



## Weekly Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful half term. From today, a [home-school links](#) sheet from your child's class teacher is available via both DB Primary and the [school website](#). 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.

It was good for the school to be able to gather for Remembrance Day Worship this morning. We joined together as a school family and remembered conflicts past and present and to pray for peace. Our thanks to Year 6 and Fr Peter for preparing and leading our service.

In school this week a number of events to enrich the curriculum have taken place. Our Year 1 children have enjoyed a visit to Beamish Museum to support their learning in History and children in KS2 attended a Cross Country sports festival on Tuesday where they had the opportunity to compete against other schools in County Durham and further develop their PE skills. Next week we are marking both Inter-Faith and Anti-Bullying Weeks in school. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your children about what they have been doing.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things that the children are doing 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 PE in school and Mr Gowan has shared an update below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### PE

We have another busy half term of activities planned. The children in KS2 will have opportunities to compete in and out of school in cross country, football, basketball and indoor athletics over the next few weeks. Also, our children in Year 2 and Year 6 have started to prepare for the Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre in February 2024.

### PE Timetable – Autumn 2 2023

<b>Mon</b>			Year 5 & Year 1 (1.15pm)	Year 2 (2.30pm)
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<b>Tues</b>			Year 2 – With AE Coach & Year 1 (1.15pm)	Year 4 (2.30pm) – With AE Coach
<b>Wed</b>	Reception (9.05am)		Year 4 & Year 6 (1.15pm)	Year 3 (2.30pm)
<b>Thurs</b>			Year 3 (1.15pm)	
<b>Fri</b>			Year 6 (1.15pm)	Year 5 (2.30pm)

### Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Visit to the Great North Museum

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 Visit to the Great North Museum

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Eucharist – 9.05am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-5:00pm – FOSS Christmas Fair

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Singalong – 2.45pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Community Worship – 10am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – School reopens after Christmas holiday

January 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Robinwood Residential Y6

### Medical

- A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medications at school once parents have completed the required consent form. All medication must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult.
- Parents and carers can access NHS guidance to help them when decide when their child is well enough to attend school or when their child is to ill to attend school and the link is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- Packed Lunch Children – please ensure your child’s packed lunch is **NUT FREE** as we have children in the school who have an allergy to nuts.
- Medicated lozenges/throat sweets are not permitted
- School Uniform Reminder - No jewellery except for a watch is allowed in school. Earrings and nail varnish must be removed for school.

### Noticeboard

- **All Brass:** There is no brass lesson on Monday 11th December but it will be on Thursday 14th December instead.
- **FOSS Tuckshop** - There will be a tuck shop held after school on Friday 17th November. Bring along some pennies to get a sweet treat.

### Wild Church

SAT 25th NOV: CHRIST THE KING PARTY (in Church Hall) – Jesus’ Kingdom includes the everyone and overlooked people, e.g. the poor and also the natural world. Children’s party today, King Crowns and preparation for Advent and Tree Festival (e.g. Choc money tree, why we choose Wild Church Sustainable Tree.) Table-top toasting mallows if it rains, Christ the King activities and Short Service: Foodbank donations welcome.

SUNDAY 3RD DEC: ADVENT SUNDAY P.M. FESTIVAL

9.30 Holy Communion with special focus on children and Advent activities

5.00 pm - 6.30 **Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's (Fundraiser for Church Hall Heating.)**

Come to St. Mary's church where there will be over twenty different festive themed trees. Its £2.50 for adults, free for children. You can pay on the door. There will also be a craft stall so you might want to bring some cash or a card.

Later, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, at 6.00 pm there begins a Wine and Cheese in the Church Hall - £10 per head - tickets from Julie Goodhart, Margaret Charters, Eileen Marchant or at the door. (inc. Tree Festival)

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of compassion this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

*More information on this half term’s value:*

Compassion’ and ‘sympathy’ have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply ‘feeling sorry for’ someone. The words have their roots in the idea of ‘suffering with’ someone, putting yourself in someone else’s shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act, to do something. It is not about ‘doing good’ from a position of strength or ‘remembering those less fortunate than ourselves’. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others.

In the Gospels we find many stories of Jesus showing compassion to the sick and the downtrodden of society. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone. In the school community this means showing kindness and respect to each other. It is related to the way in which new people are welcomed into the school family and nurtured and supported. It is reflected in the ways in which members of the community support each other through difficult times, such as bereavement. Christians would say that God Himself is the perfect example of community—the three persons of the Trinity are bound together in the ultimate closeness which makes them one. In a church school the idea of community will always be a strong one— schools share a common life and common goals—we aim to nurture and sustain all our members.

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

Some things to think about:

- In what ways do we encourage members of the school community to show kindness and respect to one another?
- How do we foster links with charities for those in need?
- How are new members of the school community nurtured and supported?
- How does the school help, and encourage pupils to understand and empathise with members of their community who have suffered traumatic experiences, e.g. bereavement?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. [Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net) The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.

### School Holidays 2023/2024

<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Teaching Resumes</b>
			Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	1 week	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Christmas 2023	2 weeks	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	1 week	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Easter 2024	2 weeks, 1 day	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day 2024	1 day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	1 week, 1 day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Summer 2024		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### Staff PD Days 2023-2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

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Summer 2025		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	TBC

**Staff PD Days 2024-2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 plus 1 day to be taken as twilights.



# Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church  
**5pm Sunday 3rd December**

All welcome to this heating fundraiser.  
**£2.50 donation for adults and children free**

**Followed by CHEESE AND WINE**

**£10 donation inc. the Christmas Tree Festival  
5.30pm in the Hall**

**TREE TICKETS and CHEESE AND WINE TICKETS**

from Julie Goodhart, Margaret Charters and Eileen Marchant or on the night.



## DECORATING A TREE

If you want to join in by decorating a tree - let us know - so that we can plan tables/spaces.

[juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliannegoodhart@hotmail.co.uk)  
or [mscharters@hotmail.com](mailto:mscharters@hotmail.com)

Open to all groups and all ages, get your tree and let your creativity roam - go freestyle or do one around anything ending in tree or try or y e.g. Christmas Tree, country, book tree, shoe tree, entry, community etc.

Church is Open 2.00pm - 3.30 pm on 3rd Dec to set up the trees.

