



## Weekly Bulletin 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Headteacher's Message

This week children have enjoyed celebrating Internet Safety Day and Children's Mental Health Week. Children have explored respect and relationships online as well as how to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology. Each class also had the opportunity to take part in Children's Mental Health Week where the theme was "My voice matters". During the week we provided the children with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves. Every child has the right to express their views and feel they are being considered and taken seriously. Children were encouraged to express their views through class debates and discussions with adults in school.

Next week are our parent consultation evenings and today, those of you with children in Years 1-6, will receive your child's termly progress report. This report provides you with relevant information in preparation for our parental consultation evenings which will take place either in person or via video calls. The report provides a starting point for conversation with your child's class teacher in order to agree the next steps for working together in partnership to continue to support progress in school. Appointments are for **10 minutes** so please do support the teachers in keeping to their appointment times. Parents of children in Reception class do not receive a report, but have the opportunity to speak with Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester next week.

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 the work of our V.I.P. group and Mrs Claydon has shared an update below. As well as this, the school are also taking part in a project called, 'Poverty Proofing the School Day' and more information about this is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### V.I.P. (Very International People)

We have been very busy over the past few months in school. Year Six were invited to participate in a film to promote the Festival of Languages. We learnt how to sing the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams in French. As part of this project, we also had the opportunity to record the song at a professional recording studio at Collingwood College. In addition to this, we have been very busy preparing for Lunar New Year. This year is the Year of the Dragon. Each class has been learning about the celebrations and traditions during this festival and Year 5 and some children in Year 6 have been working with a group of students from Durham University on a performance – the song 'Gung Hay-Fat Choy' which they will perform at Dunelm House as part of Durham County Council's Lunar New Year celebrations this weekend. Please see the link below for some of the exciting events this weekend: <https://www.thisisdurham.com/whats-on/lunar-new-year-2024-celebration-p1115151>

Next week, we are really privileged to be hosting some very important visitors from Teikyo University. They will be visiting school on Tuesday and are very keen to learn all about our school and to meet our pupils and teachers.

Mrs Claydon with contributions from Fynn and Madhumita – Year 6

### **Poverty Proofing® the School Day**

We all know that rising costs of living, job losses and stagnant wages are placing a lot of pressure on family finances and that the pandemic has exacerbated this for many. We are working with your school as it strives to remove any barriers to children's learning, ensuring pressure on household income doesn't have a negative impact on any child's education.

We are currently working in Shincliffe CE Primary School to support the school to Poverty Proof® the School Day. This means your school is looking to ensure that every child has the same opportunities throughout the school day. We are speaking to all pupils, teachers and governors and would like to get your views as parents/carers too. We will be discussing things such as access to trips, after school clubs and music tuition, the costs of uniform, how free school meals are administered and how children access food during the school day. The team will be in school week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and it would be great to get the views of as many parents/carers as possible. In the following week we will send a link to a questionnaire for you to fill in.



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### **FOSS – Shrove Tuesday Fundraising**

The Avenue are partnering with FOSS on Pancake Day to help raise funds for school. The event will take place on Shrove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm. All are invited to visit The Avenue, who will supply the pancakes and toppings for the children (and any adults wishing to partake!) and ask for a donation from any visiting families that will then go to FOSS to further support school.

### **WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME**

4.00 p.m. **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Diary Dates**

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

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y5/6 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  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 9.05am – ALL WELCOME  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<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 21<sup>st</sup> March – FOSS Easter Fair  
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

### **Christian Vision and Values**

Our school vision is rooted in Jesus’ promise in John 10 v 10, that he has ‘come that you may have life - life in all its fullness.’ 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.

Give it a try!



# GIRLS RUGBY

— AT DURHAM CITY RFC —

**U12-U18 (YEARS 6- YEAR 13)  
TRAINING: SUNDAYS 9:30-10:30**

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## Workshop dates

Monday 4 March, 6-8.30pm  
Wednesday 6 March, 9.30-12noon  
Monday 18 March, 6-8.30pm  
Tuesday 19 March 12-2.30pm

Venue TBC



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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](http://www.simplysportltd.co.uk/holiday-club)

Any Questions? email: [info@simplysportltd.co.uk](mailto: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](https://durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps)

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

