

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

**Be the best that you can be:** 'Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as if working for the Lord and not for people'.  
Colossians 3.23



Kevin Kilcullen, a Local Motion Officer, held an assembly recently to make the children aware of the importance of being seen in the dark by wearing something reflective or bright. So as part of Children in

Need Day and our 'Be Safe, Be Seen' week, we asked the children to come as 'Brighter Bikers' and make a donation for Children in Need. As you can see from our winners the children were definitely bright and could easily be seen in the dark and around school! We raised a staggering £ 236.76 for a very worthy cause. Many thanks to you all.



We were very proud to be presented with a silver Modeshift Star award. This prestigious award is about educating the children about sustainable travel i.e. walking, biking, scooting or simply parking away from school and walking the remainder of the distance. Our Sustainable Travel Ambassadors record this information and monitor how we travel. We have our eyes on the gold star next time!



Mrs Wakelin and her Golden Time group made and decorated Pudsey biscuits and raised £18.50 for Children in Need. Well done!



Our choir will be performing at St. John's Church

Fair on Saturday 28th November at 11.30am. Please come along and support.





## E-safety Notice

### E-Safety

During our work on Anti-bullying, looking particularly how children keep themselves safe on line, it has come to our attention that some children are playing computer games which include some very mature content which is inappropriate for them, including Call of Duty, GTA and Assassin's Creed; these games are all rated 18+ for their violent content.

If you are looking to buy computer games for Christmas, could we suggest looking them up on [www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org) and reading the reviews by parents and children to help you make your choices.

Over the next few weeks we will be working with the children on some new lessons from the NSPCC to teach the children how to be 'Share Aware' when using social media. We will be inviting you along to share this information so that together we can give our children the skills to stay safe on line.



Since our building work is finished, the PTFA are planning a Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 4th December. The Fayre will start at 2pm until 4.30pm. They will be sending out a letter next week, along with raffle tickets; the raffle will be drawn at the event. Any good quality, unwanted toys, games, books or gifts are welcome along with bottles, bubble bath, wine etc. for the Tombola. Please ensure an adult brings in any glass bottles. We very much appreciate your generosity and support. All the children will have the opportunity to go to the Fayre even if parents can't make the event. Please send in no more than £2 (in change) for them to spend, in a sealed envelope. Any parents wishing to take their child home after the Fayre will be able to do so.



### Dates for Diaries

24.11.15	Stay & Play in Nursery	
25.11.15	Road Safety Officer visit Early Years	
<b>25.11.15</b>	<b>Year1 Class Assembly 9am</b>	
25.11.15	Gymnastics Festival	
26.11.15	School Photographer	
27.11.15	Year 1 trip to Bowes Museum	
28.11.15	St. John's Church Fair AM	
30.11.15	Table Tennis Festival	
1.12.15	Gymnastics Final	
<b>2.12.15</b>	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly 9am</b>	
4.12.15	School Christmas Fayre - details to follow	
<b>9.12.15</b>	<b>Year 3 Class Assembly 9am</b>	
15.12.15	Christmas Lunch	
<b>16.12.15</b>	<b>Christmas Concerts - KS1 &amp; 2 start at 2pm and 6pm</b>	
17.12.15	Christingle at St. John's Church 2pm	
17.12.15	KS1 Christmas Party AM	
18.12.15	KS2 Christmas Party PM	
18.12.15	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
5.1.16	Children return to school	Happy New Year 2016



### New Menu

The new menu choice for winter will be coming out next week. Please go through each days menu with your child and return their choices by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

### Savings Club

If you wish to withdraw money your child's savings account, please give the office a weeks notice so that the Credit Union representative can action your request. Thank you



### After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs the last week of this term (week commencing 14.12.15). The last week will be very busy with parties and Christmas concerts!



### School Photographer Reminder

May we remind you that the photographer will be in school next Thursday 26th November. You will already have received a letter giving details. Thank you