



## Weekly Bulletin 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of the school year. I hope you have managed to have a restful break and some enjoyable family time.

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and returning pupils and look forward to working together in partnership during the course of the coming academic year. I draw your attention to the attendance information shared with parents. Excellent attendance and punctuality are vitally important to success at school. Please do read this. I also remind parents that they must supervise their children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling(s) if they are in different Key Stages. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area.

As the nation begins a time of mourning I am reminded of the following quote:

*'I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else, I can give you my heart and my devotion.'*

This quote from the Queen's 1957 Christmas broadcast is a reminder of how the Queen served our Country and the Commonwealth. A life lived so well, before God, with a mix of duty and devotion, Royal, yet servant hearted. Regal, yet hard-working. Crowned, yet kind. The Queen was steadfast and faithful and today we join with the millions of others mourning the loss of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrating her inspiring legacy.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **CHURCH OPENING AND CONDOLANCES FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Our community and congregation join the nation in mourning Queen Elizabeth II and in giving thanks for her life of service to us all and to the Commonwealth and world. For the next three days, St Mary's Shincliffe will be open; that is Friday, Saturday and Sunday **from Noon today to 1.00 pm and from 5.00p.m. to 6.00 pm**, for those who wish to come and reflect and also pray for the Royal Family, and especially our new King, as well as for all those shocked and upset and grieving at this news.

We will have a book of condolence. On the other days leading up to the funeral, the larger churches for instance, both St. Nicholas in the Market Place and the Cathedral can be visited in order to reflect and pray and offer condolence. They will be open. Should you wish to leave flowers they will be placed at the left-hand side of the church door at any time. If you are not able to come and would like to sign your condolences in another way, please use the Church of England on-line book. When you open up

this web site <https://www.churchofengland.org> the first thing on the page is the death of the Queen and a prompt to 'sign the Memorial Book'.

**Noon today: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.** In addition to the church being open from Noon to 1.00 p.m., at noon today, a muffled toll will ring.

**FURTHER NOTICES:** More information will be published on St. Mary's Shincliffe Facebook Site regarding services and introducing or cancelling events in the days to come, when information is known. Please check.

### Diary Dates

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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 Trip to Iskcon Temple

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School re-opens after half term holiday

### PE

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Our PE kit is House colours and black jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts. Children can wear school jumpers if they do not have a PE jumper. 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 below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Swimming on Friday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday

### School Extra-Curricular Activities

Today you will have received a list of clubs that we are offering for this term. If your child is interested in taking part then please do return the forms as soon as possible to the school office.

### Noticeboard

- Packed Lunch- If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one week's notice.

### 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.

**WILD CHURCH IS BACK!**

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

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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?*

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