



Weekly Bulletin 25th March 2022

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school where the children have been able to engage in a range of learning opportunities. This has included sharing in the Festival of Languages and celebrating Shakespeare week with our Y5 librarians. It was also great to be able to invite parents and carers into school to experience our Reading Café and Book Fair. We were able to raise money which we can spend on new books in school as well as have an opportunity to read and share books together. Thank you to all who attended, to Mrs Claydon for organising and the Y6 pupils for serving the refreshments. We hope to have more opportunities for you to come into school in the coming months, these will include our Y3 and Y4 Easter assembly on the 6th April and the Easter Service, to which all are invited, on the 7th April.

We also celebrated World Down Syndrome Day this week in school. Students from The Oaks and Houghall College came into school to hear children read and help our Year 6 pupils make improvements to our school grounds. This was a great opportunity for our pupils to work alongside people with Down Syndrome.

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 Science in school and Miss Newman has shared an update below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Science

The children had a wonderful time completing extra science activities last week and were particularly enthusiastic when completing their orienteering based around their science knowledge. To build upon their enthusiasm we have booked Captain Chemistry to visit every class for a morning or afternoon in the Summer term 2. He will create engaging workshops / activities / experiments linked with the year groups science topics.

Dates

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

Monday 4th April – Reception Zoolab Workshop

Tuesday 5th April – Y2 Visit to Durham Cathedral

Tuesday 5th April – Y4 Visit to Seaham Beach

Wednesday 6th April 9:15am – Y3 and Y4 Easter Assembly

Wednesday 6th April 3pm-4.30pm – FOSS Easter Coffee afternoon

Thursday 7th April 9:15am - Easter Service – All welcome
Thursday 7th April – Break up for the Easter holiday
Monday 25th April – School re-opens for Summer term 1
Monday 25th April – M&M Theatrical production of Oliver Twist
Thursday 28th April – Y2 Visit to Beamish
Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday
Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 7th June – Reception Dinosaur Workshop
Tuesday 14th June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm
Monday 20th June – Y2 Visit to St. Mary’s Lighthouse
Thursday 21st July – School closes for Summer holiday.

FOSS

FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon - Wednesday 6th April 3-4.30

We're getting ready for the Easter Fair! Join us from 3pm (that's right, grab a cuppa before schools out) then enjoy the activities with your kids. There will be an Easter Treasure Hunt, puzzles and colouring, cakes to buy and the big Easter Egg Raffle! Mr Rumbles will also be judging the Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet design competitions.

Please see the attached leaflet on the competitions that the kids can enter and the prizes on offer.

We are also looking for donations of cakes and Easter eggs that can be dropped off on the morning of the fair- any help you can give would be amazing!

St. Mary’s Church Notice

Sat 26 March. 4.00 p.m - Wild Church: Celebrating International Forest Day – Outside St. Mary’s Refreshments, All age Activities: Prayer station, Fire-pit and mallows, paper trees, leaf identification, March Marian Garden and a short service including the Science of Trees. Our gathering is for everyone, a warm welcome is extended for everyone to join us.

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 justice and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr Bill and the pupils.

Some further information on this half term’s value:

Justice is

Looking after each other so that everyone has a fair share of what they need.

Justice and mercy are key themes of the writings of the Old Testament prophets. Biblical justice is **more** than fairness and equality, it is a strong bias towards the weak, the poor and the socially disadvantaged are cared for, whether they ‘deserve’ it or not. In God’s eyes every person is precious and oppression or discrimination, on any grounds, has no place. God’s justice is gracious—He always acts justly and he calls on people to do the same.

Some things to think about:

- How can we take responsibility for one another?

- How can we ensure all are treated fairly?
 - How and why do we support charities in our school?
 - *How can we be inspired to recognise injustice in the world and think about our own role in fighting it?*
- 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Martin Luther King, Jr.

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DURHAM AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY INFORMATION EVENT

Friday 1st April 2022

10am-2pm

County Hall, Durham

Please come along to this information sharing event and celebrate Autism awareness.

Ticketed sessions with information stalls – tickets bookable on Eventbrite

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FOSS Easter Fair

Wednesday 6th April



3.00-4.30pm in the school hall

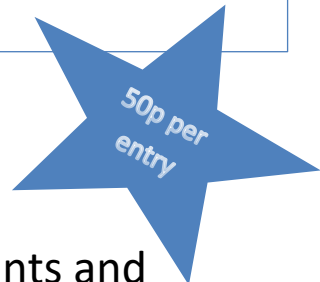
Donations needed please:

To be dropped off at school in the morning

- Cakes for the refreshment stall
- Easter eggs, all types and sizes, for raffle prizes

Join us for:

- Easter egg raffle
- Egg hunt
- Easter quizzes
- Viewing the egg and hat competition entries & prizegiving
- Tea and cake & more



Decorated egg and hat competition

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be won in each category for both infants and juniors. 50p per entry to be paid on the day. You can enter as many categories as you like. Additional entry forms available from the school office or printable from the FOSS facebook page.



All eggs must be hard boiled or blown!

Easter Competition Entry Form

Name: _____ Year: _____

Tick which category you are entering, use a different form for each entry:

Decorated hat	
Decorated egg scene (nursery rhyme or story theme)	
Decorated egg scene (other)	
Individual decorated egg (teacher look-a-like)	
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