



Weekly Bulletin 15th March 2024

Headteacher's Message

As a school we are committed to helping children to learn about staying safe online. Similarly, we recognise that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents and carers. Your help is needed to help your children adopt safe use of the digital technologies at home.

It is important that we are all vigilant when children are using devices and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk.

We know that new apps and sites appear daily online and it would be unrealistic to ask parents and carers to understand all of them. The sites and services that your child likes to use may change regularly, but the messages they need to keep themselves safe will remain the same – think before you post, be kind online and ask for help if something makes you feel worried, upset or uncomfortable. If your child wishes to download a new app then we would recommend considering some of the advice below from Durham County Council schools' online safety team.

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 FOSS (Friends of Shincliffe School) and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

FOSS Update

Tuck Shop

Thanks to everyone who supported the tuck shop held after school on Friday 8th March. We had a number of pupils and parents purchase sweet treats and healthy snacks and we £85 which is fantastic! We'll look to hold another tuck shop soon.

Easter Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 21st March 3.30pm-4.30pm

Come and join us for the annual Easter Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 21st March 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the school hall. There will be an Easter Treasure Hunt, puzzles and colouring, cakes to buy, and the big Easter Egg Raffle!

There will be an Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions. Any design is welcome, we look forward to seeing the children's wonderful ideas, anything goes! Entries are 50p each. Please bring your creations to school on the morning of the fair clearly labelled with your child's name and year group along with the entry fee. There will be prizes for the most creative designs!

If you are able to support the fair, donations of the following would be fantastic

- Cakes
- Easter eggs or Easter sweets

Any donations can be brought into school week commencing 18th March

Volunteers

FOSS is made up of a group of parents who volunteer time to help with the events. We really would love some new members to join our group, any help is hugely appreciated. You don't have to help at every event, any time at all that you can offer, would be a huge help. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Easter Fair and any other FOSS events. If you would like to help please get in touch with Clare on 07704968946.

Noticeboard

- **School Meal Price Increase** - A decision was taken by the School Meals Management Board on Thursday 7th March to approve the school meal price variation request, effective from 1st April 2024. The new charge will be £2.81 per pupil per meal. This is an increase of 12.4%. The increase is a direct result of ongoing food inflation and an unforeseen additional increase to the national minimum wage. The Council undertook a full and transparent review of the evidence presented by Chartwells, to ensure all necessary mitigations had been explored and investigated to maintain affordability. The new price will be fixed until 31st March 2025.

Neurodiversity Week

From the 18th-22nd March, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity week in school.

When it comes to inclusion, neurodiversity refers to a world where neurological differences are recognised and respected as all other human variations. Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently.

At Shincliffe, we recognise that we are all different and it is important that our children can celebrate our unique and individual differences. During the week in school, pupils will learn more about neurodiversity through assemblies and various activities in class.

Please do check the posters at the end of the bulletin each week for more information about various SEND workshops and support for parents/carers and children.

Mrs Richardson

Reading Café

Our Reading Café is returning from Monday 25th March to Wednesday 27th March taking place from 2.45pm until the end of the school day. The Reading Café provides the perfect opportunity to share

stories with your child in school, visit the school and browse the books in the Scholastic Book Fair. Below are the days you can attend for your child's class:

Reception Reading Café – Monday 25th March

Year 1 & 2 Reading Café – Tuesday 26th March

KS2 Reading Café – Wednesday 27th March

Durham County Council Online Safety advice

Things to think about:

Listen

Take an active interest in your child's online life and talk with them about how they use technology.

- Ask your child why they want to use the app?
- How did they hear about it?

Discuss with them how they will keep themselves safe and make sure they know:

- How to block and report other users and content
- To speak to a trusted adult if they see anything or something happens online that makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.
- About websites such as ChildLine and CEOP?

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> and <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Functionality

Make sure that you understand how the app works so you can decide if you are happy for your child to use it. You may even wish to set up an account yourself first.

Consider:

- Does it allow video chat or the sharing of images?
- Does it allow user to communicate with 'random' strangers?
- Does it allow anonymous chat?
- Does it allow in-app purchases?
- Can you restrict access to the content that your child shares?
- How will your child's personal data be used by the app?

Reviews

What do other people (i.e. other parents and carers) have to say about the app?

- Ask your friends and family members or take a look online. You may be able to find reviews via search engines

Age Restrictions

- You can usually find age restrictions within the apps terms and conditions. This is not the same as the app/google store rating.
- The age limit for many popular social networking sites is thirteen. This is due to American Legislation called COPPA. The age limit is not based on suitability of content and instead applies to any website, app or online service which collects, stores or uses children's personal information. Some apps will have age limits of 18+ as they are exclusively designed for use by adults.

- If children use apps that are aimed at an older age group then this may leave them vulnerable to being exposed to unsuitable content (including advertising), as well as being contacted by strangers.

Safety

- Many popular apps will have 'help' and 'safety' sections, either within the app itself or via its website. Some apps will even have content specifically designed for parents and carers.
- Does the app have any privacy settings? If so then help your child to apply them appropriately – for example is it possible to set the app so that only trusted friends can see information they post?
- Explore the block and report features. Can your child block or report concerning users or inappropriate behaviour?
- If the app doesn't have safety or help sections or doesn't provide the ability to report and block then you may wish to consider if it is safe for your child to use.

Boundaries

- Talk to your child about safe and appropriate online behaviour.
- Consider setting up a family agreement regarding how their internet use will be supervised and how long they can spend online. Resources to help can be found at <https://www.childnet.com/> and www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/
- Apply appropriate parental controls to all devices
- Discuss your expectations about the types of content and information they should share online, rules relating to adding friends and meeting people in real life.

Do they understand:

- That content posted online should never be considered to be private and may be copied and shared?
- That they should behave online the same as they would in "the real world" and be kind?
- How to be secure online such as by using safe and strong passwords.
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If you are worried that your child is at risk of harm or criminal offence has been committed then you can report your concerns to the Police or First Contact (Durham County Council). Please do not notify suspicious profiles of your actions, as this could enable them to delete material which might be required for any Police investigations. You can contact the Police via 101 or via 999 if there is an immediate risk to a child's safety or First Contact (Durham County Council) on 03000 26 79 79. You can also report online sexual abuse to CEOP by visiting <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> and using the "Click CEOP" reporting button.

WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME

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 20th March – Author visit – Adam Bushnell

Thursday 21st March – Y3 and Y4 Assembly

Thursday 21st March – FOSS Easter Fair – 3.30pm-5pm

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

Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holiday

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.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents' section of the website.

Easter Holiday Camps

Week 1

2 April - 5 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (5 - 8 years)
- Netball (10 - 14 years)
- Adventure camp (12 - 16 years)

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



Easter Holiday Camps

Week 2

8 April - 12 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (9 - 12 years)

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



Team Durham Easter Netball Camp

2nd April - 5th April 2024

- 10-14 years old

Our core day costs £17 and runs from 9:30am - 4:30pm, with optional additional early drop-off (8:30am) and late pick up (5:30pm) at an extra charge of £2.00 per session per day.



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



March 2024

Newsletter

FACE it!



The CPD Standards Office
CPD PROVIDER: 22640
2024-2025
www.cpdstandards.com

Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

National Standards CPD accredited with certificate

Monday
18 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



Durham Nearly New Sale

Sunday 17th March 2024

12.45pm-2pm (NCT members early entry 12.30pm)

Only £1 entry

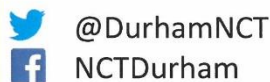
Lots of baby and children's toys, clothes, prams and nursery equipment, business stands and much more.

Sir Bobby Robson Sports Hall

Durham Academy

Ushaw Moor,

DH7 7NG



NCT is acting as the agent for sellers at NCT Nearly New sales.

NCT is a trading name of The National Childbirth Trust
Limited company registered in England and Wales: 2370573
Registered office: 30 Euston Square, Stephenson Way, London, England, NW1 2FB.
Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592

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



New Class
7-9 year
olds

Contact
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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



