



Weekly Bulletin 12th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

Together with Mrs Richardson and Mrs Marsden and all of Year 6 I am currently enjoying 3 days at the Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in Alston as part of our Year 6 class residential visit. It might be cold, but the children (and staff too!) have engaged in various activities including climbing, canoeing, problem solving, the giant swing and a piranha pool! It has been a rich opportunity not only to develop new skills and independence, but also to develop teamwork. I know that the younger children in school look forward to their opportunity to visit once they are in Year 6.

We are continuing to closely monitor punctuality each morning and I draw your attention to the information below. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is on time for school so that they are ready to begin learning promptly.

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 PE in school and Mr Gowan has shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

PE

Over the next two terms we will be using our Sports Premium Funding to focus on providing the children with enrichment experiences for PE. This will include; Quidditch, Swimming Gala, Reception Sports Festival, Summer Fun Run and Handball as well as a Dance Festival for Year 2 and 5. We will also be increasing the opportunities for Inter-School Competitions and running a whole school Well-being Day.

Punctuality

We continue to monitor punctuality daily. We request that all parents ensure that their children arrive promptly for the beginning of the school day where registration is open from 8.45am to 8.55am. This not only means that pupils are present and ready for teaching at the beginning of the morning session but also teaches pupils the importance of meeting deadlines and showing respect for others who may be impacted by poor time-keeping. In cases of persistent lateness, the services of the Education Welfare Officer will be enlisted to support families in meeting their obligation to ensure that their children attend school on time.

Driving and parking around school

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to reduce congestion near school and to promote a safe and healthy environment for our pupils, staff, parents and local residents. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is vitally important for our school. I would, therefore, remind you to be considerate when parking and not to block our neighbours' driveways/access at any time or to block pavements.

For safety reasons, do not use the staff car park for pick-up and drop-off. Please drive with extreme caution and care if you do need to access Beal Walk. Beal Walk and surrounding roads do not have pavements and are often used by our children, so it is dangerous to drive whilst people are walking to and from school.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February – FOSS School Disco

Saturday 10th February – Y5 Lunar New Year celebrations – Dunelm House

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February – In Person Parents' Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 14th February – Online Parents' Consultation Evenings

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th February Reception Parents' Consultation Evenings

Friday 16th February – School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 26th February – School re-opens

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – School re-opens

Monday 6th May – School closed for May bank holiday

WC Monday 13th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Noticeboard

- A number of children have been bringing Football Trading Cards into school, I kindly request that they are left at home. If children do bring any into school then they will be kept in the office for parents/carers to collect.

PE

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days below for Spring Term 1:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Monday & Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday & (Swimming – Friday)
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5	Thursday & Friday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday

Year 3 will be Swimming on a Friday at 10.30am.

Christian Vision and Values

Our school vision is rooted in Jesus' promise that he has 'come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' To help us understand and live out this vision we look at certain Christian values which, as a school community, we believe are important.

We are exploring the value of peace this half term. 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:

The biblical concept of peace is not just the absence of war. It includes peace with God, positive harmony and healthy relationships between people. It involves spiritual as well as material security. Peace, in the sense of total well-being for the whole of creation, is the ultimate goal. Matthew 5:9 says "**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God**".

In the school context, peace-making actions can include everything from conflict resolution to creating times and places for stillness and reflection.

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

Some things to think about:

- How do you feel when you are peaceful?
- What sort of things make you feel peaceful?
- How important is peace in your life?
- Do you have a special place where you feel peaceful?

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