



Weekly Bulletin 7th October 2022

Headteacher's Message

Today we enjoyed an uplifting Harvest Service led by our Year 6 pupils and Father Peter. We extend our grateful thanks to you all for the many gifts received for the work of the Durham Foodbank. They speak of the generosity of our school to those in need in our community.

In response to feedback from last year's Parents' evenings, this year we will be offering both face to face appointments and a night set aside for online video-call appointments for pupils in Y1 to Y6 (See below for information for Reception children). It is hoped this will allow greater flexibility for parents/carers and the opportunity for as many as possible to attend and learn about their child's progress so far this term. Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th (3:40-5:30pm) will be held in school with the class teacher and Wednesday 19th (3:40-5pm) will be held online. There will be an online booking form for you to choose either an in-person appointment or a video-call. The link for this will be sent out on Monday so please ensure your contact details are up-to-date with the School office. If you have any problems securing an appointment please contact the School office. Progress reports will be sent home on Friday 14th October.

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 the work of our new School Council and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

School Council

Hello,

Our names are William and Ewan

William has been elected to be Chairperson of the School Council and Ewan has been elected for our School Council Secretary. To be elected, we had to present a PowerPoint to the whole school and tell them why we would be good for the roles of Chairperson and Secretary.

The vote took place last week and everyone from Year 1 to 6 had to vote for the Chairperson and Secretary. The other classes have also taken part in a class council vote and two pupils will represent their class in School Council meetings. The things we would like to work on over the coming year are looking at sports equipment and other things. If your children have any ideas, make sure they tell us or their class council. We would also like to do sponsored events like runs or we could do a bake sale to raise money for charity.

All the best, William and Ewan

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.

Monday 10th October – Y4 Visit to the Bethany Centre

Friday 14th October – School Progress Reports (Y1-Y6)

Friday 14th October – FOSS School Disco

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 – School Photographer

Wednesday 19th October – Online Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6)

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

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.

NHS – Flu Vaccine

The flu vaccine will be offered to all primary school and SEND children up until the day before their 18th birthday this year. Nasal flu vaccination is delivered in school. There are some occasions where an injection is the most appropriate route for vaccination for some children. The consent form that the link below takes you to is for Nasal Flu, if you select NO, you will be asked a series of questions to establish if your child is eligible for an injection.

School Name: Shincliffe CofEPrimary School

School CODE: HD114229

Session Date: 17th October 2022

Last date to consent is 7 days before the session date.

Please complete the link below to give consent. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine then you can select the 'NO' option on the consent form.

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please visit www.hdftsais.co.uk/Contact to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes.

For further information about the flu vaccine please access [Flu vaccination in schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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?*

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