

# St. John's Church of England Academy

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## Newsletter

### New Beginnings

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather. It was lovely to welcome all the children back on Wednesday, they were all refreshed, full of excitement and news. They look so smart in their new uniforms and are refreshed and ready to learn. A special welcome to all our new starters in Reception , Bailey (Y2) and Melissa (Y3).



#### Working Together Achieves More...

Last year was another super year for St. John's, thanks to the wonderful team of staff and governors who are so committed to 'going the extra mile' to ensure that we provide the very best for all our children. Of course we have wonderful children who are polite and keen to learn. Our Year 6 children did us very proud in their National tests and once again we managed to achieve fantastic results in Maths, Reading and Writing which puts us amongst the top performing schools in the country! Many thanks to all our parents and carers who work closely with us to encourage and support their children with learning. We look forward to working with you all throughout the year and welcome your support in the continued success of St. John's. I am extremely proud to be head teacher of St. John's, such an outstanding school.

*Miss Large*





Mrs Baker is a permanent member of staff and is our Home/School Support Worker. She is available to help/advise parents/carers or offer reassurance. You will see her in the yard in the mornings and after school. If you would like a quick chat just catch her or call into the office to make an appointment.

At the end of term, we said farewell to Mrs Martin (Admin), whose husband was posted down the country. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Williams.

### Let's Celebrate...

In 2013/14 we achieved 96.2% for attendance which is our best year ever! Our target was 96% which we managed to exceed. Thank you to all parents/carers who worked hard to ensure their child's attendance was excellent and ensured that their child arrived on time (before 8.55am) every day.

Further congratulations go to Joshua Nicholson, Amelia Nimmo, Charlotte Baldwin, Lucy Harrison, Tina Huang, Katie Richmond, Lucy Bell, Rhiannon Davidson, Aaron Hazlewood, Freya Quinn, Jacob Anderson, Lacey Baldwin, Tyler Peach, Ella Watson, Sam Watson, Miles Hague, Caitlain Hazlewood, Jay Rustico, Oliver Ryder, Thomas Henderson, Jaymie West and Ellie White who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year, an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to Reception (now Y1) who had the highest attendance last year overall and well done to Y2, 3, 4 and 5 who all achieved the 96% target.

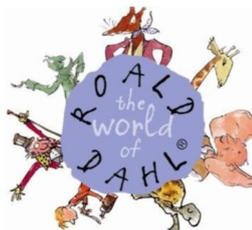
Every child will continue to earn an 'attendance point' for every full week to spend at the 'Attendance Shop' which was very popular last year.

### Overall attendance for 2013/14

1st	Reception (now Y1)	96.68%
2nd	Year 2 (now Y3)	96.66%
3rd	Year 5 (now Y6)	96.39%
4th	Year 4 (now Y5)	96.21%
5th	Year 3 (now Y4)	96.02%
6th	Year 1 (now Y2)	95.73%

### Curriculum Newsletter

You will be receiving a Curriculum Newsletter from your child's class teacher outlining what your child will be learning and how you might help. Your child's teacher will be happy to discuss any questions you may have or offer help/advice with homework. Staff are very busy preparing in the mornings so the best time to catch them is after school.



Monday 15th September is Roald Dahl Day. As part of our drive to promote reading for pleasure and an enjoyment of books we are planning a 'Roald Dahl' day in school where we can explore the author and some of his books. The staff are planning to come to school dressed as one of Roald Dahl's characters and any children who would like to join in are welcome to do so.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

- 15.9.14 Roald Dahl Day
- 29.9.14 Y3 & 4 Vindolanda trip
- 24.10.14 Break up for half term
- Tuesday Return to school (Monday teacher training day)
- 19.12.14 Christmas break
- Tuesday Return to school (Monday teacher training day)

### Credit Union Banking

The savings club starts again on Tuesday 9th September. If you would like to save with us, just send in the money (along with the paying in book) with your child or bring it to the office on a Tuesday morning. It couldn't be easier! Last year we were awarded a certificate for being the top savers in the Durham area!



Please could you send your child in with a named water bottle, preferably the sport type, which can be left in their class rooms and refilled daily. We encourage children to drink water regularly as this is known to keep them alert and concentrate on their learning.

