



Weekly Bulletin 27th January 2023

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school where the children have been able to engage in a range of learning opportunities. Concluding today, we have celebrated our Lunar New Year Activity Week. The week has not only been enjoyable but has also given us the opportunity to celebrate difference and learn more about the rich traditions in different communities. A big thank you to Mrs Claydon for leading the pupils in celebrating the Lunar New Year. As well as this, children in Y5 and Y6 have also had the opportunity to experience Tag Rugby and develop their skills further. This is the first of our experience days for this term with more to follow for each year group.

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 V.I.P. group and they have shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

V.I.P. (Very International People)

Last Saturday, some volunteers from year 6, attended a Lunar New Year festival at Durham town hall. We performed the story of the great race in front of our families and members of the public. It was a fantastic event and we learned lots about Asian culture. There were all kinds of things for us to take part in, such as; calligraphy, origami, printing and learning about the history of China. A big thank you to everyone who came along. Select [V.I.P. Newsletter](#), to read our full VIP Spring Newsletter.

Industrial Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its members and they have decided to take Industrial Strike Action. School will be closed on the 1st February and re-open on the 2nd February.

Packed Lunches

In order to ensure that packed lunches are suitably healthy and meet the guidelines set by Durham County Council, parents are reminded that they **should not contain** any of the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Please also remember that we are a nut-free school- your supporting in keeping all children safe is appreciated.

Dates

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

Wednesday 1st February – School closed due to Industrial Strike Action
Monday 6th February - Friday 10th February - Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February – Parents’ Consultation Evenings
Monday 14th – Thursday 17th February – Reception Parents’ Consultation (information to follow)
Friday 17th February – School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 27th February – School re-opens
Tuesday 7th March – Y5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum of Farming
Monday 27th March – Reception Zoolab workshop
Thursday 22nd March – Y2 Visit to Shildon Museum
Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18th April – School re-opens
Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday
WC Monday 8th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

NHS Flu Vaccination Clinic

Saturday 28/01/23	10am to 2pm	The Louisa Centre	Front Street, Stanley, Co Durham DH9 0TE
Thursday 02/02/23	3.30pm to 5.30pm	The Beehive	Lingfield Point, McMullen Road, Darlington DL1 1YN
Saturday 04/02/23	10am to 3pm	Thornaby Family Hub	Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton-on- Tees TS17 9JP

Please note all clinics are drop ins & open for appointments, apart from the clinics that state **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. If your child is having an injection, can you please call the number below to book an appointment.

*These clinics are for Primary School children (**reception to year 6.**) Children who attend a SEND school from reception to the day before their 18th birthday & for Secondary School children (**Year 7, 8 & 9 only**)

St. Mary’s Church Notice

Wild Church

4.00 pm Sat 11th Feb: Wild Church: Celebrating international whale day (Outside St. Mary's)

4.00 pm Sat 18th March, Wild Church: Celebrating St. Patrick and the Trinity (to start, Meet in the Church Hall)

4.00 pm Sat 1st April Wild Church: A Celebration for Palm Sunday Eve (Outside St. Mary's)

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of hope this half term.

Worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Bill, Mrs Matthews and Fr. Peter.

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on hope as our whole school Christian Value.

The Christian understanding of hope is much deeper than our everyday use of the word can be. We hope that it will not rain for the picnic, or that the car will start or that the plumber will come tomorrow.

Hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration.

Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times.

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TIME FOR FUN

Invitation to join us....

Bowburn's brand new Beaver Colony

Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00 – starting 2nd Feb

We have space for girls and boys to join our NEW Beaver Scout section in February. Parents are also encouraged to help and join the fun. A great opportunity to have some shared experiences with your children and for you both to gain valuable life skills.

Register your interest with:

John.Little@CoxhoeScouts.org.uk

**Adventurous Activities
Art and Crafts**

Girls and boys welcome!

#SkillsFor Life

Sessions are £4 a week which can be paid weekly or at the first session

This is a trial for 6 weeks – continuation after that point is **entirely dependent** on getting sufficient volunteers

The new colony is supported by CoxhoeScouts.org.uk

Full details will be supplied when you register