Weekly Bulletin 18th February 2022

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of you who attended our online parents' consultation evening appointments in order to meet with your child's class teacher earlier this week. Regular contact between home and school is vital in ensuring that we are able to work in partnership to support the progress and development of your child. The staff look forward to working with you over the coming term and implementing the strategies and approaches discussed at parents' evening.

This week, we have sent home our annual survey of parents and carers. Please do take the time to complete this and return it to school. The views of parents and carers are invaluable to us and support us in both celebrating all that is good in the life of the school as well as helping us to focus on future developments. I thank you in anticipation for your support.

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 PE in school and Mr Gowan has shared an update below.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mr Rumbles

PE news

Dance and Gymnastic support

This half term our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have received Dance Support from Durham and CLS SSP. This has been excellent Professional Development for staff and high-quality teaching for the children. Their hard work this half terms will be on show for any parents wishing to watch their Dance performances at the Gala Theatre, Durham, on the afternoon of Thursday 7th April (see Dance Festival section below for further details).

Our Year 4 and Year 5 classes have received Gymnastics support from Durham and CLS SSP. Again, this has given high-quality PE support and professional development for our staff.

Dance Festival

Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be participating in the Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre on Thursday 7th April. Please note this will be the afternoon session.

Tickets for our school's performances will go on sale from the Gala Box Office at 10am on 3rd March.

Our parents will need to purchase their own tickets directly from the Gala Theatre on 03000 266600 for the 13.55-14.50 performance on 7th April 2022 when contacting the Box Office. Below are the details we have received from Durham and CLS SSP regarding the Dance Festival.

There is a limit of 200 audience members per show. Each school will be allocated an audience slot (i.e. the first set of performances of that festival or the second. This doubles the capacity of the audience and means that each class/group get to perform their routine twice). Anyone wishing to attend must purchase a ticket (including children up to 12 months attending and not taking up a seat – these tickets will cost £1) from the box office at the ***Gala Theatre – in person, or over the telephone (03000 266 600). Tickets for the performance will cost £5 each. No audience members will be allowed in the theatre without a ticket due to fire regulations.*** *When booking tickets at the box office there will be a limit of 4 per person, this includes any schools wishing to book tickets.*

Year 6 Football League

We are delighted that our Year 6 footballers will have the opportunity to resume competitive football as we enter a team into the Football League at Durham Johnston. The children selected for the first round of games on Wednesday 2nd March received a letter yesterday with all the details. Please note, in order to be able to participate, those children selected will need to be collected from school at the earlier time of 3pm in order to transport them to Durham Johnson for a prompt start of 3.45pm.

PE Days – Spring Term 2

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days for Spring term 2 below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
Tear 3	Monday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Wedensday
Year 6	Thursday & Friday

Year 3 will be going Swimming on a Friday this term.

Dates

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

Friday 18th February – Break up for February half term holiday
Monday 28th February – School re-opens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
Friday 11th March – FOSS School Disco
Monday 4th April – Reception Zoolab Workshop
Thursday 7th April – Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday 25th April – School re-opens for Summer term 1
Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday
Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May Y6 SATS week

Noticeboard

- **KS2 Dinner Money Price Increase –** Please note the price of a Primary School lunch will be increasing to £2.20 from Monday 4th April 2022.
- **Before / After School Clubs –** Your child has received a Register of interest form for School Clubs. Please complete and return by Monday 28th February. Please be advised you will need to register your interest for all school clubs, even if your child participated in a club last half term. **Please Note: All clubs will commence on week 2.**

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and this year the national theme is **'Share a Story'.** Here at Shincliffe we will be getting into the spirit of this by asking all of the children to come to school in their PE Kits on that day (jogging bottoms and school PE jumper) and to bring a warm coat. This is because we will be taking the children outside and mixing them in the PE colour houses across the whole school. The children will then be able to share a story, where the older children will read to the younger children, whilst everyone gets to drink a cup of warming hot chocolate…mmm!

We are also partnering with St Margaret's and St Oswald's and sharing a selection of our favourite stories with them for the children to enjoy. They will also have chosen stories for us to read as well.

Driving and parking around school

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to reduce congestion near school and to promote a safe and healthy environment for our pupils, staff, parents and local residents. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is vitally important for our school. I would, therefore, remind you to be considerate when parking and not to block our neighbours' driveways/access at any time or to block pavements.

For safety reasons, please do not park directly in front of the school gates at any time. Please drive with extreme caution and care if you do need to access Beal Walk. Beal Walk and surrounding roads do not have pavements and are often used by our children, so it is dangerous to drive whilst people are walking to and from school.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

FOSS School Disco
Friday 11th March in the school hall
Infants 5.45-6.45pm
Juniors 7-8pm
Any parents/carers that are able to help FOSS run the event on the evening please get in touch via the Facebook page.

St. Mary's Church Notice

Wild Church Saturday 19th this week, Marking international Social Justice DAY
Meet outside St. Mary's, Shincliffe for refreshment, Prayer Station about Unicef, String telephones, Campfire and Short Service. If the weather is poor, we will go inside the church. Could everyone bring an in-date tin or packet of pasta and we will do an extra Food Bank collection that day.

TBC Sat March 19 or 26 Wild Church International Forest Day: Refreshment, short service, paper trees, tree identification, plant-a- tree, March Marian Garden.
SAT 16TH April Looking to Easter: St. Patrick: Meet outside Church, its Easter Weekend. Refreshment, ceramic lights to paint, re-telling and building of St. Patrick's Easter fire, prayer station, Celtic (Northumbrian style) prayers and a short service.

Christian Values
We are exploring the value of peace this half term. Worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information about this half term's value, Peace:

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?

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.

Durham University Holiday Camps

Durham University are back running sport and activity camps from Monday 21st to Friday 25th February at their state of the art Sports and Wellbeing Park. The camps are available to all 5-11 year olds and can be booked on a day to day basis. Costs are £15 per day (09.30am-4.30pm) with a small charge for wraparound care from 08.30am and until 5.30pm each day.

Click the link here to see a short video about what happens at our Holiday Camps.

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=you+tube+durham+university+holiday+camps&docid=608029024122065778&mid=11E62CA1B8DC0CD280A911E62CA1B8DC0CD280A9&view=detail&FORM=VIRE

To book a place for your child, please click here.

https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=1805