



Weekly Bulletin 10th September 2021

Headteacher's Message

I hope you are all keeping well and your week has been productive and enjoyable. A home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher has been shared (paper copy or via DB Primary). 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. Through working together in partnership, we will be able to achieve the very best for the children in the year ahead.

As we begin to resume normal school life our FOSS team (Friends of Shincliffe School) have been actively planning ways to support the school through various fundraising activities. In the past this included our annual Christmas and Summer Fairs, Christmas shopping evenings, termly school discos, science shows, craft activities, coffee afternoons and much more. The money raised has supported each and every child in school through funding for school trips, Christmas celebrations and equipment to name but a few. Included below is a letter from the team explaining what they do in more detail and how you can get involved.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS)

Who are we?

FOSS is another name for the school's community association. We are a small group of volunteers made up of parents, carers and members of our local community. We work in partnership with the teachers to help develop the school and the activities on offer so the pupils have the best experience possible while they are with us.

What do we do?

FOSS supports the school by putting on fun events for the children, their families and our local community by maximising the range of activities the school is able to offer.

The Christmas and Summer fairs are always popular with the whole family while the discos and magic shows are great social events for the kids.

In the last two years prior to Covid, FOSS has raised on average £8,000 per year. The fundraising we are able to do through our events supports school trips for all classes, theatre productions, books for the library and outdoor play equipment among many other things.

Our next big project

Our next big project is developing the school site by providing raised flower beds for each class so the children can grow their own plants and food as this closely links with the school's sustainability and green community development plan. After a year of very limited fundraising due to Covid we really **need to focus our efforts this year** so we can get the flower beds installed as soon as possible.

We can't do any of this without your help

FOSS is run by a warm and welcoming team of volunteer parents and carers... **BUT we are very small**....

We welcome all support and are particularly grateful for help running events, no matter how much or little time you can spare. **If every family could help out with just one event per year** that would ensure that we can not only keep running the activities that the kids enjoy but aim to expand on the activities available and keep adding new resources to our lovely school site.

How to find out more – Intro to FOSS Meeting Tuesday 14th September 7.00-8.30pm

We will be running a short informal session (with drinks and snacks!!) where we will be chatting about the plans for this year on Tuesday 14th September in the school hall. It will be a chance to find out more about what we do, get involved and **importantly let us know your ideas for future activities or fundraising suggestions.**

You can follow us and contact us through our Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/FOSS.ShincliffeSchool/>).

Keep an eye on here, bulletins and the Facebook page for details of upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Covid-19 Step 4 Guidance - Key messages

COVID-19 guidance

As part of the *Step 4 Guidance for Schools*, from Monday 16th August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. If you haven't already been vaccinated then you can book online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

Pupils who are experiencing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, will not attend the school and are advised to self-isolate and arrange a PCR test where symptoms are presented.

Primary age pupils **will not be** tested with LFDs. PHE have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow devices. Staff in primary schools,

will continue to test themselves using LFD twice a week at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

Although social distancing is no longer a legal requirement for staff and pupils, we still have a legal duty to ensure the health and safety of staff and pupils and measures previously put in place (e.g., one-way systems/dedicated access/egress points into the building) to ease congestion when staff and pupils are entering/exiting and moving about the building will continue. The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law, but it is recommended that face coverings are worn in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet and therefore we ask that you follow, where possible, this recommendation when dropping off and picking up your children.

School will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep occupied spaces well ventilated, and follow public health advice on testing and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. Handwashing and application of hand sanitiser will be part of the daily routines in school.

Safeguarding- information for parents

Definition of Safeguarding

This can be summarised as:

- o Protecting children from maltreatment
- o Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- o Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It relates to aspects of school life including:

- o Pupils' health and safety
- o Meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions
- o Providing first aid
- o Educational visits
- o Internet or e-safety
- o Appropriate arrangements to ensure school security

Safeguarding can involve a range of potential issues such as:

- o cyberbullying (by text message, on social networking sites, and so on)
- o Racist, disability, and homophobic or transphobic abuse
- o Radicalisation and extremist behaviour
- o Child sexual exploitation
- o Sexting
- o Substance misuse
- o Peer on Peer abuse
- o Sexual harassment and sexual violence
- o Issues that may be specific to a local area or population, for example gang activity and youth violence

- o Particular issues affecting children including domestic violence, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation and forced marriage

Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website.

Training

- 2 members of staff are currently trained in Level 2 safeguarding and child protection:

Mr P Rumbles (Headteacher)

Mrs H Armstrong (Year 2 teacher)

All other staff and governors have been trained in Level 1 safeguarding and child protection. Mr Rumbles and Mrs Armstrong regularly access additional training, for example in Female Genital Mutilation, Prevent, Online Safety, Child Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence.

Online Safety Information

There are many positives associated with the Internet and children are increasingly using the Internet for both education and play. As a school, we believe that online safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. To raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, the school carries out many age appropriate activities, including participating in the 'Safer Internet Day' organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre as well as half termly e-safety lessons. The UK Safer Internet Centre website contains information which is very useful for parents to support the work done in school and ensure that our children keep safe whilst using the ever-expanding growth of mobile technology.

The online safety section of our school website will provide you with links to really useful advice on how children can safely use the Internet together with some great tips on how to keep safe.

Current Year 6 Pupils procedure to apply for a Secondary School in 2022

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2021 Intake began on **Monday 6th September 2021**. Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the School Admissions online application facility will be available to parents from **Monday the 6th of September 2021**. The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2021. If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available to print from our website (same website address as above) from Monday the 6th September 2020. Alternatively these application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896. Copies of the Parent's guide "**Primary and Secondary School Admissions in County Durham 2021/2022**" will also be available from our website or on request from Monday the 6th September 2021. **www.durham.gov.uk**

School Admissions 2022 – Will your child turn 5 between September 2022 and 31st August 2023?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell Durham County Council which school you would like your child to attend from September 2022. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. We encourage you to apply online wherever possible as although restrictions have been lifted, staff will be in the main working from home due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms and available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. Applications open 6 September and close midnight 15 January 2022. For more information please contact: School Places and Admissions Team: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Tel: 03000 2658966

Shincliffe Show

The Shincliffe Show 2021 will be held on Saturday 18th September, at Shincliffe Village Hall and St. Mary's Church. Classes are 20p per entry for children and 50p entry for adults, you can make as many entries as you wish. Entry forms are below or can be collected from the School office.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of endurance this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

Further information on the value of endurance:

Endurance - is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.

Jesus endured rejection, abuse and the cross, and his followers are warned that they may well have to share that pain as persecution took hold. Discipleship is depicted as 'taking up the cross daily' and following in Jesus' footsteps (Luke 9:23).

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

Some things to think about:

- How do we give pupils a better appreciation of the difficult situations that many people in the world have to endure and of the courage and resilience they show in the face of them?
- How do you help pupils understand that some things are worth working for even though they do not bring immediate results? How do we develop patience?
- What encourages and inspires you to persevere through difficult times in life?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net

The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



St. Mary's Church
Summer
GARDEN PARTY

For our Parish and Community in Shincliffe

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021 2pm - 5pm

In the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe Village



Ice creams in Church Hall

Games

Cake stall

Afternoon teas

Pimms stall

Books

Wild Church display

Table with tombola gifts and bottles



Donations to:

BOOKS: Woodside Cottage, Shincliffe mscharters@hotmail.com

BOTTLES / GIFTS FOR TOMBOLA: 22 St Mary's Close, Shincliffe. clatworthy.b@btinternet.com

CAKES: Bring on the day. Clear plastic bagged

We are taking sensible Covid precautions on the day

If the weather is bad, cancellation notices will go on St. Mary's, Shincliffe Facebook page and on the Community Association pages - please check.

If necessary we will try to re-arrange for Sunday 12th September.

SHINCLIFFE SHOW ENTRY FORM

The Shincliffe Show 2021 will be held on Saturday 18th September, **at Shincliffe Church.**

Classes are **20p** per entry for children and **50p** for adults, you can make as many entries as you wish. Please complete the entry form below and return it, with payment, to any of the following drop off points: Paul Stevens 16, Ancroft Garth; Del Faye – 27, Telford Close, Shincliffe Primary School (for pupils).

Entries appreciated by 11th September (but will be accepted on the day)

Please bring your exhibits between 10 am and 12pm on Saturday 18th September, to the Church Hall, entries will not be accepted after 12 noon.

After judging the show will be open to everyone from 2.30pm until 4 pm.

Categories for 2021 Shincliffe Show:

Children's Categories:

1a: Photography- Garden Flower – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 only

1b: Photography- Garden Insect (Years 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7)

1c: Handprint Art – Pre- School Age

1d: Paint, Draw, Collage – with a Garden Theme

1e: Great Shincliffe Junior Bake Off – Cake

1f: Make a Jungle Animal Mask from a Plate

1g: Vegetable Vehicle

1h: Open

Adult Categories:

2- Photography

2a: My Lockdown Life

2b: My Staycation

3- Craft

3a: Handmade item of Clothing – Knit or Crochet

3b: Handmade Toy – Knit or Crochet

3c: Handmade item of Clothing - Sewing

3d: Embroidery

3e: Cross Stitch

3f: Handmade Greeting Card

3g: Painting and Drawing

3h: Handmade Pottery

3i: Handmade Wooden Item

3j: An Upcycled Item

3k: Open

4- Flowers

4a: Single Flower

4b: Jam Jar/ Vase of Garden Flowers

5- Floral

5a: Table Centre Arrangement

5b: Arrangement of Foliage and Herbs

5c: Floral Arrangement in a Tea Cup

6- Jars and Bottles

6a: Chutney

6b: Jams and Marmalade

6c: Jellies

6d: Homemade Wines and Fruit Liqueurs

6e: Open

7- Garden Produce

7a: Apples or Pears (3 of similar size and shape)

7b: Other Fruit and Berries (3 of similar size and shape)

7c: Tomatoes (3 of similar size and shape)

7d: Root Vegetables (3 of similar size and shape)

7e: Longest Runner Bean

7f: Basket of 5 Vegetables

7g: Open

8-Baking

8a: Showstopper Cake

8b: 3 Sweet Mince Pies/ Fruit Pies

8c: 3 Brownies

8d: 3 Fruit Scones

8e: 3 Cheese Scones

8f: Savoury Pie/ Quiche

8g: Bread

8h: Banana Bread/ Cake

8i: Open

Payment to be made before the Show

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NAME (Block capitals please).....Tel:

Classes entered (20p/50p per entry). **Please write each code in the spaces provided, e.g. if your first entry is 'Apples' write 7a in 1st box and your second Bread write 8g in 2nd box.**

Please use a different line for each person

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I/We have entered ____ categories and enclose payment of £_____

If you would like to make more entries please continue on a separate sheet.

Thank you for supporting the Shincliffe Show