



## **Weekly Bulletin 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Today we enjoyed an uplifting Harvest Service led by our Year 6 pupils and Father Peter. We extend our grateful thanks to you all for the many gifts received for the work of the Durham Foodbank. They speak of the generosity of our school to those in need in our community.

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 that the children are doing 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 the work of our governors and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Governors**

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable their school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders in setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We have recently had one parent governor step down in their role and as we had only one application from parents to be a parent governor, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Adam Henderson as Parent governor and we look forward to working with him in the coming months.

A Parent Governor will hold office for four years from the date of appointment (notified by the LA) unless he or she resigns or is disqualified. A Parent Governor does not have to relinquish the post when his/her child/ren leave the school.

The governing body is made up of the following members:

Mr Rumbles: Headteacher

Mrs Richardson: Deputy Headteacher

Fr. Peter Kashouris (Chair), Mr David Ratnanayagam: Foundation

Mr David Duell: Local Authority

Mrs Angela Lee and Mrs Lesley Kirkup: Co-opted

Mr Jonathan Ayre, Mrs Daniella Slanickova, Mrs Clair Barbour and Mr Adam Henderson: Parent Governors

### **Diary Dates**

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

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – World mental Health day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Y4 Trip to Bethany Centre

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – All Year Groups – School Photographer

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Y1 to Y6 Parents' Consultation Evening (further details to follow)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Reception Parents' Consultation Evening (further details to follow)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – School re-opens after half term holiday

January – Robinwood Residential Y6

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Tel: 03000 265896

### **YEAR 6 PARENTS - Application for a Secondary School Place – September 2024**

As you will be aware, your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year. The application process will be open on 5 September 2023. You will need to read the School Admissions online guidance for parents which is located on the School Admissions web page. This contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application. The guidance is available

on our website [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority).

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell us which school you want your child to attend. You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area.

Please apply on-line at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 1 March 2024. Please save your log-in details as you may need these at a later date.

Please note that school places are allocated according to specific criteria which are different depending upon which school you apply for your child to attend. One criterion is "nearest school". If you wish to know your nearest school, please contact us.

If your child's offer of a school place is for an oversubscribed school (i.e. where there are more applications for a school than places available) we will offer your child a school place based on the child's/parent's address. We may request information on the child's/parent's address when we offer a school place and the onus will be on you to prove your address if asked.

If you do not wish to apply on-line, you can contact the School Admissions Team by email or telephone to request a form. Email: [schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk) or telephone

03000 265 896. Your application must be received by us at the address below by the closing date. We strongly advise you to return the application form to us by "Royal Mail Signed for™" or "Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed". If you complete a paper application form you will receive a letter to inform you of the school place offered to your child on the 1 March 2024.

Please note for both on-line applications and paper application forms, you will be required to read the disclaimer and sign/tick the box to agree that the information you provide on the application form is complete and correct otherwise the offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The closing date for receipt for on-line/paper application forms is 31 October 2023.

Yours sincerely DCC School Places and Admissions Team.

### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of endurance this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

#### *Further information on the value of endurance:*

Endurance - is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.

Jesus endured rejection, abuse and the cross, and his followers are warned that they may well have to share that pain as persecution took hold. Discipleship is depicted as 'taking up the cross daily' and following in Jesus' footsteps (Luke 9:23).

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

*Some things to think about:*

- How do we give pupils a better appreciation of the difficult situations that many people in the world have to endure and of the courage and resilience they show in the face of them?
- How do you help pupils understand that some things are worth working for even though they do not bring immediate results? How do we develop patience?
- What encourages and inspires you to persevere through difficult times in life?

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.

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**30TH OCTOBER – 3RD NOVEMBER**

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**or contact Leanne on:**

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## CAMHS Training Programme for Parents & Carers

The workshops are delivered live via Microsoft teams and **free of charge** for all parents and carers in Teesside (child does not need to be open to CAMHS)

### *Available sessions include:*

- Understanding **Anxiety**
- Understanding **Emotional Wellbeing**
- Understanding **Eating Disorders**
- **Typical Vs Atypical Sexual Development & Risk**
- Understanding **Self-harm**
- Understanding **ASD**
- Understanding **ADHD**
- Understanding **Sleep**



Visit our webpage [www.TE WV.nhs.uk/CAMHSTraining](http://www.TE WV.nhs.uk/CAMHSTraining)  
for dates and details of all training we provide

To access the CAMHS parents and carers workshops, please contact:  
[TEWV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net](mailto:TEWV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net) And provide the following information:

- Which workshop(s) and date you would like to access
- Which locality you live
- Your name
- Email address
- The school(s) your child(ren) attend
- Age(s) of your child(ren)

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# TRAINING & information Sessions



## Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School

This is an awareness session to increase understanding of why children might be anxious about school, identify potential triggers and look at available support and strategies. This session is suitable for parents/carers of all school aged children but may be of limited value to parents of children with more complex needs

**Tuesday 26th September—09:30-11:30**

**Anxiety (Two groups)** this session looks at what anxiety is, what the triggers might be, how to identify it and how we can support our children and young people.

**Tuesday 10th October 09:30-11:30—Over 11 years**

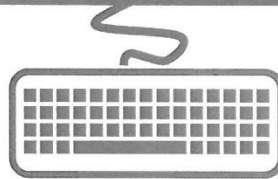
**Tuesday 24th October 09:30-11:30 — 5-11 years**

**Emotional Wellbeing** This session will focus on emotional wellbeing, what it is and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children.

**Tuesday 14th November 09:30-11:30**

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**Child to Parent Violence and Aggression** We will consider models of aggression in children and young people and identify key influencing factors. We will look to apply these models of aggression and consider them within the family / parent context and explore how aggression can become a pattern in households.

**Wednesday 6th December 1:30pm-3:30pm**

**NEW SESSION—Understanding Sleep** This workshop will provide an understanding of sleep cycles and importance of good sleep hygiene and routine. We will look at why sleep problems may occur for young people, possible causes and look at strategies to help your child develop good sleep habits.

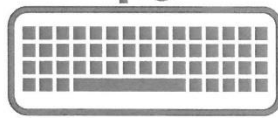
**Wednesday 11th October 1:30pm-3:00pm**

**NEW SESSION—Understanding Behaviour Development in Children and Young People** This session will look at behavioural norms in the developing child and how adult behaviour influences this. We will look at the challenges parents and carers may face and how they can support their children and young people to develop resilience and manage risk as they grow to adulthood and independence

**Tuesday 17th October 1:30pm-3:45pm**

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