



## **Weekly Bulletin 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **Headteacher's Message**

We have had a busy week in school this week. All our children enjoyed a 'Rocksteady' Music assembly where they got to sing, play instruments and take part in workshops. Y5 and Y6 children have also taken part in a Quidditch day in partnership with the School Sports team. As well as this, our Reception class went on an educational visit to Hardwick Park. All of these opportunities help to enhance and enrich the learning experiences of our children in school. Last week Chartwells launched their 'BEE THE HERO' campaign and I thank all those who haven taken part in this, results will be announced by the catering team next week.

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 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.

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 they have shared an update below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

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

The Reception children had a wonderful time working with Melissa from the Education Team at Hardwick Park on Tuesday. 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 Yurt 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 Hardwick Park to find the ruined castle, along with 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 with such enthusiasm and interest. They all behaved so well and they were a real credit to our school whilst we were there.

Mrs Short



### **FOSS Volunteers**

FOSS is made up of a group of parents who volunteer time to help with the events. We really would love some new members to join our group, any help is hugely appreciated. You don't have to help at every event, any time at all that you can offer, would be a huge help. If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to school or an existing member of FOSS.

### **FOSS Summer Fair**

The summer fair will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. It will be a great day including an inflatable slide, face painting, games and prizes to be won. We hope to see you all there.

### **Dates**

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for May half-term  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School reopens  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Visit to Beamish Museum  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Athletics festival  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers' Cathedral Service  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am – Pentecost Eucharist – All welcome  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Reception New Starter Visits  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Visit to Vindolanda  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y1 Class assembly - Brazilian Carnival  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Reception New Starter Visits  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm – 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' – Drama Club Production  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm – 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' – Drama Club Production  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July - FOSS Summer Fair  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School closes for Summer holiday.

## **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

*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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