



Weekly Bulletin 26th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

We have had another busy week in school. The children have continued to learn about food waste, and measures we can take to reduce it, at school and at home. Naomi and Sarah (our Eat Smart Ambassadors) have carried out workshops in each class, identifying the key people and the many processes involved in growing food ready for our school dinners. As well as this, our School Council Waste Warriors have been auditing the amount of waste at lunchtime and working hard to form an action plan to reduce food waste in the future.

It has been noticed a number of children are not using the paths around school and walking on the grassed areas. These are often very muddy and this is then being brought into school. We want our school to be cared for and respected and so I ask parents to carefully supervise their children during drop off and pick up times. For safety reasons, please do not use the staff car-park for pick-up and drop-off and also when collecting for after school clubs. I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

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 our School Council work in school and they have shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

School Council - NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, we will be taking part in a Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. The theme is 'Dress up for Digits'. Pupils can wear one item of clothing with a number on it. For example, a birthday badge, t-shirt, a football shirt, sock or cap with a number on, or even an old t-shirt decorated with numbers, maths words or symbols. We are asking for a £1 donation for this great cause.

During the day, classes will do activities and challenges in their maths lessons based around problem solving. In KS2, there is also an opportunity to take part in a Times Tables Rockstars Number Day Tournament. Each pupil can play for up to 1 hour over the day and earn points for the school. The results will be put on a country-wide leader board. In school, children will have 30 minutes to play. They can then login at home to spend the remaining time earning more points for our school if they want to.

Best wishes

Isabel and Olly

National Storytelling Week

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to promote a love of reading in our children and next week sees the beginning of National Storytelling Week. This event is a wonderful celebration of the power of sharing stories. As children delve into stories it helps to teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. Please do take the time to visit the [National storytelling Week](#) website for activities you can do at home with your child.

Mrs Short



Diary Dates

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

Friday 2nd February – NSPCC Number Day and NSPCC Times Table Rocks

Monday 5th-11th February – Children's Mental Health Week

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

WILD CHURCH

News - Happy New Year and thank you to everyone who came along to the Carols around the Tree in High Shincliffe and in Shincliffe and also everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Festival. This Spring, when hedgehogs start moving near the Shincliffe Play Park we are going to put up some signs for drivers to take care and will let you know when that happens. Parents- don't forget - if you want

to get the Wild Church Extra (Whatsap) for the family - you need to put my mobile in your phone, let me know and then let me have your number so can add you. Best wishes, Julie.

WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME

Fri 26- Sun 28 Jan **The Big Gardens Bird Watch** – at home. Sign up on <https://www.rspb.org>.

4.00 p.m. **Sat 10th February: Wild Church : Plough Traditions in the New Year** – Meet: In St. Mary's Church Hall: Refreshments, fire pit and mallows, raking to composting, choosing seeds, prayer station, short service with music. **Bring:** 'leaf hands' or sweeping brush or rake/ a dust pan and a cash donation for Tear Fund farmers seed project.

9.30 am. Sun 10th March **Mother's Day Service at St. Mary's.** JG will be speaking and there will be children's activities and distribution of flowers. Foodbank donations can be made at every 9.30 service.

4.00 pm **Sat 23rd March: Wild Church CELIDH** with Chris Wagstaffe and his band, Pizzas today. **Bring :**a cowboy hat if you wish. To pay for the band, its £5 per adult, children free. Tickets from Julie Goodhart 0191 3869047 or Lucy Roberts or Lizzie Pexton.

4.00 p.m. **Sat 13th April: Candlelit/Flare Vigil for Climate Justice** Meet outside church. Activities: fire pit, refreshments, (lent pancakes), Lollipop Cards, followed by a Short service. **Bring :**a food donation for the foodbank.

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?

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



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Week 2 - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Week 3 - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.



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WHEN

- **FEBRUARY 2024** Monday 12th February - Friday 23rd February
- **EASTER 2024** Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April
- **MAY 2024** Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May
- **SUMMER 2024** - Monday 22nd July - Friday 3rd September
- **OCTOBER 2024** - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- **CHRISTMAS 2024** - TBC

WHAT

- MULTISPORTS
- TABLE TENNIS
- COMPUTER GAMES
- LEGO
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- FOOTBALL

"My little boy has been to simply sports club last summer but always with a friend. He went this time alone and as any mam can imagine I was beside myself as he is only 6 and still my baby! The staff at simply sport have been amazing! He has had a fabulous time and is asking when he is there next and even said the coaches were cool! Thank you simply sport, it's lovely to not worry and know my boy is happy and enjoying himself! I would highly recommend the club!"

Parent Facebook review

TO BOOK

Head over to our websites holiday club section:

www.simplysportltd.co.uk/holiday-club

Any Questions? email: info@simplysportltd.co.uk

February Holiday Camps

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (5 - 9 years)

19 February - 23 February

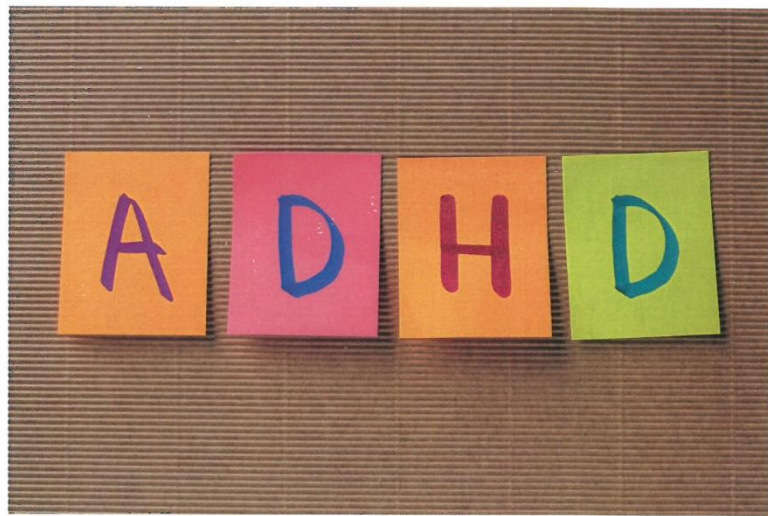


durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps

Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE
Free onsite car parking



Supporting a Child with ADHD



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Thursday 1st Feb (7pm to 9pm) £24

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