



Weekly Bulletin 22nd October 2021

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of you who attended parents' consultation appointments online in order to speak with your child's class teacher earlier this week. I appreciate that there were some technical issues for some and I thank you for your patience but on the whole, everyone was able to have the opportunity to speak with their child's class teacher. In the next half term, I will send out a survey to gather your opinions about school and I am very keen to see how the online experience was as a parent. Regular contact between home and school is vital in ensuring that we are able to work in partnership to support the progress and development of your children. If you wish to discuss anything more with your child's class teacher please do not hesitate to get in touch with the School office to book an appointment. The staff look forward to working with you over the coming term and implementing the strategies and approaches discussed at parents' evening.

As we break for half term I thank parents for their support over what has been a challenging half term again for schools. By working together, we have implemented protective measures to prevent the spread of the virus as far as is possible. I look forward to your continued support next half term.

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 our ECO work in school and Mrs Claydon has shared an important update on this below.

Best wishes, stay safe and I hope you are all able to enjoy the half term break. I look forward to seeing you when we return on Tuesday 2nd November.

Mr Rumbles

ECO Update

On Thursday, some members of our 'Eco Friends' group met to discuss a new project we are going to start after half term.



Recycle to Read is a ground-breaking new Pod campaign that rewards schools for collecting unwanted plastic toys and tech for recycling and reuse, in exchange for books.

Did you know?

- Plastic toys and tech can be valuable for reuse and recycling but can have a negative impact on the environment if they are not disposed of correctly.
- Over 318 million toys are sold in the UK every year, of which the majority are manufactured from plastic or contain plastic components. However, there is currently limited infrastructure to collect and recycle plastic toys.
- Currently, a large amount of tech is either hoarded in homes or thrown out with household waste. It is estimated households across the UK throw away 155,000 tonnes of small electricals every year – this would be worth an estimated £17 billion if reused or recycled!

We really need your help! We will be collecting plastic and tech right up to the Christmas holidays. If you have any of the following, please bring them in to school and help us with our recycle to read challenge:

- Broken or old plastic toys (no batteries or electrical elements)
- Any old tech, which is still working: e.g. mobile phones, wireless speakers, tablets, MP3 players, wearable tech (fit bits etc) and digital cameras. Items can be donated without chargers and cables and it isn't a problem if they have a cracked screen. Please can we ask that batteries are removed before they come into school. If they are part of the device, they are still fine to hand in

Thank you to everyone in advance – we really appreciate all your help!

PE Update

This week we took over 50 children from KS2 to compete in the Durham Sports Partnership Fun Run. It was a wet and windy morning but the children ran well and were great representatives of Shincliffe. Two of our children were selected to compete in the County Finals in the Spring of 2022 which is a wonderful achievement. Well done

Mr Gowan

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.

Staffing Update

Mrs Claydon is unable to take up her post for the next half term and will join us in January. Mrs Todd from the Local Authority's Supply Partnership will continue to cover her work. We have appointed a teacher for Year 4, Mrs Ashleigh Crook, and she will hopefully take up her post at the beginning of December. Mrs Herriot, from the Local Authority's Supply Partnership, will continue teaching Y4 in the meantime.

Dates

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

Tuesday 2nd November – School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 9th November – Y5 ISKON Temple Visit (Amended date)

Monday 22nd November - Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2021-2022 (Rec-Y6 – Consent Required)

Thursday 9th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas half term holidays

Thursday 6th January 2022 – School re-opens for Spring Term 1

NHS Update - Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2021-2022

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception-Year 11. Our team is scheduled to visit Shincliffe CofE Primary School on Monday 22nd November 2021 as part of this programme. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted within one week of receiving your letter.

Please see below for details of how to consent for your child, as well as answers to common questions about the influenza vaccination programme.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code 114229 and click “Find School”.
3. Complete the form with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the green “Submit” button.

*If you provide a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form has been submitted. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.

Why is the influenza vaccine being offered?

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against influenza (flu) and stop the spread of the virus within schools, families and the wider community. Influenza is an unpleasant illness that can lead to school absences and sometimes causes serious complications requiring hospitalisation. Vaccinating your child doesn’t just protect them – by helping to stop the spread of influenza this winter they will also be protecting vulnerable friends and family of all ages.

How is the influenza vaccine administered?

Unlike most vaccinations, the nasal influenza vaccine is a quick and simple spray up the nose. There are a small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. In these cases we offer an intramuscular injection as an alternative. Please check the link below for more information.

Does the nasal influenza vaccine contain pork gelatine? Can my child have the injection instead?

Yes, the nasal influenza vaccine contains trace amounts of porcine gelatine. If you would like your child to receive the injectable influenza vaccine, which does not contain porcine gelatine, please do not complete the online consent form. Instead, please give us a ring on 0300 003 2554. You will need to bring your child to a local community clinic as we cannot give the injection in school.

Where can I find out more?

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine> for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme.

You can contact the childhood immunisations team on hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net or 0300 003 2554 or 01423 557693. We are a small team and we cannot always answer the phone straight away, so please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. We endeavor to respond to all queries within one working day.

Childhood Immunisations Team

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Extra Bank Holiday

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

As on previous similar occasions (e.g. the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has therefore amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the

school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days, in order to allow schools to close that day or on another day.

Schools not already on half term break on the day of the bank holiday will be able to close that day. Most schools will, however, be on half term at the time of the bank holiday. This change to the Regulations will allow maintained schools to be able to close at another time to give staff and students an extra day off.

In line with other Durham County Council schools, Shincliffe CE Primary School are taking Tuesday 4th January as their extra Bank Holiday. Our INSET day will move to Wednesday 5th January 2022. Children will return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.

For more information please go to our website:

<https://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/school-holidays/>

Packed Lunches

In order to ensure that packed lunches are suitably healthy and meet the guidelines set by Durham County Council, parents are reminded that they **should not contain** any of the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Please also remember that we are a nut-free school- your supporting in keeping all children safe is appreciated.

Medical

- A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medications at school once parents have completed the required consent form. All medication must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult.
- Packed Lunch Children – please ensure your child’s packed lunch is **NUT FREE** as we have children in the school who have an allergy to nuts.
- Medicated lozenges/throat sweets are not permitted
- School Uniform Reminder - No jewellery except for a watch is allowed in school. Earrings and nail varnish must be removed for school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022 – FINAL REMINDER TO APPLY - Deadline to apply is the 31 October 2021

As you will be aware, your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year. **The application process opened on 6 September 2021 and will close on 31st October 2021.**

According to our records, you have not yet applied for a Secondary School Place for your child, and this is a Final Reminder to ensure you make your application before the closing date. **If you think you have applied online, then please log into your Parent Portal Account to ensure you have “submitted” your application.**

Failure to apply on time greatly reduces your child’s chances of gaining a place at their preferred school!

You will need to read the Parent's Guide "Primary and Secondary School Admission Guide in County Durham 2022/23", as it contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application. The guide is available on our website www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority). If you do NOT live in County Durham please contact your home local authority for details on how to apply for a Secondary School Place.

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell us which school you want your child to attend. **You should list 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school.** You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area.

Please apply on-line at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 1 March 2022. **Please save your log-in details** as you will also be able to accept your child's place on-line.

Please note that school places are allocated according to specific criteria which are different depending upon which school you apply for your child to attend. **One criterion is "nearest school"**. If you wish to know your nearest school, then please contact us.

If your child's offer of a school place is for an oversubscribed school (i.e., where there are more applications for a school than places available) we will offer your child a school place based on the child's/parent's address. We will request information on the child's/parent's address when we offer a school place, and the onus will be on you to prove your address if asked.

If you do not wish to apply on-line, you can contact us via e-mail at schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or telephone at 03000 265896 and we will send you a paper application form. We strongly advise you to return the application form to us by "Royal Mail Signed for™" or "Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed". If you complete a paper application form you will receive a letter to inform you of the school place offered to your child on the 1st March 2022.

Please note for both on-line applications and paper application forms, you will be required to read the disclaimer and sign/tick the box to agree that the information you provide on the application form is complete and correct otherwise the offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The closing date for receipt of both on-line and paper application forms is 31 October 2021.

If you have recently applied for a Secondary School place and have received confirmation that it has been submitted, then please ignore this letter.

Yours sincerely

School Places and Admissions Team.

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. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net

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



Job Vacancies - School Catering

We have a number of vacancies in the Area.
We are currently seeking to appoint a Catering Manager/School Cook at

Cheveley Park Primary Belmont
Shincliffe Primary
St Hild's Primary School Gilesgate
Laurel Avenue Primary Gilesgate
Ferryhill Station Primary

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