one kind word' in assembly. Mr Rumbles also reminded us to use kind words not just on Anti-Bullying week but everyday. At the end of the School day we will be outside to show you our kind words posters.

William and Eleanor

Dates

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

Monday 22nd November - Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2021-2022 (Rec-Y6 – Consent Required)
Saturday 27th November (11:00am-1:00pm) – FOSS Outdoor Christmas Fair
Thursday 9th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December- Infant Nativity 10:00am – Y1 parents only
Wednesday 15th December- Infant Nativity 10:00am – Rec parents only
Thursday 16th December- Infant Nativity 10:00am – Y2 parents only
Thursday 16th December – KS2 Christmas outdoor singalong - 3pm Parents welcome.
Friday 17th December – Christmas Service 10am
Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas half term holidays
Thursday 6th January 2022 – School re-opens for Spring Term 1
Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th January 2022 – Y6 Residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre

Whatever the Weather Christmas Fair - 11am - 1pm Saturday 27th November

The Whatever the Weather Christmas Fair is now just over a week away on Saturday 27th November 11-1pm and we are getting very excited. Please come along to enjoy the following stalls and activities:

- Santa's Grotto
- Toy Tombola
- Mystery Bottles Tombola
- Treasure Hunt Trail
- Cake Stall
- Tuck Shop
- Reindeer Food & Craft Stall
- Name the Elf Game
- Guess how many sweets Game
- Where's Santa Game
- Christmas Jumper Stall
- Broom House Farm Truck with Food and Drink

Thanks so much! FOSS team x

ECO

We really need your help! We will be collecting plastic and tech right up to the Christmas holidays. If you have any of the following, please bring them in to school and help us with our recycle to read challenge:

- Broken or old plastic toys (no batteries or electrical elements)
- Any old tech, which is still working: e.g. mobile phones, wireless speakers, tablets, MP3 players, wearable tech (fit bits etc) and digital cameras. Items can be donated without chargers and cables and it isn't a problem if they have a cracked screen. Please can we ask that batteries are removed before they come into school. If they are part of the device, they are still fine to hand in

Thank you to everyone in advance – we really appreciate all your help!

St. Mary's Church Notice

November Wild Church - is a Climate Service:(drafted from Churches Together) outside St. Mary's on Sat 20th Nov at 4.00 p.m. Details will follow. All welcome.
Advent Windows 2021 – Create a window display on themes of Light and Hope at Christmas. Use coloured tissue paper and light card to make a picture to be lit up at any time from Sunday 28th November. For advice or more information contact Bill Rigby 07734068668 or Julie Goodhart 07519601285.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Extra Bank Holiday
As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As on previous similar occasions (e.g. the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has therefore amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days, in order to allow schools to close that day or on another day.

Schools not already on half term break on the day of the bank holiday will be able to close that day. Most schools will, however, be on half term at the time of the bank holiday. This change to the Regulations will allow maintained schools to be able to close at another time to give staff and students an extra day off.

In line with other Durham County Council schools, Shincliffe CE Primary School are taking Tuesday 4th January as their extra Bank Holiday. Our INSET day will move to Wednesday 5th January 2022. Children will return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.

For more information please go to our website:

https://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/school-holidays/

Salvation Army – Christmas Present Appeal

Many Salvation Army churches and centres across the UK will be running a Christmas Present Appeal, collecting donated presents until mid-December.

Please support your local Christmas Present Appeal by finding your nearest appeal and donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

How to find your local appeal
To find out where to donate your gift or for more information on the Christmas Present Appeal please contact your local Salvation Army church or centre.

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People
We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

Covid-19 Local Authority Update

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases across County Durham. In particular, there is a marked increase within school-age children which, as you know, is impacting on students and staff. The vaccination programme continues to roll out and is proving effective in reducing serious illness and deaths, however, we are noticing an increase in hospital admissions of patients with Covid-19. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

In response to this we believe it is important to take proactive steps to reduce the spread of infection, bring cases down, and minimising the risk of further disruption to education. Our priority remains, to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to-face education and minimise any disruption.

LFD Testing advice

We would recommend you have a supply of LFD testing kits at home in the event you are requested to use them. You can order home testing kits to be delivered to your home here www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests Or you can collect LFD kits at Community Collect sites across the County. To find your nearest collection point please enter your post code here maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk. If you pick up tests from a pharmacy, you may be asked for a 'collect code' this helps the NHS match your details to the tests. To get a 'collect code' please visit test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits Please register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

· new continuous cough and/or

· high temperature and/or

· a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. Book a free PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test . If positive, your child should

isolate for 10 full days after their symptoms appeared. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at 111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111. If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. You must always register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Help, support, and further information.

To help you comply with the requirement to self-isolate, the County Durham Together Community Hub can provide access to essential supplies, financial support and emotional support as well as other services. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or call the Community Hub on 03000 260260 for further details. There is also support available the coronavirus section via durhamlocate.org.uk

Finally, we would like to thank you for everything you've done to keep your family and community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support our school during this challenging time.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of compassion this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

More information on this half term's value:

Compassion' and 'sympathy' have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone. The words have their roots in the idea of 'suffering with' someone, putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act, to do something. It is not about 'doing good' from a position of strength or 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others.

In the Gospels we find many stories of Jesus showing compassion to the sick and the downtrodden of society. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone. In the school community this means showing kindness and respect to each other. It is related to the way in which new people are welcomed into the school family and nurtured and supported. It is reflected in the ways in which members of the community support each other through difficult times, such as bereavement. Christians would say that God Himself is the perfect example of community—the three persons of the Trinity are bound together in the ultimate closeness which makes them one. In a church school the idea of community will always be a strong one— schools share a common life and common goals—we aim to nurture and sustain all our members.

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.
Some things to think about:

- In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show kindness and respect to one another?
- How do we foster links with charities for those in need?
- How are new members of the school community nurtured and supported?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to understand and empathise with members of their community who have suffered traumatic experiences, e.g. bereavement?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net

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

Friends of Shincliffe School

Whatever the Weather

Christmas Fair

Saturday 27th November 2021
11am-1pm
£1 entry per family

Whatever the Weather Grand Christmas Raffle is coming where you could win some great prizes including:

- M&S luxury hamper
- Sweety Hamper
- Family Pass to Durham Botanic Gardens
- Family climbing taster at Durham Climbing Centre
- Free play at Dragonflies Soft Play
- Voucher for tea and cake for two at Betty Bees
- Gift Voucher for Mugwump
- Christmas Tree from East Grange Farm
- Meet the alpacas experience
- La chocolatrice gift box
- Bottle of Alberlour Whiskey

Please find attached some raffle tickets that you can buy in advance ready for the fair. The tickets are £1 each with a book of five being £5. Could you please return the ticket money with the completed ticket stubs or any unused tickets in an envelope back to school by **Friday 26th November.** Good Luck in the Raffle! From the FOSS Team.

WHAT WE NEED

To make the event as fun as possible please could anyone supply the following:

- Fairy lights preferably battery operated to borrow for the day
- Donations of:
  - Cakes and Biscuits
  - Bottles and bottle bags for mystery bottle stall
  - Soft toys, books, games and toys in good condition for toy tombola
  - Kids Christmas Jumpers

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SANTA'S GROTTO!

TOMBOLAS

XMAS JUMPER SALE

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