

St. John's Church of England Academy



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



Our VIP's

Congratulations to Caden (Head Boy), Lacey (Head Girl), Harry (Deputy) and Lyla (Deputy) who have been elected as this year's ambassadors for the school. The candidates from year six, addressed the whole school about what they thought were important attributes to be a good ambassador. Demonstrating democracy in action, each class considered the important points and made a secret vote to appoint the successful candidate. We know they will do a wonderful job!



Alfie and Delilah (Y1), Ryan and Rosie (Y2), Cameron and Olivia (Y3), Ryley and Charlotte (Y4), Jayden and Lucy (Y5), Tyler and Hope (Y6)



Congratulations also go to our new School Councillors who were voted to represent their class views. Being a School Council member is a very important role; helping with events and bringing ideas to improve the school and our community. Their first job will be to revamp the yard.



Well done to our new Year 6 House Captains, Sienna (Matthew), Joshua (Mark), Rio (Luke) and Elissa (John). Their role is to encourage house team members to take part in events and gain house points to win the Gallagher Cup!



Friday 30th September

Our Foundation team are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the hall on Friday. There will be baked cakes and biscuits for sale. The Nursery and Reception children will be singing songs. It would be lovely to see you and raise money for this very worthy cause.

KS2 golden time baking group will baking and decorating biscuits to sell to year three and year four classes this Friday. The children will be bringing a letter home this week, giving further details of the sale.

SAFETY FIRST!

The health and safety of our children is paramount. Some parents commented in the parental questionnaire

that not everyone adheres to our health and safety rules. **Please remember:**

- * **Parking on yellow lines outside school is not permitted** as it is a serious risk for children and parents trying to cross the road.
- * **Parents are not permitted to park in the school car park** (unless they are registered disabled) or **to use the car park as a short cut**.
- * **Smoking** is not permitted on the school grounds.
- * **Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds** parents are requested not to hang around the entrance with them or tie them near the entrance, as many children feel nervous and threatened.
- * **Swearing or inappropriate language** is not permitted at any time and may result in a ban from the premises.

The vast majority of parents follow these rules at all times

which helps us to keep children safe and maintain a lovely, safe and caring environment for all our children. Thank you for your co-operation.

HARVEST

This year we will be celebrating Harvest in school and not at St. John's Church. On **Wednesday 19th October** Year 2 and

Year 3 will be performing at 9.05am and Reception and Year 1 at 2.45pm. On **Friday 21st October** Years 4, 5, and 6 will perform at 9am; everyone is welcome. We will be collecting for Darlington Food Bank; please ensure any items have a long sell by date.


Thank you so much for completing the annual parent questionnaire; it was very heart warming to see how much you appreciate the work of the school. I will be analysing them in more detail and will give a summary in the next newsletter.



Our Sustainable Travel Ambassadors

have their work cut out this term! Sienna (Y6) came up with the idea that we need to persuade the council that safety for pedestrians needs to be improved when crossing Geneva Road/ Fenby Avenue. They are busy monitoring the vehicles/ pedestrians to use as evidence.



Little Green Fingers

KS1 golden time gardening club have been busy planting violas in the tubs to make our school look colourful in the winter months. The gardening club have also been very busy pulling up the potatoes and beetroot. The trees have produced some impressive baking apples too!

Dates for Diaries	
29.9.16	Y1 & Y2 Pedestrian Training - morning
30.9.16	Nursery & Reception MacMillan Coffee Morning - all welcome
30.9.16	Y3 Pedestrian Training - morning
6.10.16	National Poetry Day
10.9.16	Y5 & Y6 NSPCC 'Stay Safe' Workshop
13.10.16	Parent Open Afternoon KS1 /Evening KS1 & KS2
14.10.16	Parent Open Afternoon KS2
19.10.16	Harvest Celebration Y2 & Y3 9.05am - Reception & Y1 2.45pm
20.10.16	Autumn Disco. KS1 3.20-4.30pm KS2 4.45-6pm
20.10.16	Cross Country Festival 9.30am - 12.30pm Eastbourne Complex
21.10.16	Harvest Celebration Years 4, 5 & 6 at 9am all welcome
21.10.16	Break up for half term
1.11.16	Return to school (Tuesday)