

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.



We are so proud of our Year 6 children - they have worked so hard throughout the year and this was rewarded with fantastic national test results! We hope they continue to work hard and shine in their new schools. We are looking forward to seeing their final performance tomorrow.

Many thanks to all our parents /carers for all your support and kind words on report slips. I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday with lots of sunshine and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

Miss Large



Sports Day was held on Tuesday 9th July 2019. All year groups from Reception to Y6 participated enthusiastically in sprinting, relays, obstacle

aces, egg and spoon as well as team races. The children had a wonderful afternoon celebrating their sporting achievement with their parents. Well done to Team John who were the victors this year with a total score of 84 points. Many



thanks to the parents who organised refreshments and raffle prizes and raised £127.93 after costs.

Year 3 shared their fantastic knowledge of our earth's extreme weather during their class assembly this half term. With loud clear voices, year 3 demonstrated their understanding of tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes. We were blown away with their vocabulary! Especially with their tricky volcano song, which helped them to remember all the different types of volcanoes and how they were formed. Their performance was bursting with confidence and enthusiasm.

We also got to view some of their artwork which they created using the Japanese artist 'Hokusai' as inspiration. It is clear they have worked so hard to use the different styles and materials to produce their beautiful artwork.





Infinity and Beyond!
 Year 5 visited 'The Space Exploration and Astronauts' event at the Head of Steam. They enjoyed being 'architects' and 'engineers' to design and build a moon shelter. The children also researched information to prove/disprove the hypothesis that the moon is made of cheese!



Year 4 had the opportunity to try out some new activities and sports at the Darlington Schools and Community Festival. On our arrival there was an opening ceremony by Richard Kilty who is the current Indoor World Champion at 60m. Once the events started the children got to have a go at Fencing, Archery, Football, Rugby, Boxercise, Irish Dancing, Athletics and Netball. The children had a fabulous day and loved trying new activities and learning new skills. At the end of the day, awards were presented to the children who had shown Self Belief, Determination, Honesty, Teamwork, Passion and Respect. St John's came away with 2 awards for showing Respect and Passion, a great day had by all.
Reported by Jason Y4



Year 4 proudly showing the 2 trophies they were awarded for 'Respect' and 'Passion'. Thank you for being great ambassadors for our school. Well done.



Year 2 performed their summer term class assembly. As well as sharing their learning about knights and castles, they also took part in short dramas, showed off their art and DT work and celebrated their time in Year 2.



Many thanks to parents for all the hard work and encouragement you give your children with reading - it makes a huge difference to progress when children read regularly and hear positive messages. Suzie from the library visited to tell us about this year's Summer Reading Challenge which is open to all 4 - 11 year olds and is FREE. Children need to visit the library three times over the summer and borrow books to read. They will be entered into a competition to win some fantastic prizes - visit to a games lounge or create and print.

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. 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.



Congratulation those children who received Attendance Awards this week, especially the children who had 100% Yearly Attendance...amazing!



£2 per person, children welcome
 3rd Tuesday every month

Darlington Parent Support Sessions

TIME: 1.00-2.30

VENUE: St James The Great Church Hall, Albert Hill, Allan St, Darlington DL1 2NR

FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN AND CHILDREN ON THE ASC PATHWAY.
 It's hard finding people who understand what is going on in your life, it's hard to find answers and get reassurance, so it's nice to have others in similar situations who understand and wont judge.

Peer support for parents alike, somewhere safe to off load, gain advice over a cup of tea and biscuits.

We welcome children to these sessions too and we will put out some sensory equipment and a few play toys.

We also have guest speakers come in to offer talks on relevant subjects, people such as Sensiass for all schooling questions and advice, sensory worx for all sensory issues and advice and we also have information tables too.

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