

# 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.



The children have been very busy electing our new School Council. Each class voted for who they would like to represent them in meetings with Miss Large. This week saw our first council meeting. The children showed great professionalism by being very prepared with lists full of things they liked about school. Next week they will be discussing ways to improve school. The children's opinions are always taken into consideration when making decisions about general life in school.



School Council 2018-19



Deefor the Dragon



Library Challenge winners

Before we broke up for the summer, Deefor the dragon from Darlington Library, popped into school to challenge our children to read as many books from the library as possible over the holidays. We were delighted that 30 children took up the challenge - well done. One of our targets this year is to improve the percentage of children reaching the higher scores at the end of key stages - what a brilliant start. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who make so much difference to children's progress.

### Welcome To Our TEAM

It's lovely to welcome Mrs Sara Wrangham who is our new Sports Apprentice. Mrs Wrangham will be working with children in KS1 and KS2.



Young Leaders

Something for EVERYONE! Our Young Leaders have got off to a flying start this term. They are very proactive organising all sorts of games and activities for everyone to enjoy at lunchtimes. Keep up the good work Young Leaders!



The children thoroughly enjoyed a performance of the 'The Secret Garden' by M and M productions which allowed all pupils to enjoy a classic text. Classes have produced writing linked to the play including some impressive character studies and theatre reviews.

## GROOVY GREEKS

Last Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 took part in Ancient Greek Day. The children were visited by the Oriental Museum from Durham and learnt lots about the Ancient Greeks. The children had the opportunity to handle real artefacts, perform a play and write using the Greek alphabet. The day was a great introduction to our Ancient Greek topic and the children thought of lots of questions to explore throughout the topic.



It looks like Mrs Wakelin has a new recruit to help with the school's allotment! Judging by the size of this cucumber Meisha grew at home over the summer holidays she will be a great asset to the team. The cucumber was delicious too! Thank you Meisha.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Join us...**  
Please note our Harvest Festivals are in school this year and not at St. John's Church

**Thursday 11th October 9am - Reception, Y1 & Y2**  
**Friday 12th October 9am - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6**

We would be grateful for donations of tinned and packet foods with a good sell by date, for our local Food Bank which provides much needed temporary help to families struggling financially. The food donations will be passed on to the Food Bank. Thank you

DATES FOR DIARIES	
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 9am. <i>Family and friends welcome.</i>
4.10.18	National Poetry Day
11.10.18	<b>Harvest Celebration Reception, Y1 &amp; Y2 - Parents welcome</b>
12.10.18	<b>Harvest Celebration Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 - Parents welcome</b>

### Extended School Timetable – Autumn Term 2018

	B'fast Club	Lunchtime	3.20 - 4.20pm	3.20 - 4.20pm	3.20 - 4.20pm	Community Room	Evening
Monday	8 - 8.40am	ICT Years 1 - 6 Study Club	Boys' & Girls' Football Y4, Y5 & Y6	Fun with Cooking KS1			
Tuesday	8 - 8.40am	ICT Years 1 - 6 Bike Ride Y4 & Y5	Dance KS2	Study Club KS1 (parents welcome)	Basketball Club Y6	Family Learning 9 - 11am	
Wednesday	8 - 8.40am	ICT Years 1 - 6 Cross Country KS2	Gymnastics KS2	Study Club KS2	Arts & Crafts KS1		Brownies 6 - 7.30pm
Thursday	8 - 8.40am	ICT Years 1 - 6 Study Club	Multi Sports Club Y1 & Y2	Eco Club Y6	IT KS2	Nursery Baking 9.30 - 11am 1 - 2.15pm	
Friday	8 - 8.40am	ICT Years 1 - 6 Choir	Mathletics/ Reading Eggs KS1 & KS2				

Please note that there is after school provision on every night for pupils in KS1 and 2. This is in response to feedback from parental questionnaires.