



Weekly Bulletin 12th May 2023

Headteacher's Message

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for the excellent effort and dedication they have shown during SATs assessments this week. We are delighted with their approach to their studies and they can be justly proud of their efforts.

We have also begun work updating the EYFS outdoor area. This is an exciting project that will redevelop the existing space and provide further learning opportunities for the children. If you would like to know more about the changes then please do speak to myself or Mrs Short and if you are able to offer any assistance in removing the existing flooring and structures in the outdoor area please contact the office – your help would be greatly appreciated.

Next week our catering contractors, Chartwells, will be running a 'BEE THE HERO' competition. This is to celebrate National Bumblebee Day on the 20th May and Chartwells are working in partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT). The aim is to design a poster that encourages us all to think how we can help protect Bumblebees. Children will bring a poster template home tonight and have all next week to hand in their entry to the catering team.

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 FOSS and they have shared an update below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS)

Easter Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Easter Coffee Afternoon on Thursday 30th March and to everyone who made such generous donations. It was lovely to see so many family members there and the pupil's egg and bonnet designs were fantastic. We raised an amazing £380 from the event.

Summer Discos

The next infant and junior discos will be held in the school hall on Friday 19th May. The times are

- Infant Disco 5.45 – 7pm
- Junior Disco 7.15 – 8.30pm

Entry is £4, a snack will be provided and everyone is invited to come along and have some fun. Parents and Carers are asked to stay at the infants disco. For the junior disco parents and carers are welcome to stay, but you are not required to do so.

Summer Fair

The summer fair will be held on Saturday 8th July. It will be a great day including an inflatable slide, face painting, games and prizes to be won. We hope to see you all there.

What have we spent the money on?

So far this year funds raised through the activities organised by FOSS include:

- Personalised leavers hoodies for our Year 6 Pupils
- School trips for every year group which are funded by FOSS
- Contribution towards the Year 6 trip to Robin Wood to help reduce the cost for parents and carers

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. If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to school or an existing member of FOSS.

Community News

On Saturday 29th April, 3 of our current Year 6 pupils and a number of our former pupils were confirmed at St Mary's Coxhoe. It was a wonderful occasion and we are grateful to Mrs Duell and Fr Peter for working hard to prepare the candidates.



Dates

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

Monday 15th May – Rocksteady Music Taster Day

Tuesday 16th May – Reception visit to Hardwick Park
Friday 19th May – FOSS School Disco
Tuesday 6th June – Y2 Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse
Tuesday 6th June – Y5 Visit to Beamish Museum
Tuesday 6th June – Y6 Athletics festival
Wednesday 7th June – Y6 Leavers' Cathedral Service
Thursday 8th June at 9.05am – Pentecost Eucharist – All welcome
Friday 16th June – Reception New Starter Visits
Tuesday 20th June – Y4 Visit to Vindolanda
Wednesday 21st June – Y1 Class assembly - Brazilian Carnival
Friday 23rd June – Reception New Starter Visits
Tuesday 27th June – Y1 Visit to Hall Hill Farm
Wednesday 28th June at 6pm – 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' – Drama Club Production
Thursday 29th June at 6pm – 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' – Drama Club Production
Saturday 8th July - FOSS Summer Fair
Monday 17th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome
Friday 21st July at 10am – Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Y6 Parents Welcome
Friday 21st July – School closes for Summer holiday.

St. Mary's Church

Wild Church - We are looking forward to Wild Church this Saturday 13th May at 4.00 p.m. outside St. Mary's where we are having an African theme, a drum circle and doing the Malawian theme planting pea shoots, taking some living pea shoots home, having a campfire, planting potatoes, having a short service and welcoming Elizabeth, our Christian Aid speaker and enjoying pea soup.

Water Safety Information

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Christian Values

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

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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