



## **Weekly Bulletin 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Headteacher's Message**

There have been a number of educational enrichment experiences this week. Representatives from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes have enjoyed taking part in the Netball Stingers League and our Year 2 children were able to spend the day at St Mary's Lighthouse developing their science investigation skills. This week also saw the return of the Durham Dash at Beamish for our KS2 children and my thanks go to Mr Gowan, Mrs Claydon and Mrs Marsden for helping with the event. All of these experiences were invaluable opportunities to enrich the curriculum and to further develop the children's skills.

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 PE and our participation in Durham Dash and an update is shared below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

### **PE - Durham Dash**

On Wednesday evening we took 45 children to the Durham Dash at Beamish. The children participated in competitive races and field events. They were all wonderful ambassadors for school putting their maximum effort into the events. We had some notable successes with Isaac from Year 5 winning the Y5 Boys Field Events and Willem in Year 3 finishing second in his field events. In the finals of the road races Oliver in Year 5 finished 2nd in the Boys race, Ruben in Year 4 finished 3rd in the Boys race and Zach in Year 3 finished 2nd in the road race.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the event and to the staff who helped on the night. Also, thank you to the parents who attended for supporting their fantastic children.

Mr Gowan

*\*Pictures of our medal winners are included at the end of the bulletin.*

### **Staffing Update**

Mrs Wells will be leaving at the end of the academic year to move to Wales with her family. We wish her well and thank her for all that she has done at her time at Shincliffe. Mrs Armstrong has also reduced her hours and from September will be working three days a week. We have appointed Miss Smithson to work in Y2 for two days and she will job share with Mrs Armstrong. At the same time of interviewing for the Y2 vacancy, we were able to appoint Mrs Bewley full-time to begin working with us in September. The organisation of teaching responsibilities is shared below:

Reception Class – Mrs Short  
Y1 – Miss Newman  
Y2 – Mrs Armstrong and Miss Smithson  
Y3 – Mrs Bewley  
Y4 – Mrs Crook  
Y5 – Mrs Claydon  
Y6 – Mrs Richardson

Mr Gowan will be covering PPA across school and teaching in Y6. Mrs Leonard will continue to teach in Y1 and Y5 for one day a week.

### **Parents' Open evening**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July between 3.30pm and 4.30pm you are invited to look around school, talk with your child's current class teacher and have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for September 2024. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Payments for trips**

In response to feedback from our 'Poverty Proofing the School Day' audit we will give parents more notice for trips. In some instances, this is not possible, but where we can we will endeavour to give more details of the trip and a longer time to make payments.

### **ART - Clay Workshop**

We invite parents/carers to join us for a Clay Workshop on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm and again at 3.30pm. It is an opportunity for you to preview and participate in this year's Arts Week Project which focuses on the work of sculptor, Antony Gormley. The aim of the project is to create a whole school community installation. Children will take part in the project later in the month. Refreshments will be available thanks to FOSS.

### **General Election**

Electoral Services have designated the use of some schools as Polling Stations for the General Election on Thursday 4 July. Although we have raised concerns with Electoral Services regarding the impact on children's education and various childcare arrangements parents/carers will have to make due to this, we have been advised that our school is required for such use. Consequently, for safeguarding reasons and on the grounds of Health and Safety, I regret to inform you that school will be closed on Thursday 4 July due to it being required to be used as a Polling Station.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and for the disruption to your child's education, but I hope you realise we have tried our utmost to avoid this situation which is beyond our control. We will provide remote learning for the children.

### **Noticeboard**

- Due to the General election on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Nick Pickering football club will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Parents' Open evening – the following clubs will be available: Little Ballers and Nick Pickering.
- Y6 will be Swimming each week until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July (with the exception of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July).
- Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) – you will receive an email with an FSM application form. If you think you may qualify to this, please complete the form and return to the School office.

- Data Collection – you will receive an email with a Data Collection sheet. If any of your contact details have **changed**, please complete and return to the School office. If there are no changes, we do not require a new form completing.

### Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS) update

ART Event – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm until 4pm. Refreshments will be provided during the ART workshop

Summer Fair Update – FOSS have decided this year to sell drinks and ice-creams/lollies after Sports Day, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, as opposed to running the Summer Fair later that same week. We'll run the ever-popular raffle as well, so look out for tickets which will be sent out a few weeks in advance of Sports Day. As always donations to the raffle are very welcome so please email [foss.shincliffe@gmail.com](mailto:foss.shincliffe@gmail.com) if you can contribute. Please also get in touch if you are able to help with drinks and ice creams on the day.

### St Mary's Notice

**4.00 p.m. Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June WILD CHURCH: SPECIES IDENTIFICATION DAY: Meet outside St. Mary's.** We know we have 21 trees and bushes and about 71 flowers and plants at this time of year - come and count these treasures. We will be making peace doves to go up in the Cathedral summer's installation, doing species identification, having a service and true animal tales around the campfire, enjoying mallows and refreshments. If young leaders of 10 yrs + could come at 3.30pm, to help plan our September gatherings, that would be great.

### Diary Dates

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Art Workshop - 2.45pm until 4pm – All welcome

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Beamish Trip

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class assembly – 9:05am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Oriental Museum

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Hall Hill Farm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Day and FOSS Summer Fair – 1.15pm (Reserve date – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y5 Scooter Training

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Parents' Open Evening – 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – School closure, General Election

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – French Trip – Y5 and Y6

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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024/25

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Y6 Eden Camp Trip

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Y5 Iskcon Temple Trip

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Y1 Beamish Trip

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Y5 Murton Park Trip

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Reception Zoolab Visit

## **Year 6 Transition Dates**

Belmont - 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July

Framwellgate - 28<sup>th</sup> June

Durham Johnston – 28<sup>th</sup> June

Sedgefield - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July

St Leonards - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July plus a half day (am) visit for children from non-feeder schools on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Durham Academy – 4<sup>th</sup> July

## **Christian Values**

We will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

*Further information on this half term's Christian value:*

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: *'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.'*

Serving God, means serving others.

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

*Some things to think about:*

- How are we encouraged to "find" our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

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.





## **Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School**

***Tuesday 24th September 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am***

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.

### **Anxiety (Two groups)**

***Tuesday 1st October 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am—Over 11 years***

***Tuesday 15th October 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am— 5-11 years***

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.

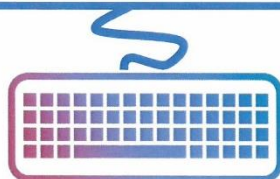
### **Emotional Wellbeing**

***Tuesday 12th November 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am***

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

To book places please email [tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net) or scan the QR code below to access the Trust website for further details. Please state which sessions (and dates) you'd like to attend. The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and will run on Microsoft TEAMS. If you have any additional needs, please mention this in the booking email.

  
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## Understanding Sleep

**Wednesday 9th October 2024, 11.00 am—12.30 pm**

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.

## Understanding Behaviour Development in Children and Young People

**Tuesday 26th November 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am**

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.

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