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

Seahouses



Year 6 had a wonderful time in Seahouses where they took part in visits to the Farne Islands, Bamburgh Castle and Holy Island. They learnt all about wildlife, habitats and the history of the local area as well as

significant characters from the past: Grace Darling, Lord Armstrong, St Aidan and St Cuthbert. The children were fantastic in both their learning and their behaviour; on several occasions members of the public took the trouble to congratulate them on their impeccable behaviour. Well done Year 6 - we are very proud of you!



TAKE THE PLASTICS PLEDGE

Plastic is NOT Fantastic!

Year 5 delivered a fantastic collective worship on Thursday about the effect that plastic pollution has on the oceans and the creatures that live there. The children delivered the message in a very powerful way, which really made the children and parents think. Year 5 set each class a challenge – to raise enough money to buy each child in the school their own reusable plastic bottle. Together, we will make St. John's plastic bottle free.





Last Thursday we welcomed Mary Cook to our school who conducted an inspection of our Christian distinctiveness, ethos, RE and

Collective Worship. I can't give you any detail yet until we receive our official report. I am very proud to say that she was so very impressed by our children and thought we have a super team of staff. Thank you very much to the parents who met with her on the day too. We are looking forward to sharing the whole report with you as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.

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Visit to the Gurdwara

Year 4 visited Darlington's Gurdwara Sahib, a Sikh place of worship. Before entering the Gurdwara Sahib, they covered their heads with scarves as a sign of respect and once inside they removed their socks and shoes. Everyone sat on the floor and listened to Manni and her mum explain many interesting facts about the Sikh religion. Manni spoke of the Ten Gurus and the 5K's.

Year 4 had an amazing visit and would like

to say a huge thank you to Manpreet and her mum for organising their visit and making it a special spiritual experience for all to remember.



UNICEF PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE

On **Monday 2nd July** the children from Reception to Year 6 are going to take part in the UNICEF Playground Challenge which is where our children can raise awareness and money for children in danger in Africa

through war or disasters by providing life saving food, vaccines, clean water and schooling. The challenge is to complete an obstacle course, designed by Year 6, with a football and either kick, carry or bounce it around the course which will be lots of fun! (A healthy way to raise money as well as supporting a very good cause).

Attached is a sponsor form. If you wish your child to support the event, please remind them to only ask people they know. Money collected will need to be in school by **Wednesday 4th July** as the British Government have said they will double every pound raised as long as they receive the money by Friday 6th July and we want to ensure that our money raised will be doubled. Every pound raised will make a difference - thank you for your support.



Pride of Place

We were very pleased to welcome to our Celebration Worship, two wonderful ladies from St. John's Church who have spent many hours designing and sewing a new school banner for us to parade in Durham Cathedral during Year 6 Leavers' service. Thanks again to Margret and Pat for their lovely gift.



St John's Church Summer Fair is on **Saturday 7th July 11am - 1.30pm.**

Lot's of stalls including bric-a-brac, fancy goods, tombola, refreshments and a raffle.

All are welcome.



Gymnastics was at an extremely high standard at this year's festival and the children's routines were fantastic.

Two teams progressed to the finals and because Year 6 were away, other children stepped in performed with courage and finesse. Many thanks to the coaching team Mr Quinn, Mr Cook, Mrs Penteney and Mrs Hazlewood for all your hard work and of course a big thank you and well done to all our gymnasts - you are a credit to St. John's.

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 in your medical/dentist appointment card or text, so the absence can be authorised.

Attendance Winners Summer Term 1

Week 1	Y2 & Y5	98%
Week 2	Y3, Y4	99%

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please note leave of absence will not be considered for long periods (over 5 days) and not in September which is such an important time to settle into a new class.

Good attendance is extremely important to maximise children's life chances and we value your co-operation.

DATES FOR DIARIES

26.6.18	Year 2 Class Worship 9am - parents welcome
27.6.18	Reception Class Worship 9am - parents welcome
27.6.18	Y2 Quad Kids
29.6.18	Transition day - visit your next class
2.7.18	Y1 visit St John's Church to learn about Baptism - PM
2.7.18	Unicef Sports Challenge - Sponsored obstacle course
3.7.18	Y2 visit Durham Cathedral
3.7.18	Y1 Class Worship 9am - parents welcome
4.7.18	Sports Day - 1.30pm - parents welcome
5.7.18	Y4 Community Games at Eastbourne Complex
8.7.18	Our dance troupe perform at the Hippodrome (Sunday)
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	Y6 Leavers' Assembly - parents of Y6 welcome
20.7.18	Break up for the summer holidays