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



Our Tribute to the Fallen

We welcomed the Mayor of Darlington and the Chairman of the British Legion to our WW1 Centenary Celebration this week. Our visitors were visibly moved by Year 1's Poppy Dance, a retelling of 'The Unknown Soldier' and the emotive singing. They were also very impressed with the wonderful work on display in the hall and the Chairman even



requested a copy of Oliver's and Zakeira's (Y5) art to take away - he said it made the hairs on the back of his neck stand up!



Eco Friendly School

Eco-Club organised a bake sale to raise money to buy every child their own water bottle. Year 6 are carrying out work on looking after the environment and decided that it would be much better for each child to have their own drinks bottle to keep in school rather than bringing in bottles each day and throwing them away. The bake sale raised £118 towards the project so thank you to all the children that helped by buying a cake. Eco-Club are now in discussion with Nisa who are going to donate some money to pay the extra so it shouldn't be long now!

CHILDREN IN NEED & BRIGHTER BIKER DAY

Friday 16th November, we are inviting the children to dress up in something bright that they would be easily seen in, on a dark morning, to promote safe cycling. Alternatively, children could wear spots as it is Children in Need Day; we will be grateful for any donations.

Please do not buy anything special to wear, anything that is brightly coloured or spotty will be fine.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday
24th November
11 am to 2pm**

Tombola, Jewellery, Cakes,
Raffle, Toiletries, Provisions
and Refreshments

Everyone is welcome.

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their

individuality and what makes us all unique! All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 12th November 2018** to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.



Recently we met Caron Henderson, a Learning Officer, from the Woodland Trust. She delivered a wonderful assembly that made us all appreciate how special trees are. She showed us a photograph of her favourite tree, it was planted 400 years ago when Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne! She made us appreciate just how important trees are. We have registered on the Green Tree School Award scheme and over the next few months we will be completing lots of exciting tasks. Once the tasks are completed we will be rewarded with points which will go towards our bronze award.



Children had a fantastic time at the Durham Tigers presentation evening recently. The children received a medal and certificate for their hard work and commitment to the team. Thank you to the parents who support the team.



Spooktacular time!

The children fully embraced the fun by coming to our annual Autumn Disco dressed in some very scary and imaginative costumes. Huge thank you to the PTFA for organising this very popular event.



The whole school had a fantastic time with Judo Dan. Each class had a session and learned that Judo means 'the gentle way' in Japanese.

Each child wore a judo jacket and learned some basic moves. We were lucky that Dan brought his soft mat because we practised taking our partner by the collar, looping our leg behind theirs and then throwing them (gently) on to their backs. Each child took home a flyer with information about the classes that Judo Dan offers in Darlington.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Our attendance target is 96.4% and attendance to date is 97%. Well done everyone and thank you to parents.

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 7	95%	95%	96%	98%	96%	98%	99%
Week 8	90%	96%	92%	98%	94%	97%	97%



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school **Wednesday 28th November**. A letter will be sent out next week giving further details. Thank you.

DATES FOR DIARIES

12.11.18	Y5/6 Football Festival 12.30 - 3pm
14.11.18	Nurse visit to Y4 - talk about 'Teeth & Sugar'
16.11.18	Children in Need Day/Brighter Biker competition
17.11.18	Penalty Rugby Shootout at Mowden Rugby Arena (Saturday)
19.11.18	Y6 Safety Carousel at Newton Aycliffe - full day
20.11.18	Y1 Class Assembly 9am - Parents welcome
21.11.18	Road Safety demo by Denise Kayley for EYFS
24.11.18	St. John's Church Christmas Fair
28.11.18	School Photographer
5.12.18	Y2 Christmas Journey at St. John's Church
11.12.18	Reception visit Hullabaloo Theatre - 9.45 am
19.12.18	Christmas Concerts
21.12.18	Break up for Christmas
7.1.19	Children return to school

Free

Christmas Art and Crafts



**St. John's CE Academy
Community Room
Tuesday 13th November
5 week course
9am - 11am**



This course is open to all grandparents, parents and carers of children!

Call into the school office if you would like a place on this course.



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