



## **Weekly Bulletin 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### **Headteacher's Message**

This week in school the children have enjoyed learning all about the Queen's reign and her service to the country over the years. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Platinum Jubilee celebrations and see what the children have been doing. Many thanks also go to FOSS for arranging our school disco last week and raising funds for trips, ice-cream treats and planters for our outdoor garden project. Your children have also received a packet of seeds from the Parish Council to mark the occasion and we hope they enjoy planting them.

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 the work of our Reception class and an update is shared below.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of this academic year on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Reception Class visit to Hardwick Park**

The Reception children had a wonderful time working with Elaine from the Education Team at Hardwick Park on Wednesday. They took part in lots of activities linking to the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle; including making their own butterfly to take home out of natural materials which they had collected themselves, going on a treasure hunt in small groups to find the different foods that the Hungry Caterpillar ate and searching for minibeasts to look at in special pots which made them easier to see. Eating their packed lunches in the Exhibition Room was a real highlight for the children - they'd certainly worked up an appetite after taking part in all of those activities during the morning session! In the afternoon, we went for an adventure walk around the park to find the Gruffalo and the Dragon statues, finishing up with a quick play in the park before it was time to come home. It was an absolute pleasure for Mrs Silvester and I to see the Reception children all enjoying themselves and taking part in all of the different activities. They all behaved so well and they were a real credit to our school whilst we were there.

Mrs Short

### **School Council**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we raised money for the [Halo Trust Charity](#). We looked into a number of the charities that the Queen supports and we chose this charity because it helps to clear

up unexploded bombs from war torn countries. This helps keep children safe. Thank you for your donations we have raised over £200 so far.

Thanks again,

William and Eleanor

### **Eco Club/Y6**

ECO club and Y6 have been working hard to help tidy up and enhance our outdoor area. They have planted seeds, cleared pathways and dug out space for more planters that Mr Routledge (FOSS helper) has kindly been building for us. Yesterday, Y6 had another gardening morning and were joined by Durham University students from St. Chad's College who volunteered as part of their outreach project. They were a great help!

### **Driving and Parking around 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. Residents and parents have expressed a number of concerns about parking and cars being driven along the pavements. I ask all parents to consider the safety of our children and drive responsibly when using the roads within Shincliffe. This will ensure the safety of all of our children and the wider community.

### **Dates**

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics screening check  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Dinosaur Workshop  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am – Pentecost Eucharist – All welcome  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Swimming  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Durham Cathedral Visit  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Visit to the Gala Theatre -‘A Right Royal Do’ Performance  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9.10am – Y2 Class Assembly – Y2 Parents Welcome  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Swimming  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Visit to St. Mary’s Lighthouse  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y4 Visit to Vindolanda  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y1 & Y6 ‘Captain Chemistry’  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.10am - Y1 Class Assembly – Y1 Parents Welcome  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 & Y4 ‘Captain Chemistry’  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Beamish  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Rec & Y3 ‘Captain Chemistry’  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Y5 ‘Captain Chemistry’  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – FOSS Summer Fair  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 Visit to Raby Castle  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am – Reception Class Assembly – REC Parents Welcome  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Y3 visit to Oriental Museum  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am – Y6 Leavers’ Service at St Mary’s - Y6 Parents Welcome  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

**FOSS Summer Fair**

The FOSS Summer Fair will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**St. Mary's Church Notice**

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May Wild Church is at 4.00p.m. outside St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe. Refreshments- retelling Jesus' fish breakfast and the Ascension stories, Ascension model to take home as a prayer station, short service. Traditional Ascension activities; potato scones and well dressing with flowers. (bring a small pot of flowers if you have one to hand) Short Service.

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