



## **Weekly Bulletin 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been another busy week in school where the children have been able to engage in a range of learning opportunities. Yesterday, Year 3 and 4 presented their Easter Worship which provided a thoughtful reflection on Jesus' journey to the cross and helped the school to continue their preparations for Easter. The Spring Term is drawing to a close and next week we host a number of Easter events, these include the Reading Café and Book Fayre – details are shared below

Our thanks go to FOSS for organising yesterday's Easter Coffee Afternoon. Good numbers of parents, children and friends came to enjoy the refreshments, complete the Easter Egg Hunt and win prizes in the raffle. As always, a good amount of money was raised for school funds which will benefit all of the children.

Next Thursday is our Easter Eucharist Service starting at 10.30am. This will be held at school and all parents are welcome to attend the celebration which will be led by the Y6 Worship group and Fr. Peter with singing from the Worship Choir.

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 achievements of our School Football Team and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

### **School Football Team**

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team on winning the league at Meadowfield. They played 8 games winning them all. Throughout the games, they displayed exceptional teamwork, resilience, and camaraderie, which played a pivotal role in their success. Their triumph serves as a shining example of what can be achieved when individuals come together, united by a common purpose and guided by the principles of respect and fair play.

Mrs Marsden



### Noticeboard

- **School Meal Price Increase** - A decision was taken by the School Meals Management Board on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to approve the school meal price variation request, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.
- Miss Higgs has joined us from Durham University for her PGCE Student Teaching Placement until the 27 June.
- Mr Alex Young (Durham Music Service), will now be taking the guitar lessons.
- Thursday After-school Multi-Sports Club will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-4:30. All other clubs are cancelled next week (25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March).

### Reading Café

Our Reading Café is returning from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 & 2 Reading Café – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

KS2 Reading Café – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### WILD CHURCH SPRING PROGRAMME

**THIS SUNDAY: 24TH MARCH CELIDH - 4.00 PM Church Hal I-** You do not have to book, there will be tickets on the door - come if you can - but if you do want a ticket, they are available from Julie Goodhart 01913869047 or from Lucy Roberts or Lizzie Pexton. The Celidh with Chris Wagstaffe and his band. No experience needed! Suited to all ages. We will have short prayers at the break with the Cowboy's Easter song. To cover the band costs its £5 per adult - children free. There will be a pizza snack as we may be longer than usual.

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL WILD CHURCH 4.00 p.m: 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.

#### **DAILY PRAYER AND READING APP**

On Mothering Sunday, when talking about our mothers giving us guidance and what is carried in a mother's handbag ..... I talked about apps on the phone.

The one I recommended for prayer and contemplation is called **Lectio 365** - it comes with notes. There is also **Lectio for Families**.

There is also **Daily Prayer** from the Church of England which has the services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer (Compline) which can be followed at home. They are all found in the App Store. Julie Goodhart

Also, the App **Time to Pray** gives one short service per day, and is useful. Peter

#### **EASTER SERVICES**

##### **Good Friday**

10am St Mary's Celebrates the Cross – Stations for children and adults  
2pm Journey to the Cross – a Service of Reflection

##### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Day**

9:30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Activity

#### **Diary Dates**

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Zoolab

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reading Café

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 visit to Seaham Beach

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Science Museum, Shildon

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School closure, Police and Crime Commissioner elections

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for May bank holiday

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Durham Cathedral

WC Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Reception Hardwick Park

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary's parishioners

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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:*

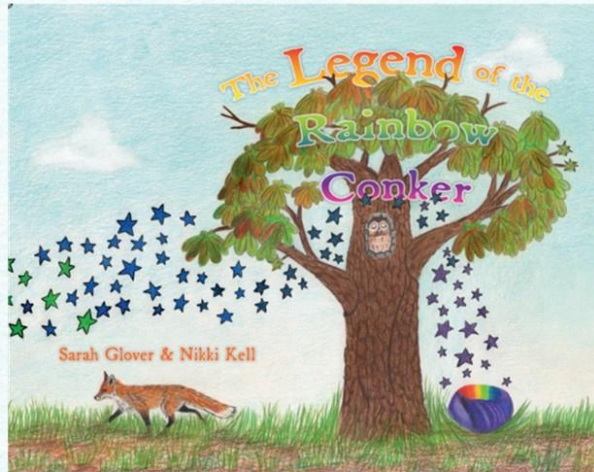
- • How can we take responsibility for one another?
- • How can we ensure all are treated fairly?
- • How and why do we support charities in our school?
- • *How can we be inspired to recognise injustice in the world and think about our own role in fighting it?*

'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](mailto:Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net) The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents' section of the website.

We'd like to invite you to a book signing at  
**Durham Waterstones**

Sarah Glover and Nikki Kell, authors of *The Legend of the Rainbow Conker* will be at Durham Waterstones for a book signing. There will be some fun craft activities for children too!



Saturday  
23rd March  
11am-2pm

**W**  
Waterstones  
Saddler Street,  
Durham.



*The Legend of the Rainbow Conker* by Sarah Glover and Nikki Kell (Nikki Noo Noo) is out now. Inspired by Nikki's career working with children in her much loved forest school, this beautifully illustrated book is sure to inspire the next generation to protect our precious woodlands.





# LK EASTER CAMP @ Bow School, Durham 8.30am-4.00pm

8.30am-4.00pm = £18 per child  
8.30am-12.30pm = £10 per child  
12.00noon-4.00pm = £10 per child

**Primary aged children**



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✉ Email me on  
[lkhealthandwellbeing@outlook.com](mailto:lkhealthandwellbeing@outlook.com)

👧 Primary School children, 4 years + 👧

Leanne Murray-Kemp  
TEAM LK x



CIO CHARITY No 1202217  
"MAKING CHANGES TOGETHER"

*Durham's official Parent Carer Forum and a group of parent carer volunteers who work with professionals to influence and improve services to children and young people (0-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities in County Durham.*

## ABOUT US

We work in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care services and other groups and organisations to influence and challenge service provision and highlight the issues and needs of the families we represent.

We are a registered CIO with the charity number 1202217.



## WHAT MCT DO

- ✔ 2 Parent Carer Conferences a year
- ✔ Family disability information events
- ✔ Workshops, training & 1:1 surgeries
- ✔ Information Sharing
- ✔ Work with other Parent Carer forums & organisations locally & nationally
- ✔ Attend focus groups including SEND Partnership, SEND Information, Short Breaks, Autism Steering group, Neurodevelopmental Pathway & Team Training.
- ✔ Plus lots more.....

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- ✔ Attend one of our parent carer conferences
- ✔ Join our email mailing list (Just email us to join)
- ✔ Follow our social media accounts
- ✔ Attend one of our events
- ✔ Apply to be a volunteer

**STRONGER TOGETHER**

**SHAPING SERVICES TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES OF UNDER 25 YEAR OLDS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND / OR DISABILITIES IN COUNTY DURHAM.**

## CONTACT US

✉ [INFO@MCTDURHAM.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@MCTDURHAM.CO.UK)

<http://WWW.MCTDURHAM.CO.UK>





# 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](https://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](https://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


## Durham County Football Association

### Female Holiday Course

@ RIVERSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX 3G, DH3 3SJ

 6-11 YEAR OLDS GIRLS

 THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL / FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
9:00AM – 3:00PM

 £12 PER DAY- £22 FOR THE TWO DAYS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR  
AS WELL AS PLENTY OF DRINKS AND A PACKED LUNCH  
ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL OF PARTICIPATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT  
AMY.RICHARDSON@DURHAMFA.COM OR PHONE 0191 3872929 (OPTION 4, OPTION 3)





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March 2024

# Newsletter

## FACE it!



The CPD Standards Office  
CPD PROVIDER: 22640  
2024-2025  
[www.cpdstandards.com](http://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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

# Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity



## Durham Nearly New Sale

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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



@DurhamNCT



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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  
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# 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





