



### **Weekly Bulletin – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

I write to you for one final time, and I begin by thanking you all for your support during my time as headteacher and particularly during the period of the Covid pandemic. By working together, we have established and nurtured a community in which each member has flourished and experienced our school vision for 'life in all its fulness.' In any school the flourishing of the children is dependent on the flourishing of the staff. When I first came to Shincliffe, it was obvious that building up the staff team was vital to the future success of the school. It is a huge delight therefore, and a testament to the huge strength of our staff team that we have 'grown our own' head and deputy headteacher in Mr Rumbles and Mrs Richardson. I know the school will continue to thrive in their capable hands. Their appointments are richly deserved. We wish Mrs Morgan well as she leaves at the end of this term and thank her for her service to the school. I wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and fulfilling summer and staff, children, parents and families every future success.

*May the road rise to meet you,*

*May the wind be always at your back,*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*

*May the rains fall softly upon your fields.*

*Until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

*Amen*

Best wishes

Mr Tait

### **A message from Fr. Peter Kashouris- Chair of Governors**

We have been incredibly blessed to have had David Tait leading our school over these last seven years. From the first moment the governors heard him speak at interview- I remember it distinctly, it was an address on the theme of the love of God – we knew we were getting someone of exceptional and outstanding ability. And sure enough, it has been an extraordinary privilege to work with David. He has been so constantly assiduous in every aspect of the leadership of the school, bringing about the best outcome in every situation. His priority in his guidance of the school has been the well-being and nurture of the children, and from this priority all else has followed. I know how many amongst the school community are grateful to David for what he has done for them.

We know full well how valuable his contribution will be to Church schools throughout the nation in his new post. He leaves here at Shincliffe a staff team who have been carefully built up, even during this year of such difficulties in schools.

David spoke at interview about the love of God; his work as the headteacher has amply paid out on his dedication to that love, in exemplary care for the whole school and for each member of it.

Peter Kashouris

### **A message from Mrs Morgan**

Thank you for all the kind words, best wishes and generous gifts. I have enjoyed many years teaching at this lovely school and loved teaching in every year group, seeing the development and enthusiasm of all the children. I have enjoyed passing through time in our history lessons, discovering about our wonderful world in geography and in particular teaching French. I have loved celebrating the different cultures, traditions and festivals from around the world and forming long lasting partnerships with primary schools and colleagues around the world. Thank you for your support for all the festivities and celebrations we have done and also for your generous donations to provide solar lamps to help children in our Kenyan partner school - we are about to send 10 more lamps! I shall miss you all and wish you a wonderful summer break.

### **Drop-off and Pick-Up arrangements for September**

From September, school will return to the normal drop off time which is between 8.45am and 8.55am. We will continue with the entry and exit system that was put in place during the pandemic. Infant children will access the school building via the KS1 entrance, Y5 and Y6 via the usual route through the school playground and Y3 and Y4 by the gate at the rear of the carpark. The carpark will be closed from 8:30am each morning to facilitate access. Parents and children must continue to access the school using the usual pedestrian entrances and Y3 and Y4 children will then need to walk through the carpark to access their gate. Staff will supervise this access. Parents should not access the carpark area. Nobody must access the school site using the rear carpark gates. Pick-up times will be between 3:20-3:30pm. Reception class at 3:20pm, KS1 3:25pm and KS2 3:30pm.

We will continue to support track and trace until Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. I remind parents to **inform school immediately of any Covid-19 test results**. Please use the school email address: [shincliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:shincliffe@durhamlearning.net). Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

### **Dates**

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for Summer holidays

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – School reopens for Autumn term 1

The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.