



## **Weekly Bulletin 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Our Year 6 children, along with Mrs Claydon, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Caygill are currently enjoying 3 days at the Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in Alston as part of our Year 6 class residential visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children (and staff too!) to engage in various activities including climbing, canoeing, problem solving and a Piranha pool! The children are developing new skills and independence. I know that the younger children in school look forward to their opportunity to visit once they are in Year 6.

We are continuing to closely monitor punctuality each morning and I draw your attention to the information below. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is on time for school so that they are ready to begin learning promptly. I remind parents that they must supervise their children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling(s) if they are in different Key Stages. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area.

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 PE in school and Mr Gowan has shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **PE**

Over the next two terms we will be using our Sports Premium Funding to focus on providing the children with enrichment experiences for PE. This will include; New Age Kurling, Archery, Quidditch, Rounders, Zumba and Handball as well as a Balance Bike Week for Early Years and a Dance Festival for Year 4 and 5. We will also be increasing the opportunities for Inter-School Competitions and running a whole school Well-being Day.

### **Punctuality**

We continue to monitor punctuality daily. We request that all parents ensure that their children arrive promptly for the beginning of the school day. This not only means that pupils are present and ready for teaching at the beginning of the morning session but also teaches pupils the importance of meeting deadlines and showing respect for others who may be impacted by poor time-keeping. In cases of persistent lateness, the services of the Education Welfare Officer will be enlisted to support families in meeting their obligation to ensure that their children attend school on time.

### **Driving and parking around school**

As you know, it is very important to us to continually try to reduce congestion near school and to promote a safe and healthy environment for our pupils, staff, parents and local residents. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is vitally important for our school. I would, therefore, remind you to be considerate when parking and not to block our neighbours' driveways/access at any time or to block pavements.

For safety reasons, do not use the staff car park for pick-up and drop-off. 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.

### **Dates**

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

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y6 Chinese New Year celebrations – Durham Town Hall

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Consultation Evenings

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Parents' Consultation (information to follow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum of Farming

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Zoolab workshop

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Visit to Shildon Museum

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School closes for Easter holidays

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – School closed for May bank holiday

WC Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

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

#### **Wild Church**

**4.00 pm Sat 21<sup>st</sup> January Wild Church: Plough Day in Epiphany. (Outside St. Mary's) Activities:** Refreshment, decorate the plough, fire pit and mallows, camel quiz, bulb planting, Epiphany Tree prayer station, the science of gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, short service- music, blessing the plough and seed.

**4.00 pm Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Wild Church: Celebrating international whale day** (Outside St. Mary's)

**4.00 pm Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March, Wild Church: Celebrating St. Patrick and the Trinity** (to start, Meet in the Church Hall)

**4.00 pm Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April Wild Church: A Celebration for Palm Sunday Eve** (Outside St. Mary's)

#### **Christian Values**

We are exploring the value of hope this half term.

Worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Bill, Mrs Matthews and Fr. Peter.

*Some further information about this half term's value:*

This half term we are focussing on hope as our whole school Christian Value.

The Christian understanding of hope is much deeper than our everyday use of the word can be. We hope that it will not rain for the picnic, or that the car will start or that the plumber will come tomorrow.

Hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration.

Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. [Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net) The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



# February Holiday Camps



Multi-sports  
5-12 years



Dance & Games  
5-8 years



Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE  
Free onsite car parking

# Junior Sports Clubs

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

Monday	Tuesday	Sunday
<p><b>LTA Tennis Starter Programme</b> 4-5pm Age: 3-8 year-olds £29.99</p> 	<p><b>Junior Volleyball</b> 5-6pm Age: 10-16-year-olds £3.50 per session</p> 	<p><b>Junior Hockey</b> 9.30am-10.30am 6-9 year olds 10.30am- 12.00pm 10-16 year olds £4.50 per session</p> 
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# TIME FOR FUN

## Invitation to join us....

**Bowburn's brand new Beaver Colony**

**Thursdays 18:00 – 19:00 – starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

We have space for girls and boys to join our NEW Beaver Scout section in February. Parents are also encouraged to help and join the fun. A great opportunity to have some shared experiences with your children and for you both to gain valuable life skills.

Register your interest with:

[John.Little@CoxhoeScouts.org.uk](mailto:John.Little@CoxhoeScouts.org.uk)

**Adventurous Activities**  
**Art and Crafts**

**Girls and boys welcome!**

**#SkillsFor Life**

Sessions are £4 a week which can be paid weekly or at the first session

This is a trial for 6 weeks – continuation after that point is **entirely dependent** on getting sufficient volunteers

The new colony is supported by [CoxhoeScouts.org.uk](http://CoxhoeScouts.org.uk)

Full details will be supplied when you register