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



We launched the 'Big Pedal' fortnight with a celebratory breakfast as a thank you for coming to school on a bike or scooter. This year was a record...96 people used pedal



power to come to school! Today was the last day for the Big Pedal and we finished off in style with our 'Bling Your Bike' competition. There were so many wonderful creations it was almost impossible to choose winners. Well done to everyone who designed fabulous, blingy bikes! As yet we don't know who has won the Big Pedal, but thanks to everyone who has participated in the competitions. It's been a record year - I hope everyone who took part is feeling so much fitter too!



Puzzled? Us too!



Last Friday afternoon, Years 5 and 6 took part in a puzzle workshop at Firthmoor Academy. The children worked in teams to solve a variety of puzzles from how to ensure penguins didn't fall off an ice-berg to creating a road with no dead ends. If it sounds crazy, it was! But it was great fun and the children really enjoyed challenging their brains and working as teams.



2 Year Old Nursery

If you have any 2 year old children or know anyone we have spaces available in our super provision. Please call into the office to check for eligibility.



the children on **Tuesday 8th May.**

We hope you have a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing



SPORT NEWS



Well done to Bailey and Freya who play for the Darlington Storm Basketball Team. Both won 'Player of the Week'. Their team were also runners up in a recent basketball tournament.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school clubs are very popular; so far 86% of children from Years 1 to 6 have accessed at least one. Please check our website to see what is going on this term. A new multi-games club for Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting in June after the football season finishes.



Sleepy Mondays!

We have noticed that many of the children are very tired on a Monday after a busy weekend with late nights.

Please ensure that the children get the week off to a good start and be super learners. Thank you.



Netball at Polam

On Thursday 19th April Year 4 took part in a non-competitive Netball Festival at Polam Hall.

The morning saw the children learning new skills while in the afternoon, the children played 6 minute games against other schools. Everyone enjoyed the day and the children's skills all improved.

As a follow up from this session we are now holding a Netball after school club for Year 3 and Year 4 children.



DATES FOR DIARIES	
7.5.18	May Day - school closed for 1 day
8.5.18	Y4 Quad Kids
14.5.18	Year 6 SAT's Week - no absences please
18.5.18	Dress in red, white and blue to celebrate the Royal Wedding
20.5.18	Darlington Mass Dance Festival - starts at 1pm town centre
21.5.18	RE - 'Big Frieze' Art's week
24.5.18 Thursday	Break up for 1 week
4.6.18	Return back to school
5.6.18	Y3 Forest School visit
5.6.18	Y5 & Y6 Town Sports 9am - 3pm
6.6.18	Reception Class - Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm - parents welcome
8.6.18	Gymnastics Festival at Hurworth Y1 - Y6
8.6.18	Soccer Aid Event - more details to follow
11.6.18	Y6 Seahouses Field Week
12.6.18	Y5 Cricket Festival at R.A Club
13.6.18	Y2 Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm - parents welcome
19.6.18	Y4 Forest School visit
20.6.18	Y1 Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm - parents welcome
27.6.18	Y2 Quad Kids
27.6.18	Y3 Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm - parents welcome
29.6.18	Transition day - visit your next class
3.7.18	Y2 visit Durham Cathedral
5.7.18	Y4 Community Games at Eastbourne Complex
8.7.18	Our dance troupe perform at the Hippodrome
12.7.18	Y6 Leavers' bike ride
17.7.18	Sainsbury's Community Sports (whole school)
20.7.18	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
20.7.18	Break up for the summer holidays



Change4Life Festival

On Thursday 26th April, 15 children who have attended the Change4Life lunchtime club this year were chosen to represent

St. John's in the Change4Life Festival at Eastbourne Sports Complex. They took part in a variety of activities that looked at each key area of the Spirit of the Games (respect, honesty, determination, teamwork, passion and self-belief). After the activities, the children were presented with a Change4Life goodie bag. They were impeccably behaved and were superb ambassadors for the school. Well done!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please note leave of absence will only

be granted for 'exceptional' circumstances which tend to be one off situations. Leave of Absence will not be considered for long periods (over 5 days). Good attendance is extremely important to maximise children's life chances and we value your cooperation.

Attendance Winners Summer Term 1

Week 1	Y4	99%
Week 2	Y5	100%



Attendance is 96.2% - we need to keep working hard to reach our target of 96.4%. Many thanks to parents/carers who make appointments outside of school. **On the occasions when this is unavoidable please bring in your medical and dentist appointment card or text, so the absence can be authorised.**

