



Weekly Bulletin 15th December 2023

Headteacher's Message

We have enjoyed a fun filled and productive week in school with each class celebrating International Christmas Week, Nativity Performances, KS2 Singalong and the Christmas Service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of staff for their hard work and dedication and for the way in which they consistently go above and beyond to provide rich, stimulating and enjoyable learning experiences for the children. I extend my thanks too to FOSS for supplying the refreshments and gifts for each child for the Christmas parties that will take place next week. It is much appreciated.

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Christmas Jumper Day raised £180. Thank you to the School Council for organising this. All money raised will be sent to support the work of St Cuthbert's Hospice.

As this will be the last bulletin before the holidays, on behalf of all at school, I wish you and all whom you love, a joyful and peaceful Christmas:

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Thursday 4th January.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Friends of Shincliffe School Update - Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas fair last Thursday. The hall was very busy with stalls and crafts as well as some wonderful face painting by the very talented teachers. Thank you for the many donations of books, bottles and cakes. Many children visited Santa Claus in the new cabin. We raised an amazing £1500, which will be used to fund trips and Christmas parties for the pupils.

Christmas Arrangements

Below are details of the various Christmas events that will be taking place in school.

Christmas Parties

Week beginning 18th December

The children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes on the day of their party. Please ensure that they still have sensible shoes and a warm coat. The children will have party games and fun activities and be provided with a snack. As well as this, each child will receive a gift of a book thanks to the support of FOSS.

Monday 18th December AM – Y1 and Y2 Party

Monday 18th December PM – Reception Party

Tuesday 19th December AM – Y3 and Y4 Party

Tuesday 19th December PM – Y5 and Y6 Party

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 19th December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens after Christmas holiday

January 10th-12th – Robinwood Residential Y6

Advent Windows

‘Countdown to Christmas’

Create your own Advent Window to light up this season of celebrations. Use coloured tissue paper to show stars, candles, Nativity scene or other Christmas related picture. Put it onto the inside of an outward facing window, backlight in the evenings and ‘job done’. Enjoy the creativity and seeing what others have made.

Fr Bill

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Wild Church

Dear Everyone,

It was great to see people at the Christmas Tree Festival, over the evening two hundred people attended which was lovely. Thank you for the support with the School Eco Tree and also to Knit and Natter for the stall and Amani and Poplar Tree Nursery and Chesneys for the gifts for the silent auction. We raised £1,000 for church hall heating this winter.

Please join us for a special gathering on

SAT 16th December: Shincliffe Village Green 4.30 - Carols around the Tree and Nativity Tableau

celebrating 800yrs of St. Francis’ Italian Nativity. We start on the Village Green welcomed by Giovanni (who originally set up St. Francis’ Italian Nativity) and hear from Gabriel, the Angels and Shepherds.

Then, led from Village Green by real donkeys we will meet the Kings outside the church hall. Please attend dressed as whichever Nativity character you wish. Bring a torch. ***(If the weather is bad, the Nativity and Carols will be in St. Mary’s church and the donkeys will still be coming.)*** Refreshments will follow. See you then if you can make it.

Julie Goodhart

Christmas at St Mary's Shincliffe

Sunday 17th December The Third Sunday of Advent

9:30am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 20th December 6pm Christmas Carol Service at Church

Sunday 24th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

9:30am Parish Eucharist

4pm Christingle Service (Christingles are appearing!)

11pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

9:30am Holy Communion

Parent and Carer course

EPEC (Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities) This course is for parents/carers of children between the ages 2-11. It is for 2 hours a week term-time only and is led by trained parents. If any parents/carers would like to book a place, please email EPEC@durham.gov.uk or text/ring/whatsapp 07917474856.



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