



Weekly Bulletin 7th June 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We look forward to a number of exciting events and activities. Please do consult the diary dates below and support events and activities as you are able.

By today, you will have received a [home-school links](#) sheet 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.

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 an exciting ARTS project that we would like all children and parents/carers to be involved in and Mrs Armstrong has shared an update below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

ART - Clay Workshop

We invite parents/carers to join us for a Clay Workshop on Monday 17th 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.

Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS) update

ART Event – Monday 17th 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 1st 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 if you can contribute. Please also get in touch if you are able to help with drinks and ice creams on the day.

Parents' Open evening

On Wednesday 3rd 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.

St Mary's Notice

4.00 p.m. Sat 1st 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.

PE – Summer Term 2

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days for Summer term 2 below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday PM (Friday AM – Swimming)

Swimming – Year 6 will have an initial assessment in Weeks 1 and 2 of Summer term 2. Please ensure children have their swimming kit (e.g. costume, towels and swimming caps).

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 12th June – Y2 St Mary's Lighthouse

Wednesday 12th June – KS2 Durham Dash (Team selection TBC)

Thursday 13th June Y6 Leavers' Service – Durham Cathedral (Pupils only)
Monday 17th June – Art Workshop - 2.45pm until 4pm
Tuesday 18th June – Y5 Beamish Trip
Wednesday 19th June – Y2 Class assembly – 9:05am
Wednesday 19th June – Y3 Oriental Museum
Tuesday 25th June – Y1 Hall Hill Farm
Monday 1st July – Sports Day and FOSS Summer Fair – 1.15pm (Reserve date – Tuesday 9th July)
Wednesday 3rd July - Parents' Open Evening – 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 4th July – School closure, General Election
Friday 5th July – Monday 8th July – French Trip – Y5 and Y6
Monday 15th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome
Friday 19th July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary's parishioners
Friday 19th July – School closes for Summer holiday
Wednesday 4th September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2024/25
Tuesday 17th September 2024 – Y6 Eden Camp Trip
Thursday 26th September 2024 – Y5 Iskcon Temple Trip
Wednesday 6th November 2024 – Y1 Beamish Trip
Wednesday 8th January 2025 – Friday 10th January 2025 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood
Tuesday 4th March 2025 – Y5 Murton Park Trip
Monday 7th April 2025 – Reception Zoolab Visit

Year 6 Transition Dates

Belmont - 10th & 11th July
Framwellgate - 28th June
Durham Johnston – 28th June
Sedgefield - 4th and 5th July
St Leonards - 11th and 12th July plus a half day (am) visit for children from non-feeder schools on 6th June.
Durham Academy – 4th 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 The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents’ section of the website.



SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	27 JUN 30 JUL
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG

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