

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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



Our Christian Values for this half term is 'Tolerance' and we will be enhancing our children's understanding of their place in a culturally diverse modern Britain by providing experiences and awareness of other religions reinforcing their understanding of respect for all.



### Year 5 Visit the Buddhist Centre

Year 5 visited the Buddhist Centre in Darlington. Dragdon, a Buddhist monk, took the children through the beliefs of Buddhism and why they live the way they do. The children also practised some meditation techniques and played some fun games. Lastly, the children were given the opportunity to ask him about what Buddhists believe about the afterlife, to link in with our RE topic on Death, Loss and Hope.

The Buddhist Centre run meditation classes for children every Tuesday evening – people from all faiths are welcome. For more information, please visit <http://meditationindarlington.org/>

Cloud Singh came to tell us about Sikhism; he was very impressed with our children's questions and we also looked at similarities and differences between Christianity. He reinforced that Sikhs live in a very caring, respectful way to get closer to God.



This half term is jam-packed with lots of exciting visits and sporting events. We had a super RE day on Monday when Chris Hudson from Barnabus worked with all classes looking at 'Christianity Around the World'.

The fantastic results of our RE Arts week! Every class took a panel from the Understanding Christianity 'Big Frieze' and interpreted that section of the Bible through a range of art work



## Year 3 Forest Schools experience in Geneva Woods

Year 3 had the exciting opportunity of taking part in a 'Forest Schools' day. When we arrived at Geneva Woods we were greeted by Chris, our trained professional, who led us into our site. Year 3 started the day building mini-shelters to protect Chris' miniature army men. Chris had a 'storm in a bottle' to test out how good the shelters were and the children all passed! They were then set the task of building shelters of their own to protect them from the weather. All the adults were blown away with the children's creativity, collaboration and communication. The shelters were so great we all were able to eat our lunch in them! After lunch we had a minibeast hunt using tricky identification keys to sort and group the minibeasts before releasing them back into their habitats. There was some fantastic systematic problem solving. To end off our day all the children practised using flint and steel to light fires. When completed, we all enjoyed toasting marshmallows and making smores which were delicious! The children had a fantastic day and left the woods with big smiles already trying to plan their next trip to the woods.



## TOWN SPORTS FESTIVAL

St John's were represented at the Town Sports by a very successful team!

Competing against many local schools our medal count was amazing...winning 7 Bronze, 1 Silver and 10 Gold medals! Thank you everyone for being wonderful ambassadors for our school. Amazing achievement, well done.

**It's getting hotter!** As you know it is vitally important that your child comes to school with a cap/hat and suncream as it can get very hot during break times. Although shade and access to the ICT suit is provided, a lot of the children like to run around and play on the field, so it is important that they are well protected from the sun.



We have noticed an increase in children who are bringing cereal bars and chocolate biscuits to school as a break time snack. It is not school policy to allow sugary snacks at break times. School provides fruit for EYFS and KS1 children (the remaining fruit goes to KS2). If you wish your child to have a snack from home please give them fruit. Thank you.



Our school holiday and term dates for 2018/19 are now available on our website. If you want a paper copy please call into the school office.

## Lost Property



We have an overwhelming amount of lost property! If your child has lost anything please check the lost property area which is located at the playground entrance in the KS2 corridor. Home time is the best time to look. Please ensure items of clothing are labelled so they can be returned easily.



This is a free course for practical parenting styles, positive communication, managing challenging behaviour and promoting self esteem.

Tuesday 12th June 2018  
5 weeks  
9am - 11am  
Community Room  
Call into the school office to book a place.

Attendance is 96.17% - we need to keep working hard to reach our target of 96.4%. Many thanks to parent/carers who make appointments outside of school. **On occasions when this is unavoidable please bring on your medical and dentist appointment card or text, so the absence can be authorised.**

## Attendance Winners Summer Term 1

Week 5	Y2 & Y4	99%
Week 6	Y2	100%

## 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.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

11.6.18	Y6 Seahouses Field Week
12.6.18	Y5 Cricket Festival at R.A Club
19.6.18	Y4 Forest School visit
20.6.18	Y1 Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm – <b>parents welcome</b>
21.6.18	Y3 Agape Collective Worship 2.45pm – <b>parents welcome</b>
27.6.18	Y2 Quad Kids
28.6.18	Collective Worship - Major Shirley from The Salvation Army - 9am
29.6.18	Transition day - visit your next class
2.7.18	Eucharist for Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 2.45pm
3.7.18	Y2 visit Durham Cathedral
4.7.18	<b>Sports Day - 1.30pm - parents welcome</b>
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
12.7.18	Y1 & Y2 visit the Captain Cook Museum - full day
17.7.18	Sainsbury's Community Sports (whole school)
20.7.18	<b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly - parents of Y6 welcome</b>
20.7.18	<b>Break up for the summer holidays</b>