



Weekly Bulletin 13th May 2022

Headteacher's Message

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for the excellent effort and dedication they have shown during SATs assessments this week. We are delighted with their approach to their studies and they can be justly proud of their efforts.

Next week sees the return of our class assemblies to which parents are invited. The children from Y5 will be sharing what they have been learning in their History lessons. The rest of the dates for the remaining classes are shared below.

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 ECO group and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

ECO



Litter blights our streets, parks and beaches and costs us millions of pounds to clear up every year. Keep Britain Tidy is here to inspire people to eliminate litter now and for future generations.

We are very lucky to have many residents in Shincliffe who organise regular litter picks in order to keep our local area looking beautiful and we would like to help too! On Friday 20th May, Year 3 and Year 6 will be taking part in a litter pick around the school grounds and our local area. With equipment loaned from Durham County Council (litter pickers, gloves and bags), we will be collecting rubbish and assessing what we find and where we find it; an opportunity to look at the damage it can cause to our environment and wildlife in our area.



Our Eco Team have also been hard at work in their fight to reduce the amount of energy we are using at school. We have appointed a Light monitor and Whiteboard monitor in each class who will ensure that lights and whiteboards are turned off in every classroom and communal areas when they are not being used.

Don't forget – switching off lights, phone chargers and equipment left on stand-by are all little things we can do at home that can make a big difference!

Dates

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

Thursday 19th May at 9.10am – Y5 Class Assembly – Y5 Parents Welcome

Friday 20th May – FOSS School Disco

Wednesday 25th May – Reception visit to Hardwick Park

Friday 27th May at 10am – Platinum Jubilee Celebration Coffee morning – Parents Welcome

Friday 27th May – Platinum Jubilee Celebration Street Party Lunch

Tuesday 7th June – Reception Dinosaur Workshop

Friday 10th June at 9.15am – Pentecost Eucharist – All welcome

Tuesday 14th June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Thursday 16th June at 9.10am – Y2 Class Assembly – Y2 Parents Welcome

Monday 20th June – Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Lighthouse

Wednesday 22nd June at 9.10am - Y1 Class Assembly – Y1 Parents Welcome

Saturday 2nd July – FOSS Summer Fair

Thursday 7th July at 9.10am – Reception Class Assembly – REC Parents Welcome

Monday 18th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Wednesday 20th July – Y3 visit to Oriental Museum

Thursday 21st July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome

Thursday 21st July – School closes for Summer holiday.

First Aid Update

We have made some amendments to our injury slip, you will note there is now advice to monitor your child following their injury. We will now be sending a copy of the NHS Head Injury Advice Notice along with any head bump. You can download a copy of this [here](#).

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

During the week beginning 23rd of May, we are organising a number of activities and events within school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Queen's 70-year reign. Each class has selected one decade from the 1950's to 2020's and will be researching a range of topics such as royal family events, music, fashion, toys, children's books and films, technology and inventions (maybe some opportunities for dressing up too!).

On Friday 27th May at 10am, we would like to invite parents and carers into school for a Jubilee Coffee morning; come along and have a coffee, a cream scone and view our exhibition of the work the children have created to celebrate this special event. In addition to this, we would also like to ask the children to dress in red, white and blue for the day. We have organised a 'Street Party' themed lunch on the school field and we will end our celebrations with an ice-cream before home time.

If you have any memories, stories or memorabilia you would like to share with us from different decades or previous jubilees, please feel free to share these with your child and teachers.

FOSS Summer Fair

The FOSS Summer Fair will be on Saturday 2nd July 10 -12.

There will be a planning meeting at the Rose Tree pub 7pm on Wednesday 8th June, we look forward to welcoming anyone able to help out or with ideas for the event.

If you can't make it but are able to spare an hour to make the event run please get in touch via the facebook page.

Brassed Off at Durham Gala - Call Out for Young People

Gala Durham is looking for young people from County Durham to appear in their autumn production of *Brassed Off*, based on the screenplay from the hit film, at Gala Durham from Tuesday 6 until Saturday 24 September 2022.

Auditions will be held on Saturday 21 May at Gala Durham. Previous acting experience is preferred but not essential, just energy and commitment. We are inviting boys between the ages of 8 and 14, and girls between the ages of 8 and 10, to audition.

The characters we are casting for are:

SHANE (to be played by a boy with a playing age between 11 and 14 years of age). There are a significant number of lines to learn for this role. He is a working class boy trying to understand the adult world from his young perspective. He introduces the adult characters within the play.

CRAIG & MELODY, who are Shane's younger brother and sister (to be played by a boy and girl with a playing age between 8 and 11 years of age). They are always fighting with each other and oblivious to what's happening in the adult world.

Auditions will take place in the morning for boys aged between 11 and 14 for the role of Shane. Young people will be asked prepare short excerpts from the script.

Auditions will take place in the afternoon for mixed groups of girls and boys aged between 8 and 11 for the roles of Melody and Craig. Young people will take part in a range of drama games.

For those successful in securing an audition slot, relevant scenes of the script will be sent out in advance of the audition date, so that they can be prepared.

We will cast two teams of young actors. Each team will perform on a rotational basis during the run. The main rehearsals with the professional company of actors will commence on Monday 15 August. The young actors need to be available on this date and the young person playing Shane will be expected to be available for a large part of the rehearsal period (Monday 15 August until Monday 5 September) i.e. in the day time during the school holidays. The young people playing the roles of Craig and Melody will not be required as often (exact days and times required to be confirmed). The production will run from Tuesday 6 until Saturday 24 September 2022.

To apply for an audition slot please email the following information to casting@galadurham.co.uk by 12 noon on Tuesday 17 May:

Young person's name, age, school year, photograph and postcode
Which role you are applying for.

Christian Values

This half term we are exploring the value of thankfulness. Our thinking will be focussed on the story of Easter and what they can tell us about thankfulness. Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and the pupils, will lead worship.

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?

- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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