



Weekly Bulletin 1st March 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! By today, you will have received a home-school links document via DB Primary or as a paper copy from your child's class teacher. 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. The home schools link will also be available on our School Website.

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 World Book Day and Mrs Short has shared an update below.

School Family News

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that our recently retired School Secretary, Mrs Deborah Hopper, died on the morning of Saturday 17th February. For some of you new to our school community, you may never have met Mrs Hopper but for over 16 years she has worked as our school secretary, helping to manage the finances and advising on all matters HR. She was always available to answer any questions and provide support to parents in her role in the school office. In the quiet moments of reflection, as a staff, we realise the impact 'Debs' had on each of us in the support she offered, without hesitation, and the way she encouraged us with wit and wisdom. She was more than just a colleague but a friend whose absence leaves a void impossible to fill. Her impact went far beyond the school but also to parents, carers and pupils who were deeply impacted by the love and concern she showed to all. Though she may be gone, the memories of her laughter and friendship remain.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen, Tim and Chloe at this time.

Mr Rumbles

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and this year the aim for World Book Day 2024 is to bring the fun of reading to more children, to celebrate their choices and encourage everyone to Read Their Way! Fewer children and their families are enjoying reading, just when the life-changing benefits are needed most. We will be getting into the spirit of this by asking all of the children to come to school in their PE Kits on that day (jogging bottoms and school PE jumper) and to bring their favourite book. This is because we will be taking the children into our arctic cabin where they will be able to share a story with each other whilst everyone gets to drink a cup of warming hot chocolate...mmm! As part of celebrating World Book Day, in March we will also be welcoming the author, Adam Bushnell into school to work with each class and we will be holding our Reading Cafes for each year group in the last week of term.

Mrs Short

Poverty Proofing[®] the School Day

Thank you to all who responded to the questionnaire. George Gardner from the team enjoyed his time talking to all the children and will produce a report highlighting things that are going well and what we can do better as a school. I will share the findings of the report when it is completed.

WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME

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 24th 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.

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 13th March – Y2 Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 20th March – Author visit – Adam Bushnell

Thursday 21st March – Y3 and Y4 Assembly

Thursday 21st March – FOSS Easter Fair

Monday 25th March – Reception Zoolab

Monday 25th – 27th March – Reading Café

Wednesday 27th March – Y4 visit to Seaham Beach

Thursday 28th March – Y2 Science Museum, Shildon

Thursday 28th March – School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – School re-opens

Thursday 2nd May – School closure, Police and Crime Commissioner elections

Monday 6th May – School closed for May bank holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Y4 Durham Cathedral
WC Monday 13th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 21st May – Reception Hardwick Park

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 justice and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr Bill and the pupils.

Some further information on this half term's value:

Justice is

Looking after each other so that everyone has a fair share of what they need.

Justice and mercy are key themes of the writings of the Old Testament prophets. Biblical justice is **more** than fairness and equality, it is a strong bias towards the weak, the poor and the socially disadvantaged are cared for, whether they 'deserve' it or not. In God's eyes every person is precious and oppression or discrimination, on any grounds, has no place. God's justice is gracious—He always acts justly and he calls on people to do the same.

Some things to think about:

- • How can we take responsibility for one another?
- • How can we ensure all are treated fairly?
- • How and why do we support charities in our school?
- • *How can we be inspired to recognise injustice in the world and think about our own role in fighting it?*

'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Saturdays
@ Maiden
Castle
10:15-
11:00am



New Class
7-9 year
olds

Contact
Info@littleballers.org.uk
07834419390





Parenting Together

NEW 2.5 hour
friendly and
informal
workshop

Helping parents and/or friends and family who help bring up your child to:

- Think about how you deal with disagreements in relationships
- Manage family stress and improve communication
- Enjoy parenting together

To find out more or to
book your place
call/text/whatsapp
07917 474 856 or email
EPEC@durham.gov.uk

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



