



Weekly Bulletin 19th January 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week our Y4 and Y2 children have begun final preparations for their Dance Festival. The children will be taking part in the festival at Durham Gala funded through our Sports Premium Grant. As well as this, our after-school clubs have resumed and this has seen many children participating in a range of activities from Coding to Choir and various sporting activities in between! All of these different clubs and activities are ways of enriching the lives of our children and help to further fulfil our vision of 'life in all its fullness'.

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. I thank you 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 – 'Waste Warriors'

During the week, we had a really informative assembly from East Smart all about food waste and the impact it can have environmentally and financially. Our Waste Warriors (members of the School Council) have been hard at work at lunch time monitoring food waste. Working with Naomi from Eat Smart, they have collected and weighed our food waste and we will be using this information to plan how we can take steps to reduce this over the next few weeks. Next Wednesday, East Smart will be working with each class to discuss ideas and plans ahead - every small change we make can have a huge impact. We will also be announcing an exciting poster competition next week - please watch out for further news!

Packed Lunches

In order to ensure that packed lunches are suitably healthy and meet the guidelines set by Durham County Council, parents are reminded that they **should not contain** any of the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary

- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Please also remember that we are a nut-free school- your supporting in keeping all children safe is appreciated.

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 23rd January – Swimming Gala

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

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

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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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

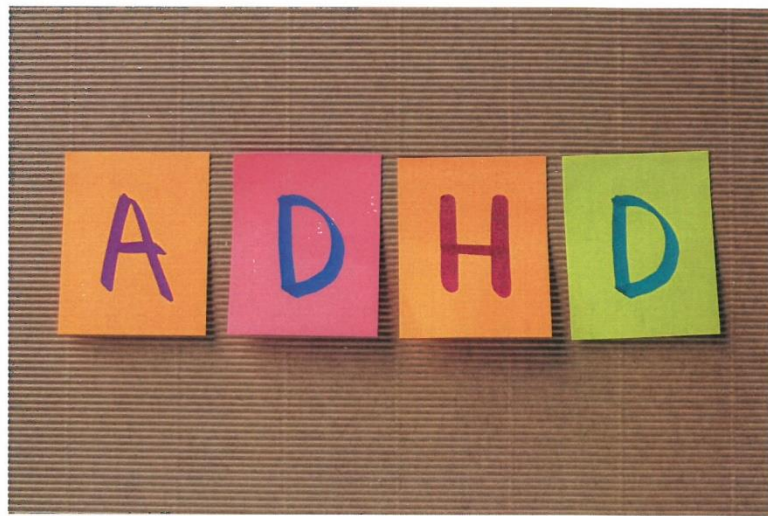


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