



Weekly Bulletin 31st March 2023

Headteacher's Message

Our thanks go to all who have enabled us to enjoy an excellent range of Easter celebrations in school this week. It is always good to come together for times of celebration as a school community. It was also great to be able to invite parents and carers into school to experience our Reading Café and Book Fair. We were able to raise money which we can spend on new books in school as well as have an opportunity to read and share books together. Thank you to all who attended, to Mrs Claydon for organising and the Y6 pupils for serving the refreshments. Earlier today we held our Easter Eucharist Service. This was led by the Worship Choir, Year 6 Worship Group and Fr. Peter and was a fitting way to reflect on the message of Easter. It has been really good to see so many parents supporting both these events.

Last, but certainly not least, our thanks go to FOSS for organising yesterday's Easter Coffee Afternoon. Good numbers of parents, children and friends came to enjoy the refreshments and the revealing of the Easter Egg competition winners. As always, a good amount of money was raised for school funds which will benefit all of the children.

I wish you all a joyful Easter and look forward to seeing you on our return to school on Tuesday 18th April.

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 Reception class and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Reception

Reception Class absolutely LOVED their visit from **Zoo Lab** on Monday morning! The children were all so sensible when they were holding or stroking the animals & they listened very carefully to Rob when he was telling them all about the life cycles of each animal. They saw William the corn snake, Fred & Matilda the 2 cockroaches, Mr Tubs the tree frog, Emily & Mulan the 2 rats, Bellatrix the tarantula and Shelly the Giant African snail - wow! Here are some of the things that the children said about the experience...

Ahmed – "I liked the cockroach. It was ticklish on my hand".

Francesca – "I liked the rat because it was nice and furry".

Robyn – "I liked when the snake stucked its tongue out at me because it made me laugh!".

Hari – "I liked when the frog was jumping about.

Penny C – "I liked it when the rat climbed on the man's shoulder because it was funny

Dates

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

Tuesday 18th April – School re-opens
Monday 1st May – School closed for May bank holiday
Wednesday 3rd May – Y6 Leavers' Photo
Friday 5th May – King's Coronation Lunch
Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
Friday 5th May – Y2 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023 - Y6 SATS week
Tuesday 16th May – Rec Visit to Hardwick Park
Tuesday 6th June – Y5 Visit to Beamish
Tuesday 6th June – Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Lighthouse
Thursday 8th June 09:10am – Pentecost Eucharist – parents welcome
Tuesday 20th June – Y4 Visit to Vindolanda
Friday 23rd June 09:10am – Y1 Class Assembly – parents welcome
Tuesday 27th June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm
Monday 17th July 2:45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome
Friday 21st July 10:00am – Y6 Leavers Service – St. Mary's Church
Friday 21st July – School closes for Summer holiday

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 1st 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...

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

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

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Places are limited and open to school aged children & young people only.

Week 1

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

Week 2

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