



Weekly Bulletin 4th November 2022

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful half term. From today, a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher is available via both DB Primary and the school website. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school. This week, in their PSHE lessons, the children have been learning about the importance of being bright to be seen when near or using the roads in the winter months. They have also considered how to stay safe over the Bonfire weekend and a safety message from DCC is shared below.

Next Friday you are invited to join us in marking Remembrance Day in school. Our service will begin at 9:05am with worship led by our Y6 children, the Worship Choir and Father Peter. Poppies will be available in school from Monday 7th November and money raised will support the work of the Royal British Legion.

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 the work of FOSS and they have shared an update on this below.

Best wishes,

Mr Rumbles

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.

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 to 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.

Bonfire safety message from DCC

Did you Know

- On average, 130 fires on homes and buildings in the UK are started by fireworks every year.
- The majority of firework- related injuries happen at family or private parties.
- It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you are under 18.
- It is an offence to throw or set-off a firework in the street or public place. This could result in prosecution and a fine of up to £5000.
- Fireworks must not be sold to anyone under 18.
- It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am) except on Bonfire Night (midnight).
- It is an offence to take items from a property/garden (such as furniture) that has been left for refuse collection.
- Wheelie Bins are not free. If you take one away and destroy it – you have committed a crime.

Fireworks Code:

- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework, even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never throw or put fireworks in your pocket.
- Always supervise smaller children around fireworks.



PE

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. 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 for this half-term below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday

Year 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 will continue to go Swimming this half-term.

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.
- Medicated lozenges/throat sweets are not permitted
- School Uniform Reminder - No jewellery except for a watch is allowed in school. Earrings and nail varnish must be removed for school.

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 25th November.

Diary Dates

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

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

Wednesday 30th November – Y4 Durham University Computing Science Activity Day

Thursday 1st December – FOSS Christmas Fair – 2:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday 1st December 9:05am – Advent Eucharist

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Wednesday 7th December – Y3 Visit to the Great North Museum

Wednesday 7th December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 8th December – KS2 Singalong

Friday 16th December – Christmas Community Worship – 10am

Tuesday 20th December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Thursday 5th January – School re-opens

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th January – Y6 Residential Visit to Robinwood

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

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 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.