

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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

On Tuesday 7th December, Year 2 had a magical time at St John's Church, where members of the congregation dressed up and put on interactive workshops for the children which transported them back to Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The children were mesmerized and had a wonderful time experiencing at first hand the story of Jesus.



**Mrs Honeyman retires at the end of term after 37 years at St John's—a huge achievement in itself! She has given her heart and soul to St John's community, teaching over a 1000 children including many of our mums and dads! I'm sure you will join in with staff and governors in wishing her a long and happy retirement.**

**On behalf of all the staff and governors, may I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2017. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd January.**

**Best Wishes  
Miss Large**



### Salvation Army

We invited Captain Colin Bradshaw to our assembly last week to talk about the good deeds his members do for the homeless and less fortunate in Darlington. The children were astounded by the amount of work the Salvation Army volunteers do, ranging from providing a warm meal to providing sleeping accommodation for a night or simply giving the homeless sleeping bags to keep them warm on these cold nights. Captain Bradshaw was presented with a cheque for £50 by our head boy and girl as a

donation towards their wonderful work. The money will go towards buying Christmas presents for children in Darlington. Captain Bradshaw also met Evelyn who entered a sponsored 'Cartwheel-a-thon', to help raise funds for the homeless.



## What's happening this week?

**Tuesday 13th – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance** - The performance will start at 9.10am. Due to limited numbers, there will be 2 invitations per child.

**Tuesday 13th – Christmas Lunch** available to school dinner children only. Home packed lunch children will be involved in the festive fun too. **School uniform please.**

**Wednesday 14th – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance** - The performance will start at 9.10am. Due to limited numbers, there will be 2 invitations per child.

**Wednesday 14th – Nursery and Reception Nativity** - Performance starts at 10.30am. Two tickets per family.

**Wednesday 14th – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance** - The performance will start at 2.45pm. Due to limited numbers, there will be 2 invitations per child.

### Parties

**Thursday 15th (morning) Year 1 & 2** - Children can come to school in their party outfits/Christmas jumpers. Please ensure your child has their **uniform to change into and a coat and sensible shoes** to walk to Church for the Christingle service in the afternoon.

**Friday 16th KS2 (afternoon)** Please ensure your child comes to school in their uniform. They can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Swimming will still be available for those who wish to go.



### Christingle Service

**Thursday 15th December** we will be going to St. John's Church for a magical Christingle Service, **starting at 2pm**. If possible, please send in a donation for the Children's Society in sealed envelope which we will take to the service. We will be grateful for any contributions.

May we remind you to make sure your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes to walk to the church. It would be lovely to see you all at Church; any child not collected from Church will be returned to school for normal 3.20pm collection.



### Passed with Honours

Mr Cooke, our School Business Manager, was presented a 1st Class BA Honours in Leadership and Management at Newcastle University Graduation Ceremony. It has taken three years hard study to achieve this degree. No mean feat when juggling work, family and studying! Well done Mr Cooke.

Our PTFA are currently organising a January Sale which will be held on Friday 13th January. We are appealing for any unwanted Christmas presents or items that are good quality that we can put on sale.



### Safeguarding Notice

Just a reminder, if you wish to take pictures or videos at any school events, please ensure they only contain images of **your child**. Whilst we all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends, we must ensure we protect all children, including those who do not want their images stored or shared online. Some children may have complex family backgrounds which means that sharing their image online may put them at risk. Thank you for your cooperation.