



Weekly Bulletin 16th September 2022

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.

I remind parents that due to the State Funeral for the Queen on the 19th September 2022, this day will be a bank holiday and school will be closed on the 19th September and re-open on the 20th September. The Worship Choir after-school club will now begin on the 26th September and all other clubs will start as planned.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things that the children are doing 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 Safeguarding children and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

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

- 4 members of staff are currently trained in Level 2 safeguarding and child protection:
- Mr P Rumbles (Headteacher), Mrs L Richardson (Deputy Headteacher),
 - Mrs H Armstrong (Year 2 teacher) and Mrs V Short (EYFS lead)

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

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 online 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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor. All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please contact school for a nomination form. The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by Monday 26th September. Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available no ballot will be necessary. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a link posted on the school website for the duration of the poll, and all parents will have an opportunity to vote using the website voting form.

When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via our weekly bulletin and website. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 19th September – School Closed for Queen’s state funeral

Thursday 22nd September – Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

Saturday 24th September – Shincliffe Show

Monday 26th September – Y5 Trip to Iskcon Temple

Friday 21st October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday

Monday 31st October – School re-opens after half term holiday

Current Year 6 Pupils procedure to apply for a Secondary School in 2023

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2021 Intake began on **Monday 5th September 2022**. 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 5th September 2022**. The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2022. 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 5th September 2022. 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 2023/2024**” will also be available from our website or on request from Monday 5th September 2022. www.durham.gov.uk

School Admissions 2023 – Will your child turn 5 between September 2023 and 31st August 2024?

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 2023. 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 5 September 2022 and close midnight 15 January 2023.

For more information please contact: School Places and Admissions Team: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Tel: 03000 2658966

Shincliffe Show

The Shincliffe Show 2022 will be held on Saturday 24th September, at Shincliffe CE Primary School. Classes are 20p per entry for children and 50p entry for adults, you can make as many entries as you wish.

WILD CHURCH IS BACK!

Note the first one is on Sunday then on the second one we go back to Saturdays.

SUNDAY 18th September WILD CHURCH CELEBRATES CREATIONTIDE at 4.00 p.m.

outside St. Mary's. Refreshments, make herb yoghurt, do a group collage on a garden theme (bring glossy old magazines) fire pit and mallows, apple bobbing, prayer station, apple bobbing, foodbank collection (bring tins or packets) and a short service with live music.

Hope to see you there.

Coming soon **Sun 25th Sept 9.30 Harvest Service** at St. Mary's with Communion

SAT 22ND OCTOBER WILD CHURCH HEDGEHOG CELEBRATION AT 4.00 P.M. outside St. Mary's -

Meet the Hedgehog rescuers, hedgehog charter, make a teasel hedgehog, treasures of heaven prayer station, fire pit and mallows, short service with live Music: St. Francis and the animals.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of Creativity 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 values of Creativity:

Seen from a Christian perspective all of life is a 'gift', entrusted by God to humankind for a purpose. This purpose is glimpsed as the creative spirit within each person learns to value and explore, celebrate and enjoy this world in all its mystery and diversity. With this gift comes a mutual responsibility to ensure the creation is not spoiled, but rather sustained and shared by all.

Jesus told his followers that

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

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

Some things to think about:

- *How do we use the earth's resources to meet our needs whilst still carrying out our duty of stewardship?*
- *What opportunities are there to meet creative people in various walks of life?*
- *Who might inspire and channel their own creativity?*

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

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