

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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



### St. John's Got Talent!

We were so very proud of all the children who performed in front of parents, Bishop James and members of the church, displaying wonderful talents in dance, gymnastics, singing and poetry. Everyone was so impressed with the confidence and joy the children displayed.



Children meet Bishop James



'Our Shining Lights' received a Citizenship Award for demonstrating our Christian Value 'Hope'; believing that the world can be a better place and doing something about it.



On 15th March at 2.30pm you are welcome to join us for a Eucharist Service with Years 4, 5 and 6 which will be delivered by Reverend Sheilagh and Reverend Sue.



**In memory of...**  
The children planted

snowdrops in our Prayer Garden in memory of loved ones they have lost. Reverend Sue delivered a special blessing.



As part of the national Big Pedal event we will be holding a free Bike-it Breakfast on Wednesday 22nd March 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 31st March with our very popular 'Bling Your Bike' competition. So decorate your bike or scooter, you may win a prize!



### Book Week

We had a fantastic Book Week with children taking part in lots of competitions including 'Readers Read Anywhere' photo competition and our 'Mastermind' quiz which was won by Jay and Aiden in Year 1. Our finale on Friday was amazing; all the children dressed up as their favourite book character with some very creative outfits! Our PTFA kindly sponsored Book Vouchers for 1st and 2nd place in each class. Thank you very much for your support.



**PTFA** The PTFA very kindly hosted our popular Valentine Disco. The children had lots of fun dancing and taking part in competitions. £470.35 was raised; thank you for your support.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids** Many thanks to all those parents who are collecting Sainsbury Vouchers for us - please keep them coming.

Last Wednesday Y4 took part in a Run for Fun day at Eastbourne Park. The children were asked to dress in bright colours. They had been training for several weeks to improve levels of fitness which certainly worked - most of the class ran four laps of the park! Well done Year 4.

Well done to St John's in reaching the semi finals of the regional schools basketball tournament. Unfortunately beaten in the last seconds of the game. That's two years in a row in reaching the semi finals! Very proud of St John's representing Darlington.

Report from Jonathan Thompson  
Darlington Storm Head Coach



**Crossbar Challenge**  
Six of our talented ruby players took part in the Crossbar Challenge at Mowden Rugby Club last Saturday. The final result (after a close and very tense semi-final) was 3-2 to Hurworth. Well done for taking part and being great ambassadors for St. John's.

### Dates for Diaries

14.3.17	Major Collins from The Salvation Army to lead our morning Collective Worship
15.3.17	<b>Holy Communion for Years 4, 5 &amp; 6 at 2.30pm - parents very welcome</b>
15.3.17	Year 1 & Year 2 go to Beamish
16.3.17	Dr Bike - got a bike problem? Bring it along to be fixed
16.3.17	Swimming Gala at the Dolphin Centre - 9.30am-12.30pm
20.3.17	'The Big Pedal' starts
22.3.17	<b>'Bike it Breakfast' - bring your bike or scooter (and parents) and have a breakfast treat!</b>
24.3.17	Red Nose Day - wear uniform
25.3.17	Penalty Shoot-out at the R.A. Club -come along and give us a cheer!
28.3.17	<b>Year 2 Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome</b>
28.3.17	Dance Festival
31.3.17	Y5 Bike ride in the afternoon
31.3.17	'Bling Your Bike' competition
3.4.17	Decorate an Easter Egg Competition- entries 3rd and 4th April
4.4.17	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly at 2.45pm - parents welcome</b>
5.4.17	<b>Year 1 Class Assembly at 2.45pm - parents welcome</b>
6.4.17	<b>Easter Service 2pm at St. John's Church- all welcome</b>
7.4.17	Year 5 Netball Festival at Polam Hall - 10am-2.30pm
7.4.17	<b>Break up</b>
24.4.17	<b>Children return to school</b>