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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



A very athletic morning!

We welcomed GB Paralympic Craig McCann to school to learn about his life and career in sport. Craig told the children about his life before and after discovering his brain tumour which caused his disability. During a



question and answer session, the children were inspired by his determination not to give up and how he decided that he wanted to be a paralympic athlete representing his country which he did in fencing and cycling. Craig told the children that with hard work and determination they could achieve anything! All the children participated enthusiastically in the fitness challenges. Many thanks to all the children who have already returned their sponsor form and money; please return the rest by Monday 2nd February.

Craig is currently 4th best in the world in Paralympic cycling and we wish him well for Rio in 2016 where he will be competing against the best in the world to win a gold medal.

Promoting Our Christian Values



The children were invited to nominate a charity to receive a donation of £150, raised from the sale of raffle tickets at the Christmas concert. We were extremely impressed by the heart warming requests to the whole school before being put to a vote. All seven children who presented did themselves proud, with clear confident presentations. Lacey (Y5) and Ellie (Y6) gave particularly personal stories winning £75 each for Cystic Fibrosis and the Children's Heart Unit.

Busy day at Bowes Museum



As part of their topic on old toys, year 1 and 2 visited Bowes museum. They had the opportunity to see, learn about and play with a variety of old toys. They discussed what each toy was, who played with them and the materials they were made from. The children compared these toys to toys they play with at home. After their visit, as part of their design and technology work, year 2 designed and made their own pull along toys. Year 1 also had a creative time making peg dolls which they designed first.



Rugby
Saturday 16th
January
St. John's were
invited to take



part in the first ever
Conversion Shoot-out at
Mowden Park Arena. We
were victorious against Mowden
Juniors with a 4-3 score line. We will now play in the final. Well done
boys!

Basketball

This year we entered two teams in the Basketball Festival. The children
really looked the part in their new basketball kit, it must have given
them extra confidence because B team got through to the knockout
stages competing against Red
Hall. The match ended in a draw
and it went to a sudden death
shoot-out which Red Hall won. It
hasn't ended there though, we
have reached the Tees Valley
final next month. Fantastic effort
everyone!



Warm welcome

It's lovely to
welcome
Mr Peter Cooke
to St. John's as
our new School
Business
Manager.











EUROVISION
SONG CONTEST

Good luck to the Year 5
children who will be performing
tonight at the Civic Theatre as part of the Mayor's
Eurovision Song Contest.

M a t h s

Please make sure you
have received your
invitation to your child's
'Maths Open Morning' next week so you can get a
flavour of the new maths curriculum.

Dates for Diaries

26.1.16	Y5 Mayor's Eurovision Song Contest - Civic Theatre
1.2.16— 4.2.16	Maths Open Mornings begin this week. (please note Y3 NOT Tuesday and Y6 NOT Thursday)
2.2.16	Dance Festival at the Dolphin Centre 
4.2.16	Y6 Safety Carousel visit 
8.2.16	Boys Five-a-Side football 4pm- 6pm Dolphin Centre 
9.2.16	Safer Internet Day
11.2.16	Run for Fun Festival 
11.2.16	Valentine Disco 3.20 - 4.30pm & 4.45pm - 6pm
12.2.16	Break up for 1 week
22.2.16	Children return to school
22.2.16	Theatre Company in school performing the 'Sword and the Stone' - no money need
23.2.16	Jay's Animals visit Year1 & 2
23.2.16	Dentist visit to Early Years
24.2.16	Y4 Girls Football Festival 10 - 3pm 
29.2.16	Y3 Tennis Festival 12 - 3pm 
3.3.16	Parent Open Afternoon/Evening
3.3.16	Parent Open Afternoon for KS2
4.3.16	Dress up as your favourite book character - Plenty of time to think about it!
7.3.16	Book Fair in school. Monday to Thursday. 3.20 - 4pm
7.3.16	Police Dogs visit Nursery 
8.3.16	Y5/6 Swimming Gala at the Dolphin Centre - am 
10.3.16	Y5/6 Swimming Gala at the Dolphin Centre - am 
14.3.16	Y3 Tennis Festival at the Dolphin Centre - 12 - 3pm
24.3.16	Break up for Easter Holidays
11.4.16	Return to school

Safety First



We recently received a call from the Road Safety Officer reporting two near accidents on the junction of Fenby Avenue and Geneva Road. Unfortunately they still have not been able to fill the position. Please ensure you and your child/ren is aware of the busy traffic in the morning and when school finishes. We suggested that you cross further up Geneva Road away from the junction.



Please be extra careful dropping off and picking up your children, there is a lot of extra traffic around with the building work going on opposite the school. We have requested that lorries are not using the carpark during our busy times.

Please park responsibly, the Police called into school to report that they had given a parent a warning for parking on the yellow lines outside of school. They will be making regular spot checks to ensure compliance and will be issuing fines, so be warned!

Our Sustainable Travel Ambassadors are also working with PC Summerhill and Kevin to monitor traffic and are working on a 'Park and Stride' scheme which is to encourage parents to park further away from school and walk a short distance. More about this will be in future newsletters when the team has collated results of their survey.

Office Message



May we remind parents whose children have school dinners, that payment needs to be in on a Monday. We accept payment in advance for meals too. Thank you.

We have started collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. Over the years we have received some wonderful sports equipment. Even one voucher can make all the difference!

