



## Weekly Bulletin 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! By today, you will have received a home-school links document via DB Primary or as a paper copy 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. The home schools link will also be available on our School Website.

I also thank all who have returned the recent parental survey. We are currently analysing the responses and I will share with you the school's response next week.

It was a delight to celebrate the beginning of Lent in our collective worship this week. A thank you to the Y6 Worship Group and Fr Peter.

Each week I like to include a snapshot of what is happening in school and this is shared below. However, a number of children and parents have asked if there is anything we can do to help with the conflict that is taking place in Ukraine. As well as offering prayers for the people of Ukraine, which I have included, we also want to help in a practical way and this is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### Ukraine Aid Appeal

In response to the conflict in the Ukraine we are collecting for a local charity from Ferryhill who will be sending a lorry load of supplies to support the people on the borders of Ukraine and Romania. The items they are asking for are:

- Paracetamol
- Ibuprofen
- Calpol, bandages
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets

If you are able to help in any way then donations need to be dropped off at the office by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest. Medical items **must not** be sent with the children but delivered directly to the office.

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

*Archbishop Justin Welby*  
*Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

### **World Book Day**

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day in school yesterday. Our children were able to share stories with each other and talk about their favourite books and authors at their 'Book Picnic'. Our thanks go to St Margaret's and St Oswald's Primary Schools for gifting us new stories to read. This was great to be involved in and we hope the children of these schools will enjoy reading the books we have shared with them as much as the ones we received. The second-hand book sale was a great success and not only did it provide a further opportunity to share stories but it raised money that will be used to benefit the children in school. Our thanks go to FOSS for organising this event.

### **First Aid Update**

A Public Access Trauma First Aid Kit (PACT) is a first aid kit which supports the treatment of immediate, life threatening injuries such as major bleeding and those who are unresponsive with absent or abnormal breathing. The PACT first aid kit can be used by ANY person regardless of their level of First Aid Training and supports the first aid effort until such time as the emergency services arrive. If needed, the Kit is available from the office upon request.

### **Traffic in the Vicinity of the School**

As you will be aware, we work in partnership with the Parish Council and Durham Police to address issues of parking and access to the school by car. We have received a number of complaints from residents and parents that cars are driving along the pavements. I ask all parents to consider the safety of our children and drive responsibly when using the roads within Shincliffe. This is in order to ensure the safety of all of our children. This could include leaving the estate by the Whitwell Acres exit then this would reduce the flow out of the estate via Heathways. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight 2022**

Fairtrade Fortnight highlights the growing challenges climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities that produce our day-to-day products. By being paid a fair rate, farmers, producers, and communities are more equipped to meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges posed by climate change. This week, Year 6 have studied the impact of the banana trade in Brazil, linked to their work in Geography and Eco Group will be taking part in a chocolate tasting session next Wednesday! Please look out for the Fairtrade symbol and support communities around the world!



### **Parental SEND Support**

One of our parents is offering to set up a parental SEND support group via Whatsapp. It will be an opportunity to share resources, provide support and guidance. If you are interested in this then contact the office and we can pass on the details.

### **Dance Festival**

Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be participating in the Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.***

### **FOSS School Disco**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Dates**

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

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – FOSS School Disco

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March Book Fayre and Reading Cafe

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Reception Zoolab Workshop

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:15am - Easter Service

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9:15am – Y3 and Y4 Easter Assembly

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens for Summer term 1

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- **Before / After School Clubs – Please Note: All clubs will commence on week 2.**

## St. Mary's Church Notice

**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 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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