



## **Weekly Bulletin 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

### **Headteacher's Message**

The Spring Term is drawing to a close and next week we host a number of Easter events. Wednesday is the FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon. All are welcome to come and enjoy the refreshments and the revealing of the Easter Egg competition winners. I encourage all who are able to support the excellent work of FOSS who devote considerable time and energy to raising vital funds for school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 3 and 4 continue to prepare for their Easter Worship next Wednesday. Parents of those year groups are most welcome to attend. Next Thursday is our School Easter Service. This will be held at school and all parents are welcome to attend the celebration which will be led by Fr. Peter with singing led by the Worship Choir.

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 Online Safety and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Online Safety**

As a school we are committed to helping children to learn about staying safe online. Similarly, we recognise that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents and carers. Your help is needed to help your children adopt safe use of the digital technologies at home. It is important that we are all vigilant when children are using devices and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk. We know that new apps and sites appear daily online and it would be unrealistic to ask parents and carers to understand all of them. The sites and services that your child likes to use may change regularly, but the messages they need to keep themselves safe will remain the same – think before you post, be kind online and ask for help if something makes you feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.

### **Covid-19 update**

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Updated guidance is:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits

### **Pick-up and Drop-off**

I remind parents that they must supervise their children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling(s) if they are in different Key Stages. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area. Parents of children in Y5 and Y6 who are walking home independently must sign a consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

### **Dates**

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Reception Zoolab Workshop  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Y2 Visit to Durham Cathedral  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Visit to Seaham Beach  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:15am – Y3 and Y4 Easter Assembly  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3pm-4.30pm – FOSS Easter Coffee afternoon  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9:15am - Easter Service – All welcome  
 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 25<sup>th</sup> April – M&M Theatrical production of Oliver Twist  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Y2 Visit to Beamish  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATS week  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Dinosaur Workshop  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Lighthouse  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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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# FOSS Easter Fair

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April



**3.00-4.30pm in the school hall**

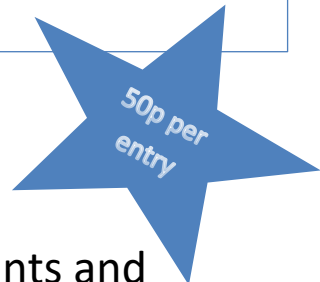
**Donations needed please:**

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

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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