



## **Weekly Bulletin 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **Headteacher's Message**

It has been another busy week in school where the children have been able to engage in a range of learning opportunities. This has included sharing in the Festival of Languages and helping children to understand and celebrate different cultures. Yesterday, Year 3 and 4 presented their Easter Worship which provided a thoughtful reflection on Jesus' journey to the cross and helped the school to continue their preparations for Easter. The Spring Term is drawing to a close and next week we host a number of Easter events as well as the rearranged Reading Café and Book Fayre. Thursday is the FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon. All are welcome to come and enjoy the refreshments and the revealing of the Easter Egg competition winners. I encourage all who are able to support the excellent work of FOSS who devote considerable time and energy to raising vital funds for school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next Friday is our Easter Eucharist Service. This will be held at school and all parents are welcome to attend the celebration which will be led by the Y6 Worship group and Fr. Peter with singing from the Worship Choir.

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 online safety an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

### **Online Safety**

As a school we are committed to helping children to learn about staying safe online. Similarly, we recognise that the primary responsibility for online safety at home lies with parents and carers. Your help is needed to help your children adopt safe use of the digital technologies at home. It is important that we are all vigilant when children are using devices and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk. We know that new apps and sites appear daily online and it would be unrealistic to ask parents and carers to understand all of them. The sites and services that your child likes to use may change regularly, but the messages they need to keep themselves safe will remain the same – think before you post, be kind online and ask for help if something makes you feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.

## **FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.30**

Come and join us for the annual Easter Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3 – 4.30pm in the school hall. There will be an Easter Treasure Hunt, puzzles and colouring, cakes to buy and the big Easter Egg Raffle!

There will be an Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions. Any design is welcome - we look forward to seeing the children's wonderful ideas, anything goes! Entries are 50p each. Please bring your creations to school on the morning of the fair clearly labelled with your child's name and year group along with the entry fee. There will be prizes for the most creative designs!

If you are able to support the fair, donations of the following would be fantastic

- Cakes
- Easter eggs or Easter sweets
- Any unwanted books for the pre-loved book sale

Any donations can be brought into school week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March

### **Volunteers**

FOSS is made up of a group of parents who volunteer time to help with the events. We really would love some new members to join our group, any help is hugely appreciated. You don't have to help at every event, any time at all that you can offer, would be a huge help. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Easter Fair and any other FOSS events. If you would like to help please get in touch with Clare on 07704968946.

### **Reading Café**

Our rearranged Reading Café is from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. You can still use your World Book Day vouchers so please do bring them along. Below are the days you can attend for your child's class:

Reception & Year 1 Reading Café – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4,5 & 6 Reading Café – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 & 3 Reading Café – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### **Dates**

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Book Fayre and Reading Café

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Zoolab workshop

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.00-4.30pm – FOSS Easter Coffee Afternoon

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.10am – Easter Eucharist – All welcome

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

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Y6 SATS week

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Visit to the Oriental Museum

## St. Mary's Church Notice

### Wild Church

#### **WILD CHURCH 4.00PM SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2023 PALM SUNDAY EVE**

We are delighted that we are able to welcome some real donkeys for SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April, we meet at 4.00 pm outside St. Mary's for Wild Church. We will walk with the donkeys to the Village Green with our palm leaves, then come back and complete our short service and have the fire pit, refreshments, Easter stickers and Easter stamps, a prayer station and medieval Pax cakes. If you have a cowboy hat, bring it, I will have some too, for the cowboy Easter song. See you there!

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

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

#### **Easter 2023 – Fun and Food. Holiday Activities with healthy food**

Short Breaks Solutions are working in partnership with Fun & Food to develop inclusive opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Booking is essential. Please email- [Shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk)

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The Bounce House – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00am – 12:00pm Spennymoor – Free Bounce  
Sports Works – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 2:00pm Peterlee – Fun & Friendship Multi-games and crafts  
Haystax – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – 12:00pm - Lanchester – Nature Crafts  
Infinite Air – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm – 4:30pm - Durham – Free Bounce  
The Fish Tank – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 3:15pm – 6:15pm – Newton Aycliffe – Swim & Soft play

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Creative Kitchen – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2:00pm – 4:30pm – Consett – Family cooking & crafts  
Haystax – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 12:30am – 2:00pm - Lanchester – Nature Crafts  
Sports Works – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 2:00pm - Peterlee – Fun & Friendship Multi-games and crafts

## **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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