



Weekly Bulletin 6th January 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and peaceful Christmas break. We extend our thanks to all of those who sent cards and gifts into school. They were greatly appreciated. We look forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive term ahead.

By today, a home-school links sheet from your child's class teacher has been shared (paper copy or via DB Primary). 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. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support.

We are delighted to announce the birth of Mr & Mrs Richardson's child, a boy named Ben. Mrs Richardson gave birth on Christmas Eve and we wish the family all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Staffing Update

Mrs Richardson has begun her maternity leave and Mrs Claydon will take over her responsibilities as the Y6 Class teacher and Deputy Head for the duration of her maternity leave. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gladstone to our school and she will cover PPA in Y1-Y6 and teach in Y6 on a Friday.

Parental Support for SEND

There are a number of organisations and support networks for children with SEND. If you would like further information please do get in touch with the School office or Mrs Claydon who is our SENCO.

Online Safety

Many children will, no doubt, have received tablets, mobile phones or other electronic devices as gifts this Christmas. In order to support you in ensuring your children remain safe online, a range of resources are available via the school website. Please do make use of these.

Dates

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

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th January 2022 – Y6 Residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre

Saturday 21st January – Y6 Chinese New Year celebrations – Durham Town Hall

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February – Parents' Consultation Evenings

Friday 17th February – School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 27th February – School re-opens
Tuesday 7th March – Y5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum of Farming
Monday 27th March – Reception Zoolab workshop
Thursday 30th March – Y2 Visit to Shildon Museum
Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18th April – School re-opens
Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday
WC Monday 8th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Noticeboard

- After-school clubs will start Week commencing Monday 16th January. If you are interested in any After-school clubs please contact the School office.
- Y6 Robin Wood Trip – please ensure all Administering medication forms are returned to the office by Monday 9th January.

DFE and Durham County Council Health Update – Strep A Guidance

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- *Sore throat*
- *Headache*
- *Fever*
- *A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel (On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel)*

If a child has scarlet fever, it is advised they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

There are lots of viruses that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating. These should resolve without medical intervention. However, children can on occasion develop a bacterial infection on top of a virus and that can make them more unwell.

As a parent or carer, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 if or your GP if:

- *your child is getting worse*
- *your child is feeding or eating much less than normal*
- *your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other [signs of dehydration](#)*
- *your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher*
- *your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty*

- *your child is very tired or irritable*

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- *your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs*
- *there are pauses when your child breathes*
- *your child's skin, [tongue or lips are blue](#)*
- *your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake*

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections. At school we continue to sanitize.

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 The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.

Vacancies available around County Durham

Jobs that are within school hours and term time only pay spread over the full year.

Chartwells are now recruiting for Cooks and Catering Assistants to work in schools across County Durham.

Previous experience is not required for some roles, and all training will be given.

We pay the Real Living Wage (minimum £9.90) mileage paid if your able to travel and we offer a wide range of other benefits.

If you are interested in joining our thriving team and want to support the health and wellbeing of children and young people during their school day please either visit Compass Careers Chartwells | www.inploi.comemail

jessica.willis@compass-group.co.uk or Call 0191 9037853

Chartwells have vacancies within the following schools but we are always also looking for mobile cooks and mobile catering assistants to move around different schools.

St Hild's College CofE (Aided) Primary School I– Cook

Woodlea Primary School – Cook

Reid Street Primary School – Catering Assistant

Bowes Hutchinson's CofE (Aided) School – Cook

Neville's Cross Primary School and Nursery – Cook and Catering Assistant

Red Rose Primary School – Catering Assistant