



Weekly Bulletin 23rd September 2022

Headteacher's Message

We have enjoyed a busy week in school and term is well under way. Children have begun to take part in our extra-curricular activities and our Y6 class has enjoyed an educational visit to Eden Camp to further enrich their History curriculum. Those Year 6 pupils who wish to do so are preparing their presentations for election to this year's School Council positions of Secretary and Chairperson. We have been discussing Democracy with the children and voting will take place next week. This is one of the many ways in which the pupils are able to exercise leadership and responsibility within school. The School Council are elected pupils by their classmates. The School Council comprises two pupils from every class, one girl and one boy, from Year 1 to Year 5. Reception class are represented by the Year 1 school council members. We commend all who are standing for election for their enthusiasm in contributing to school life.

We look forward to celebrating Harvest in the coming weeks and I draw your attention to the information below regarding our collection for the Durham Foodbank.

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 PE in school and an update from Mr Gowan is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

PE

At the start of a new academic year I would like to share with you what we have been doing so far this year in PE and Sport in school:

We are pleased to provide the children with a variety of extra-curricular clubs, either before or after school, which have started up again this week. We will continue to review these and offer further opportunities as the year progresses. This week has seen the return of competitive football with our Year 5/6 team taking part in 2 cup competitions. Although not progressing to the final, there were promising signs for the season ahead and our first league competition starts next week. This week has seen the start of our Inter school competition. 12 leaders from Year 5 received training on Thursday morning and then delivered inter-house competitions for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 on Thursday afternoon. Over the next term some of our classes have been entered into festivals including Golf, Gymnastics, Cross Country and Indoor Athletics.

Harvest Festival

This harvest we are collecting food items for 'Durham Foodbank.' We hope that you and your child/children would like to help support our 2022 Harvest Appeal in liaison with Durham Christian Partnership.

The Foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis locally. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows professionals to put longer term measures in place. We want to support our local Foodbank in helping those less fortunate, in particular families and children.

If you wish to contribute, please send donations of **non-perishable food** (see list) on **Monday 3rd October** with your child and this will be collected from their class.

A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:

Breakfast cereals - Soup - Pasta

Rice - Pasta sauce - Tinned bean

Tinned meat - Tinned vegetables - Tinned fruit

Tea or coffee - Sugar - Biscuits

Snacks

For further information regarding Durham Foodbank you may visit: <https://durham.foodbank.org.uk/>

Diary Dates

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

Saturday 24th September – Shincliffe Show

Monday 26th September – Y6 Modern Foreign Language Event at Durham High School

Monday 26th September – Y5 Trip to Iskcon Temple

Tuesday 27th September 6:30-7:30pm – Introduction to FOSS and AGM Meeting

Friday 30th September – FOSS Uniform Sale

Friday 7th October – **10:00am** Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

Monday 17th October - Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2022

Monday 17th October – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 18th October – Parents' Evening

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

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

Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS)

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.

FOSS supports the school by putting on events such as the school discos, the seasonal fairs and science guy. The fundraising we are able to do through these events supports school trips for all classes, theatre productions, end of year hoodies for year 6, books from Santa and crackers at Christmas, books for the library and outdoor play equipment among many other things.

FOSS is run by a warm and welcoming team of volunteer parents and carers... **BUT we are very small and really need more support** from other parents and carers if we are going to continue running fun events and raise funds for the school, no matter how much or little time you can spare.

How to find out more – Introduction to FOSS & AGM Meeting - Tuesday 27th September 6.30 - 7.30pm.

We will be running a short informal session (with drinks and snacks!!) in the school hall where we will be chatting about the plans for this year. 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/>).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Community news

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.

Shincliffe Local History Society

We at Shincliffe Local History Society have been updating our information on the school and our website may be of interest to pupils and parents/carers. Click on the link to find out more. <https://www.slhs.uk/schools>

Garry Stout

Chair, Shincliffe Local History Society

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

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.

WILD CHURCH IS BACK!

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.

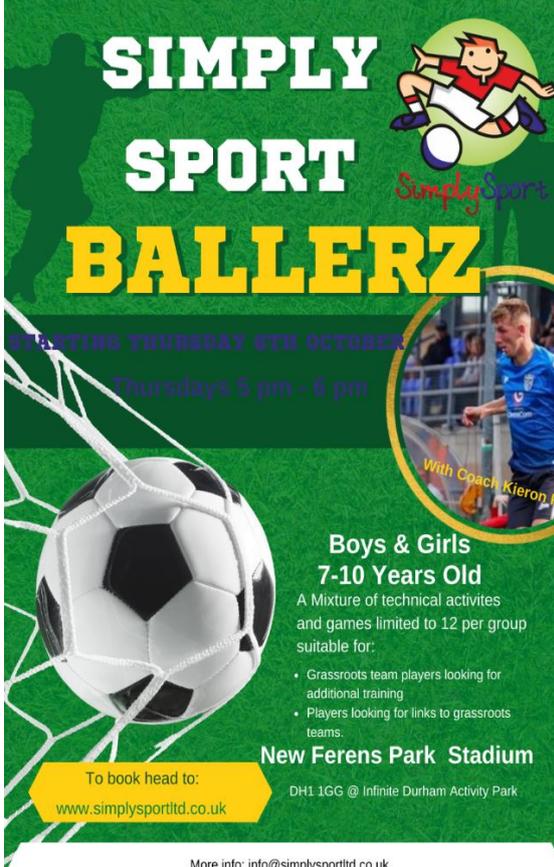
Some things to think about:

- *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.
Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net

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



SIMPLY SPORT BALLERZ

STARTING THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER
Thursdays 5 pm - 8 pm

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- **SPEED SHOT**

Come and join us across the half term holiday for football competitions, games, and tournaments.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES HANDED OUT THE END OF THE WEEK AT A PRESENTATION EVENT ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Suitable for ages 4-12, whether played football before or not!

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Come and join us across the half term holidays for mornings of LEGO building challenges.

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

New Ferens Park, DH1 1GG (Next to infinite Air)

8:45am - 11:45am, £9 a session

visit our website for more details and booking
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