



## **Weekly Bulletin 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Headteacher's Message**

This week our Y6 children have started preparations for the Lunar New Year. The children will be taking part in celebrations at Durham Town Hall tomorrow, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. This will then be followed by a week of varied activities for all classes which includes Chinese crafts, costume art as well as Chinese Themed food from Chartwells. The week will give us the opportunity to celebrate difference and learn more about the rich traditions in different communities. We have been fortunate to be able to work with Chinese students from Durham University to enhance the children's learning.

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. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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 our ECO work in school and the ECO team have shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **ECO**

Here in Year 6, we are all feeling concerned about the effects of climate change. As well as this, we are becoming increasingly aware of speeding and idling (unnecessarily leaving your engine on) especially around our school. As a reminder, we have made some posters and are going to put them around the school. Our Christian value this half-term is hope, and we are hoping that you will consider the melting ice, young children breathing in exhaust fumes, people going too fast, and how you can make a difference. With this in mind, we are also bringing back our Travel Tracker to see how people are getting to school. This is a great incentive to encourage us to maybe cycle, walk or even use our scooters to come to school rather than using our cars.

From Julia, member of Y6 and of Shincliffe's Eco Committee.

### **Industrial Strike Action**

As you may have seen in the news, the NEU has balloted its members and they have decided to take Industrial Strike Action. This will have an impact on the operation of school. The dates proposed for Strike Action are; 1st February, 28th February, 15th March and 16th March. I am awaiting further guidance from the Local Authority and will update you as soon as I know more.

### **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.

### **Dates**

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

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 22<sup>nd</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
<b>LTA Tennis Starter Programme</b> <b>4-5pm</b> Age: 3-8 year-olds £29.99 	<b>Junior Volleyball</b> <b>5-6pm</b> Age: 10-16-year-olds £3.50 per session 	<b>Junior Hockey</b> <b>9.30am-10.30am</b> 6-9 year olds <b>10.30am- 12.00pm</b> 10-16 year olds £4.50 per session 
<b>Junior Tennis</b> <b>5-6pm</b> Age: 3-8 year-olds £3.50 per session 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         Further information email  <a href="mailto:teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk">teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk</a> </div>	

# 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