



Weekly Bulletin 17th February 2023

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of you who attended our parents' consultation evening appointments in order to meet with your child's class teacher earlier this week. Regular contact between home and school is vital in ensuring that we are able to work in partnership to support the progress and development of your child. The staff look forward to working with you over the coming term and implementing the strategies and approaches discussed at parents' evening.

This week, we have sent home our annual survey for parents and carers. Please do take the time to complete this and return it to school. The views of parents and carers are invaluable to us and support us in both celebrating all that is good in the life of the school as well as helping us to focus on future developments. I thank you in anticipation for your support.

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 Year 4 children and FOSS (Friends of Shincliffe School) and they have shared updates on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Year 4

In Year 4 we have been busy doing archery with skilled experts and experiencing New Age Kurling (even the teachers and Lunchtime Supervisors had fun!). Then, as exciting as the week was, Year 4 got a special letter from the Prime Minister! Last week, we each sent a very special letter to the Prime Minister in 10 Downing Street about how children should have the best education and that children all over the world should have qualified teachers to help them learn. We were amazed and shocked when we received a reply from the Prime Minister on Tuesday, and we also feel relieved that they listened to us and are starting to act on our requests.

By Jamila and Lawrie, Year 4

FOSS - After school Tuck Shop

Come along to the FOSS Tuck Shop on **Friday 3rd March** straight after school where you will find a range of tasty snacks to buy. Please come support us as any fundraising we do goes towards supporting the school with class trips, end of year hoodies for year 6, books for the library and outdoor play equipment among many other things.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. After discussions between ourselves (the librarians) and Mrs Short we decided that this year we wanted to come in pyjamas again – recreating the importance of reading a story at bedtime! We thought this would help people out because they wouldn't need to buy anything new too. So, on Thursday 2nd March, please can your child come to school in pyjamas, onesies or oodles (but ensure that they still have sensible shoes for outdoor play). We will be enjoying a whole day of book fun!

Y5 Librarians

Industrial Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its members and they have decided to take Industrial Strike Action. School will be closed on the 28th February and re-open on the 1st March.

Y4 & Y5 Dance Festival

The Gala Theatre would like to make tickets available online on the dates below via this link <https://galadurham.co.uk/whats-on/> then search for the correct dance festival. People are limited to buying 4 tickets on the phone or online:

29th March AM – onsale 1st March at 10am

29th March PM – onsale 1st March 10am

30th March PM – onsale 2nd March 10am

31st March AM – onsale 3rd March 10am

31st March PM – onsale 3rd March 10am

Tickets can also be purchased from the Gala Theatre box office by telephone (03000 266 600) or in person from Wednesday 1st March at 10:00am.

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.

Friday 17th February – School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 27th February – School re-opens

Tuesday 28th February – School closed - Industrial Strike Action

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day - *come to school in pyjamas, onesies or oodles*

Tuesday 7th March – Y5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum of Farming

Monday 27th March – Reception Zoolab workshop

Wednesday 22nd 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

St. Mary's Church Notice

Wild Church

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

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

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