



Weekly Bulletin 14th October 2022

Headteacher's Message

Today, those of you with children in Years 1-6 will receive your child's termly progress report. This report provides you with relevant information in preparation for our parental consultation evenings which will take place either in person or via video calls next week. The report provides a starting point for conversation with your child's class teacher in order to agree the next steps for working together in partnership to continue to support progress in school. Appointments are for 10 minutes so please do support the teachers in keeping to their appointment times. Parents of children in Reception class do not receive a report, but have the opportunity to speak with Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester next week.

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 our THRIVE approach to mental health and Well-being and our THRIVE coordinator, Mrs Caygill, has shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

THRIVE

At Shincliffe C of E we use The Thrive Approach to support children with their emotional health, well-being and social skills, all of which are vital to enable learning to take place. Children cannot always express their needs using words, however a child's behaviour can tell us a lot about how they are feeling. Sometimes there may be an obvious reason why a child may need extra support; loss of a loved one, change of family circumstances. For others, there may not appear to be an obvious trigger as to why they are finding some aspects of school and/or home life difficult. All adults in school adopt a loving, accepting, caring and empathetic nature to attune to a child's emotional state and then support them to begin to regulate their own emotions. You can find more information by visiting their website: <https://www.thriveapproach.com/>

Mrs Caygill

Caring for Our School Grounds and staff car park

It has been noticed a number of children are not using the paths around school and walking on the grassed areas. These are often very muddy and this is then being brought into school. We want our school to be cared for and respected and so I ask parents to carefully supervise their children during drop off and pick up times.

For safety reasons, do not use the staff car-park for pick-up and drop-off and also when collecting for after school clubs. Please drive with extreme caution and care if you do need to access Beal Walk. Beal Walk and surrounding roads do not have pavements and are often used by our children, so it is dangerous to drive whilst people are walking to and from school.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Staffing Update

Mrs Richardson will begin her maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term and Mrs Claydon will take up teaching duties in Y6 for four days. We are currently in the process of appointing someone to cover a day in Y6 and PPA across school for the rest of the week. Further information will follow when an appointment has been made.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 17th October - Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2022
Monday 17th – 20th October – Reception Class Parents Evening (see details below)
Monday 17th October – Parents’ Evening (Y1-Y6)
Tuesday 18th October – Parents’ Evening (Y1 – Y6)
Tuesday 18th October – Y1 Gymnastics Festival
Tuesday 18th October – School Photographer
Wednesday 19th October – Online Parents’ Evening (Y1-Y6)
Thursday 20th October – Y5 Class Assembly
Friday 21st October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday
Monday 31st October – School re-opens after half term holiday
Wednesday 9th November – Y1 Visit to Beamish
Friday 11th November – Remembrance Service 9.10am – All welcome
Wednesday 16th November – Y4 Visit to the Great North Museum
Thursday 1st December – FOSS Christmas Fair – 2:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 2nd December 9:10am – Advent Eucharist

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Reception Class Parents Evening

The Reception Class Parents Evening will be on a drop-in basis, between 3.30 - 4.30pm on each evening from Monday 17th October to Thursday 20th October. Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester will both be available for all of the sessions, allowing Reception parents/carers to speak to them alongside looking through their children's work. The drop-in sessions have been allocated to a house/colour group for each night (please see below). If you are unable to make your allocated evening (i.e. due to work commitments) please contact Mrs Short/Mrs Silvester in advance so that they will be able to get your child's work out ready for the drop-in session.

Monday 17th October - Yellow Aidan Parents

Tuesday 18th October - Blue Bede Parents

Wednesday 19th October - Red Cuthbert Parents

Thursday 20th October - Green Godric Parents

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.

St. Mary's Church Notice

Next Wild Church is on Sat Oct 22nd at 4.00 p.m. outside St. Mary's, Shincliffe. We have planned refreshments, meet the Hedgehog Rescuer, the Hedgehog charter, make a teasel hedgehog, treasures of heaven prayer station, fire pit and mallows and a short service on St. Francis and the animals - with live music. It will be great to see you there.

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

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.

Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net

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

Team Durham Junior Programmes

*Location: Durham University Sports and Wellbeing Centre (DH1 3SE)

Monday	Tuesday	Sunday
LTA Tennis Starter Programme Time: 16.00-17.00 Age: 3-8 year-olds	Junior Table Tennis Time: 16.00-17.00 Age: 10-16 year-olds	Junior Hockey Time: 9.30-12.00 Age: 6-9 year-olds (9.30-10.30) 10-16 year-olds (10.30-12)
Junior Netball Time: 17.00-18.00 Age: 8-14 year-olds	Junior Volleyball Time: 17.00-18.00 Age: 11-17-year-olds	Scan here for more information & contact info: 
		Scan here to register for junior programmes 



Team Durham Holiday Camps

October half term (24th-28th):

- Multi sports for 5-12 year olds (£16 per day).

- Adventure camp for 12-16 year olds (£30 per day including food/offsite activities). The Adventure camp runs from Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th and can be booked per day.

Camps are 09:30am - 4:30pm with wraparound care available between 08:30am - 09:30am and 4.30pm - 5:30pm for an extra £1.50 per hour.

For more information, including FAQ's and instructions on how to book, please scan the QR code.



Multi-sports camps include:
*Archery, Football, Basketball,
Dodgeball, Tennis, Netball,
Inflatable assault course
and many more!*

