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Guided by God, to be the best that you can be.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you enjoyed the break despite the weather! The children have settled in very quickly and we have an action packed term ahead, look out for your child's Curriculum Newsletter. Our worship this week focused on celebrating the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the children contributed with their good news stories. Our Christian value this half term will be 'forgiveness' looking at saying sorry, trying to change behaviour, making up and not holding grudges. Rev. Sheilagh and Rev. Sue will be starting 'Agape' celebrations in school with individual classes. Agape is a Christian meal Jesus shared with his disciples. You are warmly invited to join your child's service, please see Dates for Diaries.

We had a lovely end to the term with a wonderful Easter service at St. John's Church. Everyone commented on how well the children sang and the super, confident performance from Year 5 who helped Rev. Sheilagh to bring the events of Holy Week to life.



Once again we were overwhelmed by the number of children who entered this year's Easter Egg competition. All the entries were superb which made judging for our governors and church member very difficult. Every child received a small prize; many thanks to PTFA and Morrisons who donated the main prizes.



Shining Lights for demonstrating our Christian Values through their frequent acts of kindness.

Overall Attendance for Spring Term

Reception	94.31%	7th
Year 1	97.73%	2nd
Year 2	98.52%	1st
Year 3	96.94%	4th
Year 4	97.49%	3rd
Year 5	96.34%	5th
Year 6	96.27%	6th

Our current attendance is 97% which is the best it's ever been - well done! It's no surprise that we have got a huge number of children receiving prizes and certificates for excellent attendance!

As you can see all classes apart from Reception reached our target of 96.2% - amazing. Year 2 have again won the competition for the highest attendance for last term.



Crossbar Challenge FINAL - reporter Steven Bell Community Sports Officer Mowden Park Rugby Club

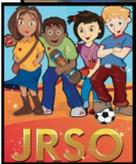


On Saturday 5th March we had two schools return to The Northern Echo Arena to compete in the

Crossbar Challenge FINAL, after both had been successful in their semi-final appearances. The two involved were St John's and St George's, both local Darlington schools. St John's were the winners, well done!



As part of the national Big Pedal event we will be holding a free Bike-it Breakfast on Wednesday 20th April for families who come to school on a bicycle or scooter. There will be a host of events happening during the two weeks ending on Friday 29th April which will be the Year 5 bike ride and our very popular 'Bling Your Bike' competition. So decorate your bike or scooter you may win a prize! PC Summerhill will also be in school to security mark your bike or scooter.



Junior Road Safety Officers presented prizes to the winners of the 'design a cycle helmet' to encourage children to wear their helmets at all times when cycling or riding scooters.



No crossing Tori!

Tori was selected to represent Darlington in the Tees Valley Cross Country final. This was Tori's first event and she came a very respectable 23rd resulting in the Darlington team coming second overall, competing against six other counties. Well done Tori we wish you many more successes in future competitions.



Thanks to Mr Boyd who organised a very entertaining 'Olympics with a difference' event to raise money for Sports Relief. Although the weather was not great it didn't dampen the enthusiasm! Many thanks to the PTFA for the refreshments, making £55.55; all proceeds went to Sport Relief. The staff joined in the fun but the stars of the show were the children. If you still have any sponsor money still outstanding, please bring to the office as soon as possible so we can publish the final amount raised. Well done children, by raising money you have helped change people's lives.

Dates for Diaries	
18.4.16	Big Pedal starts
20.4.16	Bike it Breakfast 8 - 9am - Parents welcome
22.4.16	KS1 Attendance and Sustainable Travel Ambassadors Assembly 9am
22.4.16	Year 5 Orienteering Festival (AM) 
22.4.16	Year 4 boys & girls Football competition- Rockcliffe Hall (PM)
27.4.16	Reception Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
29.4.16	Bling Your Bike competition/security marking
29.4.16	Year 5 Bike Ride
2.5.16	Bank Holiday - 1 day only
4.5.16	Parent Teacher and Friends Association meeting 9am - everyone welcome
4.5.16	Year 1 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
5.5.16	Police & Crime Commissioner Election 6.15am - 10pm in the Community Room
9.5.16	National Test (SAT's) Year 6 Monday—Thursday
11.5.16	Year 2 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
17.5.16	Year 4 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
18.5.16	Year 3 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
18.5.16	Y3 & Y4 Quad Kids 9 -12 noon at Eastbourne Complex 
18.5.16	Y5 & Y6 Boys Football Town Cup at Longfield (AM) 
18.5.16	Year 6 'Travel Day' 9 - 12 noon
23.5.16	Year 6 at Seahouses - back Thursday
23.5.16	Year 5 visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
24.5.16	Y5 Boys Cricket Festival 
25.5.16	Year 5 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
Thursday 26.5.16	Break up for half term
Tuesday 7.6.16	Back to school

2016/17 calendar is now on the website