

St. John's Church of England Academy



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



It's official St. John's CE Academy is SIAMS outstanding!

You may remember that we had a SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) a few weeks ago and we are so proud to have retained our 'Outstanding' status. The object of the inspection is based around 4 core questions:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is RE?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

Our school was assessed as outstanding in all 4 areas. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects our whole school community of children, parents, staff and governors. The children will be having an extra treat (ice-cream) today for their hard work but we would like to thank all our parents for your on going support in helping us to be the best school we can be. You can access a full copy of the report on our website under 'Our School - Statutory Documents'.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday - hopefully the sun will keep shining! We look forward to welcoming all the children back on **Tuesday 4th September**.

Kind regards

Miss Large



Congratulations to Year 6 who gave a wonderful final performance, showcasing their amazing talents in singing, dance and drama. Rev. Sue presented them with bibles and crosses. We are very proud of their hard work this year and hope they will continue to shine in their new schools.



Everyone's a winner!

Recently we held our annual Sport's Day...the weather was beautiful and the support was amazing. As always the children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon with children showing a great competitive spirit resulting in team 'John' being the overall winner. Many thanks to staff, PTFA and parents for making this a brilliant afternoon of fun, and a special thank you to Mr Brown for providing a marquee for much need shelter from the sun!



Mr Cook (Sports Apprentice) leaves us at the end of the term and I am sure you will join with us in wishing him all the very best in his new role. Good luck Mr Cook and thank you for all your hard work.





Here's Looking at Uke!

A huge well done to Year 5 who performed a short ukulele concert for the rest of the school this week. The children were joined by Mr. Henderson, their music teacher, and performed six songs. The rest of the children and staff were blown away by the quality of what the children were playing and enjoyed the concert immensely. In the new academic year, Year 4 will have the opportunity to play the ukulele and we are sure they will have a lot of fun learning it.



Year 2 visit Durham Cathedral

As part of their RE, Year 2 visited Durham Cathedral to learn all about places of worship. They were in awe at the size of the cathedral and had a wonderful time learning about the lives of St Cuthbert and St Bede. They enjoyed taking part in a mock baptism and seeing where parts of Harry Potter were filmed and the amazing Lego model of Durham Cathedral.



Leavers' Bike Ride

Our annual Year 6 bike ride, led by Kevin from Wheel Education, went to Middleton St George...the long route! The cyclists enjoyed a much deserved rest and a picnic in the park. If your child is interested in bike rides over the summer Kevin has organised several 'Big Summer Rides' see Wheel Education's website/facebook page for details.



For one night only!

Well done to our dancing superstars who performed their amazing 'Power of Words' routine to a captivated audience at the Hippodrome. We are so proud of you.



Please note: Universal Free School Meals cease for all Y2 pupils when they move on to Year 3 (KS2) in September. School meals will cost £2 a day (£10 a week). Due to rising costs, we are charging £1 a day for Breakfast Club.

School Uniform

When the children return in September their uniform should be grey or black trousers/skirt, white or blue polo shirt/blouse and a royal blue jumper or cardigan. Shoes must be **plain** black with plain black laces. Girls should wear grey or white tights or socks and hair ties should be in school colours please. **No shaved patterns or extreme haircuts for September please.** PE kit should be left in school in a small bag on your child's coat peg so it is ready for their lesson. **Please make sure all items of clothing are named.** Thank you.



Summer Reading Challenge

Many thanks to parents for all the hard work and encouragement that you put into supporting you children with reading. We had a visit from Deefor the dragon who told us about an exciting Summer Reading Challenge with rewards along the way! The challenge is open to all children (4 -11 years) and is FREE! To complete the challenge, children need to visit Crown Street or Cockerton Library three times over the summer and borrow books to read. There will be lots of stickers and prizes for the children. You will also be entered into a raffle to win a FREE school disco for your child's class. Please see the Darlington Libraries booklet your child has brought home for more details. There will also be lots of school prizes for children who complete holiday challenges.



PE Kit

We are a Gold Mark School for Sport and PE and achieve two hours of physical education for every child per week. However this is becoming harder to achieve with some pupils not having the correct PE kit available this includes; trainers/sandshoes, shorts and a t-shirt. We hope that every child in school will have the correct kit when we return to school in September. Thank you for your co-operation.

