



## **Weekly Bulletin 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Headteacher's Message**

This week we marked Anti-Bullying and Inter-Faith Week in school. This provided us with the opportunity to discuss respect, tolerance and understanding and the impact of the words we use to one another. All of these are vital qualities for our children as we work in partnership to prepare them for life in modern Britain. My thanks go to the School Council for leading an assembly talking about anti-bullying and sharing the important message of whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, you need to reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Please do take the opportunity to continue discussions at home.

I draw your attention to the FOSS Christmas Fair taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at school (2:30pm-4:30pm). The FOSS team are putting a considerable amount of effort into preparing for, and organising, the Fair and it would be good to see a high level of support. Events such as these, demonstrate the high level of commitment to supporting the school and my thanks go to our FOSS volunteers. Y6 are also working on a Grow £5 project with Virgin Money and will be selling their products at the Christmas Fair.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on 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 RE and Mrs Wells has shared an update below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

### **RE**

This week has been 'Interfaith' week. In school, we have thought about the different religious and non-religious beliefs in our community. We talked in assembly about how people of all beliefs come together for Remembrance services across the country and the different coloured poppies that are worn. We thought about how we can show respect to one another and how everyone has the right to their own opinions and beliefs and this is what makes our school, and our world, a special place.

Also, we have successfully applied for an RE grant from The Jerusalem Trust and have been able to purchase a whole class set of Bibles to be used in RE lessons in school.

### **Times Table Rockstars**

This week, the children in KS2 have been taking part in a competition run by the learning platform 'Times Tables Rockstars'. England Rocks required the children to correctly answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible to give their class and our school the best chance of winning. I am incredibly excited to announce that Shincliffe CE Primary School came 86<sup>th</sup> place in the competition. The competition was fierce with 170,875,948 questions answered collectively by 704,979

pupils from more than 3,918 schools around the country! Our school stats were astonishing too! Congratulations to our top class, Year 5 scoring 70,125 questions correctly answered.

Well done KS2!  
Mrs Marsden

### **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 - you're supporting in keeping all children safe is appreciated.

### **Noticeboard**

- 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 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Diary Dates**

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

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Durham University Computing Science Activity Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – FOSS Christmas Fair – 2:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:05am – Advent Eucharist

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 Visit to the Great North Museum

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Singalong

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Community Worship – 10am

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 Residential Visit to Robinwood

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### **Christmas Party Dates**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December PM – Y3 and Y4 Party

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December PM – Y1 and Y2 Party

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December AM – Reception Party

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December PM – Y5 Party

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Party

## **FOSS Christmas Fair - Thursday 1st December 2:30 - 4.30pm**

Come join us for this year's Christmas fair for fun and games and of course a special visit from Father Christmas. Stalls will include, cakes, mystery bottles, guess the snowman's birthday, crafts to name but a few. There will be refreshments too.

If anyone can help with donations we are looking for the following:

- Cakes to sell at the cake stall - Please drop off at School on Wednesday 30th November or Thursday 1st December morning
- Kids Christmas jumpers - We are running a Xmas jumper stall at the fair
- Bottles and bottle bags for the mystery bottle stall
- Books for book stall

Any donations you can give would be much appreciated. We will also have our ever-popular raffle and whilst we already have some great prizes, we would be very grateful for some more prize donations. If you have a prize you would like to offer please email FOSS.Shincliffe@gmail.com.

Also if anyone is available to help out on the day either with preparation or with any of the stalls please get in touch via the FOSS Facebook page or email us at FOSS.Shincliffe@gmail.com.

Thank you so much from the FOSS team.

## **St. Mary's Church**

**Wild Church Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 4.00 p.m. Advent Eve.** Its Kingdom tide, which leads to Advent - join us on Advent Eve for refreshments, making giant balloon baubles, (2-3ft across) making hanging Christmas trees, cheese tree bread and an apple Christmas tree board, followed by our short service with live Music and a firepit.

**Hedgehog Care in November** -it is time to lift your pumpkins off the ground - they are bad for the stomach of hedgehogs - do keep them outside but out of reach of hedgehogs.

## **School Admissions 2023 – Will your child turn 5 between September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) Tel: 03000 2658966

## **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of Wisdom 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 Wisdom:*

Just like most faiths, the Christian tradition lays emphasis on the need to 'get wisdom' as a mark of spiritual maturity. Wisdom isn't about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise doesn't necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. The Bible has specific books of wisdom in which, through poetry, story and proverbs, advice is given on how wisdom might be developed.

The Book of Proverbs says:

*'Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels.'*

*Some things to think about:*

- How do we gain wisdom?
- What helps you make a wise choice?
- Who do you think is a wise person and why?
- Wisdom is about being prepared to listen to the advice of others, thinking before you speak and choosing silence over words. Wisdom involves considering others, deliberating over the issues, reflecting on the long view and considering all possible consequences. How good are you at doing these things? What would help you do better?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school.  
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The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



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(HALL)

AGES 4-11

## TUESDAY'S

DODGEBALL CLUB  
@ LANGLEY PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
(HALL)

AGES 4-11

## WEDNESDAY'S

FOOTBALL CLUB  
@ MEADOWFIELD SPORT  
CENTRE 3G

AGES 8-12

## THURSDAY'S

FOOTBALL CLUB @ THE  
SIR BOBBY ROBSON  
CENTRE (HALL)

AGES 4-7

## FRIDAY'S

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@ MEADOWFIELD  
SPORTS CENTRE  
(HALL)

AGES 4-11



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