

# 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.



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine! We have had a wonderful start to the beginning of term. The children have all settled well into their new classes and have been very enthusiastic about their learning. I would like to thank you all for supporting our school uniform policy; the children look so smart and are wearing their uniform with pride. Please remember to name individual items, so lost property can be returned quickly. A special welcome to our new Reception class, Clara (Y4), Hannah (Y5) and Josh (Y6). My door is always open, if you have any queries or problems don't hesitate to call in - we are here to help. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year so our children continue to blossom.

Best wishes

*Miss Large*

### MEET THE TEACHER

On **Tuesday 11th September after school**, you are welcome to pop into school to visit your child's classroom and meet your child's new teacher. You will be receiving a Curriculum Newsletter from your child's class teacher outlining what your child will be learning this term. Class teachers will be happy to discuss any questions you may have or offer help/advice with homework. The best time to catch staff is after school as they are busy preparing for lessons in the morning.



Our Christian values are at the centre of everything we do at St. John's. Each half term we focus on a different value and children have opportunities to reflect on each value and develop an understanding of the value in action. In our celebration worship (Friday's) we acknowledge children who have demonstrated these values.

'Love' is our Christian value for this half term; this is a core value that Christian foundations are built on. We demonstrate 'Love' when we show respect, kindness and care for all members of our school community and beyond - it is at the heart of all we do.

*'God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God lives in him'. John 4:16*

# LOVE



We were absolutely delighted to have been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Award. This was launched as an extension of the School Games Mark for schools who have maintained consistently high standards with their sporting provision. As part of the criteria schools must have achieved 4 successive gold awards since 2011. This is wonderful recognition of the commitment and enthusiasm from staff, our children and parents towards an active and healthy lifestyle. We have lots of clubs starting over the next two weeks including a Girls' and Boys' Football Club on a Monday for year's 4 to 6.



Kaci supported the 'Little Princess Trust' by having her beautiful long hair cut so it would

benefit a child who is in need of a wig. Lovely to see such a selfless act Kaci, well done!



Love in Action



We received a lovely letter thanking us for donating £300 towards the MRI Scanner appeal. This advanced technology will help with early diagnosis of cancer and many other life threatening conditions in our community. A big thank you to all our families for supporting our Royal Wedding celebrations and helping us to raise the money.



Would you like to join a local Basketball team? Come along to St. John's Academy on Sunday at 1.30pm - 3.30pm. For more information see Mr Quinn.



As you know we have a Gold Modeshift Award for promoting healthier ways to travel with so many children biking or scooting to school. On **Thursday 13th September** we are having a survey to see how good we are so please make a special effort. If you have to travel to school by car, try to park 5 minutes away from school and walk the rest of the way. Spot prizes to be won!



Parents and Carers can now use Parentpay to pay for Breakfast Club, which is now £1 per day. By the end of September Breakfast Club payments will be required to be paid via Parentpay. Please note that if your child wishes to attend an after school club then you need to be signed up so we can send information regarding their club. If you have any queries or require assistance in registering please do not hesitate to contact the school office. To register please go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

# TIME FOR BOOKS



A **FREE** course for parents, grandparents and carers of children who wish to help their child develop good language skills, find out what makes a good book and for those who have a love of books and reading

A crèche may be available

St John's Academy  
Starting Tuesday 18th September  
6 week course  
9am - 11am

Booking is essential. To book a place or for more information please contact Learning & Skills:

Tel: 01325 405601  
Email: [l&s@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:l&s@darlington.gov.uk)  
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Alternatively please leave your details with the school reception



## DATES FOR DIARIES

10.9.18	Theatre performance 'The Secret Garden' - pm
11.9.18	Y5 & Y6 visit to the Oriental Museum
11.9.18	Basketball team at St. Aiden's - 3.30pm
11.9.18	Lunchtime Bike Club starts
<b>13.9.18</b>	<b>Hands Up Travel Survey</b>
13.9.18	Y5 Cycle training starts - 1.30pm
20.9.18	Major Shirley (Salvation Army) Collective Worship
24.9.18	Reception Class Bike Balance starts 9.30 - 11 am
24.9.18	Y1 Learn to Ride starts - pm
26.9.18	Y5 Hazard training - 2pm
28.9.18	EYFS McMillan Coffee Morning
4.10.18	National Poetry Day
<b>18.10.18</b>	<b>Open Evening (KS1 afternoon &amp; evening)</b>
<b>19.10.18</b>	<b>KS2 Open afternoon</b>
25.10.18	Autumn Disco
<b>26.10.18</b>	<b>Half term break</b>
<b>6.11.18</b>	<b>Tuesday. Children return to school</b>