



Weekly Bulletin 10th March 2023

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school. A particular highlight was the visit by Year 5 to York as part of their work on the Vikings. A number of Year 5 and 6 pupils competed in the Durham Football League on Wednesday. The children were a credit to the school and demonstrated clearly their excellent listening and teamwork skills. Work has also begun in Y3 and Y4 preparing for their Easter assembly and Mrs Wells and Mrs Armstrong have begun preparing for our school play 'Treachery at Traitors Quay' which will be performed in the Summer Term. As well as this, children across school have been reflecting on Fairtrade Fortnight in their PSHE lessons. All of these opportunities help to enrich and extend the personal development of our children and put their skills into action.

I also thank all who have returned the recent parental survey. We are currently analysing the responses and I will share with you the school's response 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 our ECO club and the work they have done for Fairtrade Fortnight and they have shared an update on this below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

ECO Club – Fairtrade Fortnight

In Eco Club on Wednesday, we talked about Fairtrade and the positive impact this can have for farmers around the world. Buying Fairtrade products helps to ensure that the farmers are able to earn a living wage and it also helps to provide extra support for local communities who produce the food we eat. We looked at the story of chocolate and how cocoa beans are harvested – not an easy job! We then got to sample some Fairtrade chocolate – yum and it was great to see that most chocolate now has either the Fairtrade symbol on it or the Cocoa Alliance. Eco club decided (it was a very hard decision) that the best chocolate out of the six we sampled was 'Twirl Bites' – thank you to Eleanor in Year 4 for collating our results! Look out for Fairtrade products and help to support communities around the world! Pic-collage – thanks to Henry in Year 6!



Reading Café

Our Reading Café is returning from Tuesday 21st March to Thursday 23rd March taking place from 2.45pm until the end of the school day. The Reading Café provides the perfect opportunity to share stories with your child in school, visit the school and browse the books in the Scholastic Book Fair. Below are the days you can attend for your child's class:

Reception & Year 1 Reading Café – Tuesday 21st March

Year 4,5 & 6 Reading Café – Wednesday 22nd March

Year 2 & 3 Reading Café – Thursday 23rd March

FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 30th March 3-4.30

We're getting ready for the Easter Fair! Join us from 3pm (that's right, grab a cuppa before schools out) then enjoy the activities with your kids. There will be an Easter Treasure Hunt, puzzles and colouring, cakes to buy and the big Easter Egg Raffle!

There will be Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions. Anything goes! Entries are 50p per entry. Please bring your creations to school on the morning of the fair clearly labelled with your entry fee. There will be prizes for the most creative designs.

We are also looking for donations of cakes and Easter eggs that can be dropped off on the morning of the fair- any help you can give would be amazing!

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.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who help the school with reading, school trips, events etc. As we will soon move into the summer term the number of school trips increases across the school. If you are able to give some time to help with trips we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact the school office.

Dates

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

Wednesday 15th March – School closed

Thursday 16th March – School closed

Tuesday 21st March – Thursday 23rd March Book Fayre and Reading Café
 Tuesday 21st March – Y4 Visit to Seaham Beach
 Wednesday 22nd March – Y2 Visit to Shildon Museum
 Thursday 23rd March – Y3 and Y4 Class assembly
 Monday 27th March – Reception Zoolab workshop
 Thursday 30th March 3.00-4.30pm – FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon
 Friday 31st March – Easter Eucharist – All welcome
 Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter holidays
 Tuesday 18th April – School re-opens
 Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday
 Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
 Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week
 Wednesday 10th May – Y3 Visit to the Oriental Museum

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) - Meet in the Hall for a Green Feast Party and storytelling, refreshments, then outside for bean bag game, prayer station, parade of limericks, shamrock decoration, fire pit and mallows, find the four-leaf clover and short service.

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

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shincliffe - St Mary's celebrates...

Sunday 19th March 9.30am	Mothering Sunday Parish Eucharist
Thursday 6th April 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday 7th April 10.00am	Good Friday
Sunday 9th April 9.30am	Easter Sunday
Sunday 28th May 9.30am	Pentecost
Sunday 11th June 9.30am	St Barnabas Day and picnic
Sunday 10th Sept 9.30am	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 8th October 9.30am	Creationtide – Harvest Festival
Sunday 5th November 9.30am	All Saints' Day
Sunday 24th December 4pm	Christingle

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of humility and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information on this half term's value:

Humility has a central place in Christ's teaching. It is contrasted with pride.

Jesus taught his followers that if they wished to enter the Kingdom of Heaven they must be like children. Jesus is challenging people to become like those who have no legal or social standing, to become like servants. Throughout his teaching, Jesus uses a series of images and examples to encourage his disciples to 'take the lower place', or 'to wash each other's feet.'

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