

# St. John's Church of England Academy

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

We hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the mild weather and autumn beauty. The PFA did a marvellous job with our Autumn Disco; the children had heaps of fun dancing and playing games. It was so difficult to judge the pumpkin competition, they were all so good! Every child received a small prize and we hope you had fun making them.



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

On **Tuesday 8th November**, we will be hosting a Diocesan training course which will be attended by other church schools around our area. We will need to use our playground as an overflow car park, therefore at home time, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will need to be collected from the front hall doors along with any older siblings. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will leave by the normal doors. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Now that the weather has changed and in order to get a prompt start to the day, we will be allowing the children to come straight into their classes in the mornings from 8.45am. This will also avoid congestion in the cloakroom areas. A Teaching Assistant will be on the main door to see the children into school, please report any important messages to the main office.

This will start from **Tuesday 8th November**.

# Attendance MATTERS



Overall school attendance so far this term is 97.7%; our target is 96%. Thank you to parents who make medical appointments outside of school times or after registration times.

Overall attendance for each class last half term is as follows:

Year	Attendance	Position
Reception	96.77%	4th
Year 1	97.08%	3rd
Year 2	95.56%	6th
Year 3	96.77%	4th
Year 4	95.89%	5th
Year 5	98.42%	1st
Year 6	97.81%	2nd



Well done to Reception, Year 1, 3, 5 and 6 who all exceeded our 96% target. Attendance prizes for individual children with a very good (98 -100%) will be presented today. Please remember that new government regulations identify a child as being 'persistent absentee' if their attendance is below 90% and we are required to put systems in place to monitor attendance and provide support. If your child's attendance has fallen to below 90%, you will be receiving a letter and you may need to speak to our Attendance Officer or the headteacher.



Our Christian Value for this term will be 'Peace' which will link to our reflections on Remembrance day, work on Anti Bullying Week (14th - 18th November) and the build up Jesus' birth.

Poppies are now on sale with donations from 30p.

Dates for Diaries	
9.11.16	Year 5 Safety Carousel
14.11.16	Anti - Bullying Week
18.11.16	Children in Need Day
<b>22.11.16</b>	<b>School Photographer</b>
26.11.16	St. John's Church Fair 11am - 2pm
6.12.16	Year 2 Christmas Journey at St. John's Church
<b>16.12.16</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas</b>
<b>3.1.17</b>	<b>Return to school</b>



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday**  
**26th November**  
11 am to 2pm

Tombola, Jewellery, Cakes,  
Raffle, Toiletries, Provisions  
and Refreshments

Everyone is welcome.