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



What a **SPOTACULAR** Day!



Last Friday the children came to school wearing something spotty or bright to raise money for Children in Need and to promote our Brighter Biker scheme which encourages bike riders and walkers to wear something visible on dark evenings. Staff were so impressed by how much work the children had put had gone into making their own costumes. Two children from each class won prizes for having some input in making their wonderful outfits. The grand total raised was £198.03, many thanks to everyone for donating to a very worthy cause. Special thanks to Year 5 who did a sponsored silence (Mrs Brown said it was heaven!) and to Sarah-May who made and sold hair bows and badges.



The Year 1 presented a wonderful 'Remembrance' assembly to their parents and the rest of the school. The children worked hard to learn a dance, recite a poem and say their lines for the assembly. As a result they felt confident, spoke clearly and enjoyed taking the stage.

They began with the poppy dance which brought the sounds of war to our hall with air raid sirens and enemy aircraft overhead. Following this, the children recited, 'In Flanders Fields'; they added simple actions to illustrate the meaning of the words. Finally, they explained the variety of ways that different animals have helped in wars; the

purple poppy can be worn alongside the red poppy to remember the animals that lost their lives in war.



parentalquestionnaire

We very much value our strong partnership with parents and use your feedback to help us to further improve. Over the last two years we have introduced Parent Pay and extended our KS1 after school club provision in response to your suggestions. We would be very grateful if you would fill in the questionnaire which accompanies this newsletter. Our continuing success as a school is thanks to our wonderful children and a fantastic team of staff and governors who are fully committed to providing the very best education for your child(ren). As parents you all play a huge part in supporting and encouraging the children to do their very best - thank you.

Miss Large

Year 6 Keeping Safe



As part of the PSHCE curriculum, Year 6 attended an event in Newton Aycliffe at which they learnt all about keeping themselves safe. The children spent the day completing a carousel of activities about internet safety; fire safety; keeping safe by water; the dangers of misusing electricity; road safety and hazards in the home. The day was very informative. Please ask your child what they learnt. The children should be able to answer the questions below:

- Why should you never enter an electricity sub-station?*
- What do you do if your clothes catch fire?*
- Why must you never talk to strangers online?*
- Why can spilled water be a hazard at home?*
- If you fall into cold water, what must you/mustn't you do?*
- Why must you never listen to music when riding a bike?*

We hope the children take the advice on board and keep themselves safe.



As part of 'Road Safety Week' our Sustainable Travel Ambassadors held an assembly about the dangers of not being seen in the dark. They performed a play depicting the right and wrong clothing to wear when cycling in these dark autumn nights and the importance of wearing a helmet. The STA's are a very active group who regularly monitor and highlight the dangers of parking on the yellow lines outside of school. They are very concerned about the number of children not wearing safety helmets too. Helmets are not expensive to buy (about £5 from Home Bargains), they would also make a good Christmas present. To help our STA's get their 'Be Bright Be Seen' message across, please ensure your child is wearing a safety helmet and reflective gear when out on their bikes.



Denise Kayley, road safety officer, came to Nursery to talk to the children about road safety. The children learnt:

- STOP**
- Look
- Listen
- Think



Denise brought some dressing up clothes and we all practised crossing the road safely.



St John's entered 2 teams into the Mowden Rugby Penalty Shootout last Saturday. The children had a fantastic time meeting the Mowden's Rugby Team. Special thanks to Mr Doswell and all the parents for supporting the children.



Year 5 & 6 boys' and girls' football teams went to Rydal school to compete in football league matches.

The girls came up against Red Hall, Rydal and Northwood School and after having not many training sessions they gelled and played well as a team. They beat Northwood 3-0 and Rydal 4-0. Their toughest game was against Red Hall which they drew 1-1. This means the girls team currently sit joint top of the school league. The boys came up against two teams from Red Hall and Rydal, they were unbeaten all afternoon showing great team work and confidence on the pitch. They beat Red Hall 2-1 and 3-1 and Rydal 3-0 and 3-0. This means the boys are sat top of their league with an eight point lead. Both teams thoroughly enjoyed all their matches, they showed great respect and sportsmanship throughout and were very proud of them.



If you have any uniform that no longer fits your child, EYFS and KS1 would love to have any that you can spare (even underwear!)

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school **Wednesday 28th November**. Please fill in the form if you require a family photo with your younger children who are not attending school.



Our attendance target is 96.4% and attendance to date is 97.12%. Well done everyone and thank you to parents.

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	99%	97%
Week 2	93%	99%	97%	100%	99%	99%	98%

DATES FOR DIARIES

24.11.18	St. John's Church Christmas Fair from 11am
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