



## **Weekly Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We look forward to a number of exciting events and activities. Please do consult the diary dates below and support events and activities as you are able.

By today, you will have received a home-school links sheet 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.

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 Worship Group and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Worship Group**

This morning we had a Pentecost Celebration service. Father Peter led our worship and the Worship Choir sang three songs – they did a great job! It was also a special time for some of our children in KS2 who took communion for the first time. We read a passage from the Bible about Pentecost and offered prayers to God. After three long years and a hectic lockdown it was good to be able to finally meet like this again.

Cyrus and Eleanor (worship group members)

### **Sun Cream**

As the weather is warming up (hopefully!), please remember to apply a long lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

### **Dates**

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Durham Cathedral Visit

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers' photos with Photographer

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

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Durham Dash  
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 & Y2 'Captain Chemistry'  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.10am - Y1 Class Assembly – Y1 Parents Welcome  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 & Y6 'Captain Chemistry'  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Beamish  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers' Sports Day Festival  
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 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Surfing Experience  
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.

### **FOSS Summer Fair**

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

If you are able to spare an hour to make the event run please get in touch via the facebook page.

### **Water Safety Information**

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

#### ***Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents***

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

#### Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

#### The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

##### *Spot the dangers!*

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

*The dangers of water include:*

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

### **Christian Values**

We will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

*Further information on this half term's Christian value:*

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: '*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.*'

Serving God, means serving others.

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

*Some things to think about:*

- How are we encouraged to "find" our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

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