

FOSS

Christmas Cards

We are excited to announce that this year we will be participating in the Christmas/Creative Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). The funds raised through your support will be used towards improvements to the school's outside area.

The artwork your child has produced has been sent home this week. On the reverse of their artwork there is a sticker with a unique code attached to it. To order you will need to visit **www.apfsorders.co.uk**, and input this unique artwork code, along with your child's first name and surname. **If you do wish to place an order, please do so at the website above by Wednesday 9th November. You do not need to return your child's artwork to school.**

The final items will then be provided w/c 21st November.

Christmas Fair Planning Evening

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held Thursday 1st December 2.30 -4.30pm. We are having a planning evening at The Avenue on Thursday 3rd November at 8pm. Everyone is invited to come along and help to organise the fair.

If anyone knows of any local businesses that would be willing to donate prizes to our raffle or would be interested in hosting a stall at the fair please get in touch.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved school uniform and to those who have purchased it. It helps to prevent good quality clothing going into landfill and raises some money towards school too. Due to limited storage we can no longer accept any more donations for the time being. We will be looking to hold further sales later in the year, however if anyone would like some uniform in the meantime please get in touch with school.

Noticeboard

- County Durham Foodbank – Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Harvest Festival. **A weight donation of 228kg has provided 285 meals.**
- Year 5 and 6 Discovery week to France 25th-29th June 2022 – if you would like your child to take part in the residential educational visit please return your form and deposit of £50.00 by Friday 25th November.
- Advanced dinner money payments – parents/carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners for next half term (7 weeks 2 days) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£83.25**. Important – If your child wishes to change to Packed Lunches please inform the school office.

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.

Diary Dates

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

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

Thursday 1st December 9:10am – Advent Eucharist

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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.

FINAL REMINDER - 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 are 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.

Shincliffece@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:



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.



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

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

