Weekly Bulletin 8th July 2022

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of those who attended and supported our FOSS Summer Fair on Saturday. This was an excellent community occasion and raised vital funds for school. We are grateful for the continued contribution FOSS make to the life of the school. I also wish to thank all of those who attended our open evening on Wednesday. It provided an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher for the next academic year.

Reports will be sent home today. This gives a comprehensive overview of your child's progress and achievements over the course of the year as well as next steps in learning. Please return the response slip as you are able.

Weather permitting, Sports Day is on Monday at 1:15pm. Parents are welcome to join us to watch the children compete and enjoy their activities. Please see below for further information regarding Sports Day.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Classes for 2022-2023
Year R: Mrs Short
Year 1: Miss Newman
Year 2: Mrs Armstrong
Year 3: Mr Gowan
Year 4: Mrs Crook
Year 5: Mrs Wells
Year 6: Mrs Richardson

SPORTS DAY ORGANISATION

We look forward to welcoming you all to Sports Day on Monday 11th July, starting at 1.15pm. This year the children will be competing in team games in the first part of the afternoon. They have been organised so that children from the same family will move around and take part in the same activities together. Parents will be able to follow their children around for these events.

The children will be competing in these team games as a team from this year's Commonwealth Games. In the second part of the afternoon the children will be competing in Sprint races on the track. The children will have competed in heats at an earlier point so that they can be organised into their Sprint finals on the day.

For the second part of the afternoon we will sit the children on the field side of the track in their classes and ask the parents to watch from the opposite side of the track.
On the day, if your child needs to visit the toilet they will be escorted by a member of staff.
In case of bad weather, we have selected a reserve Sports Day of Tuesday 12th July.

PHOTOGRAPHY
As some parents have requested that their children are not photographed within school, we would like to remind all parents not to photograph children during school events. Thank you!

PE KIT FOR CHILDREN IN AIDAN HOUSE
Due to the number of black flies being attracted to the yellow Aidan House T-shirts we are asking parents if these children could wear a different T-shirt to participate in PE for the rest of the term, including Sports Day.

Dates

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

Monday 11th July at 1.15pm – Sports Day - Parents welcome
Tuesday 12th July – Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 13th July – Y6 Surfing Experience
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.
Tuesday 6th September - School Re-opens

Notice Board
Please note, all before and after school clubs will finish next week, apart from Worship Choir and Boxercise which finished this week.

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?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents’ section of the website.

Team Durham Adventure Camp W/C 1st August 2022

The camp starts each day at 9:30am at the Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, Durham, DH1 3SE and finishes at 4:30pm. Early drop off (8:30-9:30) and late pick up (4:30-5:30) are also available for an extra £1.50 per session which can be booked separately online. Lunch will be provided each day but please feel free to provide some extra snacks.

Monday: Introduction to the week, getting to know the team and staff with a whole range of teambuilding games and challenges at The Sports and Wellbeing Park and Houghall Wood before an afternoon of fencing and extreme frisbee.

Tuesday (offsite trip) We will be heading off to ***Sunderland climbing wall** at 09.30am to do some indoor boulder climbing, rock climbing, indoor caving and archery.

Wednesday: Lots of individual and team sports today including kwik cricket, tennis, table tennis and finishing the day with a dodgeball competition.

Thursday: **(offsite trip)** We will be heading off to ***Holmside park** at 9.30am to spend most of our day doing a variety of activities including inflatable football, pole jousting and obstacle courses.

Friday: Team Olympics day which will include basketball, volleyball, archery, new age kurling and boccia before taking on an inflatable obstacle course!

Suggested Kit List:

- Clothes suitable for playing sport
- Both indoor and outdoor footwear (including one pair of trainers for indoor sports)
- Layers for outdoor activities (jumper and rainproof layer)
- Drinks bottle, labelled with name
- Sunblock and hat (just in case)
- Please do not wear jewellery (cover earrings that cannot be removed)
- Snacks (if needed)

*** A waiver needs to be completed by all parents prior to their child attending the offsite activities. Failure to do so, may exclude the child from participating in the activities.**

If you want your child to be able to sign in and sign out on their own then you will need to complete 2 forms. These can be emailed in advance or handed to you on your first day.

Any issues or questions, please email us at teamdurham.holidaycamps@durham.ac.uk

Although we do our upmost to keep your child's belongings safe, we take no responsibility for any damage or loss of property during the Adventure Camps. To help with this we would advise that you label all clothing and drinks bottles!