



## Weekly Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Headteacher's Message

This week children have enjoyed celebrating Internet Safety Day and Children's Mental Health Week. Children have explored respect and relationships online as well as how to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology. Each class also had the opportunity to take part in Children's Mental Health Week where the theme was **Let's Connect**. Children were encouraged to consider the different ways that they can make meaningful connections with others. This involved classes from KS2 working with EYFS and KS1 on activities such as making paper chains, reading together, and playing with one another at playtimes. As well as this, children from Y6 sent postcards to a local care home to make connections with the elderly and share their hobbies and interests.

Next week are our parent consultation evenings and today, those of you with children in Years 1-6, will receive your child's termly progress report. This report provides you with relevant information in preparation for our parental consultation evenings which will take place either in person or via video calls. The report provides a starting point for conversation with your child's class teacher in order to agree the next steps for working together in partnership to continue to support progress in school. Appointments are for **10 minutes** so please do support the teachers in keeping to their appointment times. Parents of children in Reception class do not receive a report, but have the opportunity to speak with Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester next week.

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 our School Librarians and they have shared an exciting update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### Librarians

#### Author Visit – Adam Bushnell!

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, we are looking forward to welcoming Adam Bushnell into school. Adam is a famous author from the North East, who writes and tells amazing myths and legends from our local area. He will be visiting each class telling stories which will inspire our writing – watch this space to see some of our creations!



The Year 5 Librarians: Liz, Rory, Isabel, Holly and Ayda

## **Community News**

Most of you will have heard that after many successful years, The Old Bridge Nursery in Shincliffe Village is sadly closing at the end of March this year. The nursery and their lovely staff have been a big part of the community and played a part in raising many of our children, so we hope to do something to show them our appreciation. There will be some paper templates available for collection from reception at Shincliffe School from Monday the 13th February which parents or children could collect. It gives an opportunity for you to share some photos, drawings, memories and thank yous with The Old Bridge. If they are then returned to reception for collection by the 17th March, we will collect them and have them collated into books for each of the nursery staff ready to share with them on their last day. A voluntary donation to cover costs of £1 is politely suggested and there will be a collection box in reception for this purpose. Thank you!

Laura Wood & Dorothy Nardini

## **Dates**

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Face-to-Face Parents’ Consultation Evenings  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Parents’ Consultation (letter sent home today)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Online Parents’ Consultation Evenings  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half-term holiday  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day (Info to follow)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum of Farming  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Zoolab workshop  
Wednesday 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 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Wild Church: Celebrating international whale day** (Outside St. Mary's)  
Meet: Outside St. Mary’s Church. Refreshments, fire pit and mallows, model whale papercraft, building an ocean food web, whale habitat big game, prayer station, whale music, short service with music. Bring some food for Foodbank donation. (We have two inflatable whales!).

**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.

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