



## Newsletter

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



### Welcome back to the summer term

The children have settled in very quickly into the summer term and we have a busy but fun time ahead - you should have received a Curriculum Newsletter to keep you updated. Our Christian Value this half term is 'forgiveness' looking at how Jesus forgave the people who crucified him and how we can use 'his example'.



### Full steam ahead for Year 1

We had a marvellous spring term learning all about 'Journeys'. We visited both Beamish and the Head of Steam museums to find out about transport from the olden days. We learned all about George Stephenson and how important Darlington was in the birth of the railways. Our assembly was all about George Stephenson. We dressed up and retold the story of George's life to a very interested audience.



Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful time visiting our local Head of Steam Museum. Our guide explained all about the different jobs on the railway. We got to wear a train driver's cap, clip tickets with a clipper and stand in a real engine cab. A great time was had by all with lots of magnificent learning taking place.

  
**GOOD LUCK!**  
For your SATs  
**YEAR 6**

The Year 6 children will be sitting their National tests

next week. A big thanks to parents for supporting the children; they have worked very hard to prepare. We know they will come in and do their best. Good luck to you



## Celebrating Easter



We had a busy, exciting end of term with a special Easter service at St John's Church. Year 5 helped Rev Sheilagh to tell the Easter Story through drama and had lovely loud, clear voices. Everyone said how impressive the Year 5 and 6 singing was.

Well done everyone who entered our Easter Egg Competition - there was an amazing 142 entries! Our Governors who

judged had an almost impossible task to decide winners and runners up, but everyone received a prize. Thank you for your putting so much effort into your egg designs and to our PTFA for buying the chocolate Easter Eggs for our winners and runners up.

## Swimming Gala



Y5 and Y6 boys and girls attended the Dolphin Centre to represent St. John's in the annual small school Swimming Gala. The children enjoyed the event despite being up against some very strong opposition. Freya and Tori (Y5) narrowly missed out on final places in their individual events.

Well done to George, who qualified for the Y5 Butterfly final.



## Message from the office

◆ From September dinner money will be increasing to £2 per day/£10 a week due to food increases. This is the first price increase in 4 years.

- ◆ If you require your child to have new uniform for September. Please place your orders by 23rd June.
- ◆ Holiday term dates for 2017/18 are now on our website.
- ◆ New after school clubs for this term can be found on our website under the **Parent Information** tab.

## Overall Attendance for Spring Term

Reception	98.72%	1st
Year 1	98.12%	2nd
Year 2	94.94%	7th
Year 3	97.11%	4th
Year 4	96.83%	5th
Year 5	95.52%	6th
Year 6	97.64%	3rd

Our current attendance is 96.9% - amazing! 60 children achieved 100% with many more children reaching 98% or over. Each child received a prize and certificate for their excellent attendance. As you can see most of classes reached our target of 96.2%. Reception won the competition for the highest attendance for last term - well done!

## Budding Gardeners' Appeal

Sowing time is here and our young gardeners are preparing our allotment to grow lots of fruit and vegetables. If you have any spare plant pots please bring them to our school office. Thank you.



## Lost Property

We are gathering quite a lot of unnamed uniform, coats and boots in our lost property. If your child has lost items of clothing please look in the KS2 area near the exit door when you drop off or collect your child. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of half term.

## Dates for Diaries

<b>8.5.17</b>	<b>Y6 SAT's start and end Thursday</b>
17.5.17	Y4 Quad Kids 9.30am - 12.30pm
20.5.17	Mass Dance - Town centre starts at 1pm - everyone welcome
22.5.17	Y6 Seahouses residential return Friday 26th May
22.5.17	Girls' Football Team - Town Cup - Eastbourne Complex at 3.30pm
24.5.17	Y5 Boys' Cricket Tournament - 9.30am - 2.30pm at RA Club
26.5.17	Y5 Girls' Cricket Tournament - 9.30am - 2.30pm at Feethams
<b>26.5.17</b>	<b>Half term break</b>
<b>7.6.17</b>	<b>Children return to school (Wednesday)</b>
7.6.17	Y6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral - pm
<b>8.6.17</b>	<b>General Election - School open as usual</b> (Community Room used as Polling Station)
22.6.17	Tees Valley School Games
6.7.17	Community Games Y3 & Y4 at Eastbourne Complex 10am - 3pm
13.7.17	Y6 Bike Ride to Middleton St. George 9am - 2.30pm
21.7.17	Y6 Leavers' Assembly - Y6 parents welcome
<b>21.7.17</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>
<b>4.9.17</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>