



## **Weekly Bulletin 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and peaceful Christmas break. We extend our thanks to all of those who sent cards and gifts into school. They were greatly appreciated. We look forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive term ahead.

By today, a [home-school links](#) sheet from your child's class teacher has been shared (paper copy, website or via DB Primary). 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. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

I remind parents that they must supervise their children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling(s) if they are in different Key Stages. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area.

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 an exciting whole school project and Mrs Claydon has shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Food waste Project - Eat Smart**

Eat Smart works with primary schools to reduce their food waste through a six-week program and starting 9th January 2024 the Eat Smart Team will be at Shincliffe Primary School. Below is a poster with more information.

Starting Monday  
9th January at

Shincliffe Primary  
School

**Food Waste Project**

**EAT SMART**



**Hello!**

Eat Smart works with primary schools to reduce their food waste through a six week program and starting 9th January 2024 we will be at Shincliffe Primary School. Our names are Naomi and Sarah. We work for REFUSE in Chester-le-Street, a Community Interest Company.



**Why do we do it?**

- Environmental - food waste is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. In addition, many resources are wasted when food that has been produced simply goes in the bin; labour, fuel, land, water.
- Social - all the world's hungry people could be lifted out of malnourishment with less than 1/4 of the food wasted in the US and Europe. You don't have to travel far to find people in food poverty.
- Economic - UK food waste costs £15 billion per year!

**How Eat Smart works**

Eat Smart fits neatly into a half term. It involves:

- Working with a group of Shincliffe Primary children who are the 'Waste Warriors'
- Waste Warriors identify and measure the amount of food waste around school
- Workshops in each class help all children understand more about food waste
- Everyone in the school contributes ideas on how to reduce food waste
- Waste Warriors create and present their Action Plans in Assemblies

Any questions? Please contact Mrs Claydon or one of the Waste Warriors

### Online Safety

Many children will, no doubt, have received tablets, mobile phones or other electronic devices as gifts this Christmas. In order to support you in ensuring your children remain safe online, a range of resources are available via the school website. Please do make use of these.

### Parental Support for SEND

There are a number of organisations and support networks for children with SEND. If you would like further information please do get in touch with the School office or Mrs Richardson who is our SENCO.

### Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Y6 Residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 Lunar New Year celebrations – Dunelm House

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – In Person Parents’ Consultation Evenings  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Online Parents’ Consultation Evenings  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February Reception Parents’ Consultation Evenings  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half-term holiday  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter holidays  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May bank holiday  
 WC Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

### Noticeboard

- After-school clubs will start Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you are interested in any After-school clubs please contact the School office.
- Y6 Robin Wood Trip – please ensure all administering medication forms are returned to the office by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- Violin Lessons will now be on a Wednesday afternoon.
- BRASS LESSONS WC 8<sup>th</sup> January – Due to unforeseen circumstances, BRASS lessons have been cancelled next week.

### 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?

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.