

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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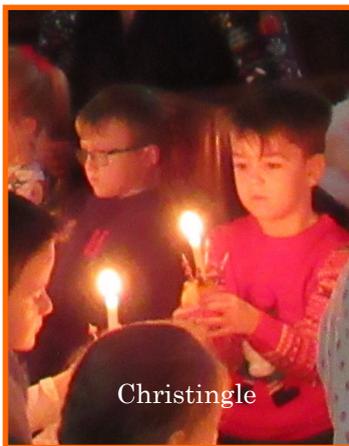


Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas - the children certainly did! They have quickly settled down to hard work and you will be receiving a Class Curriculum Newsletter to keep you informed of what your child will be learning this term. We have lots of fun planned for the children this term including our annual Book Week and Valentine Disco. Very best wishes to you all for 2020.

*Miss Large*



Christingle

Thank you to Rev Tony and Rev Sue for a magical Christingle Service at St. John's Church and to all our families who joined us. Year 6 did a wonderful job making all the Christingles.



Choir

Our choir made us very proud entertaining Rosemary Court where residents enjoyed joining in the fun.



KS1 'Hey Ewe!'



Christmas Lunch



KS2  
'Lights Camel Action'



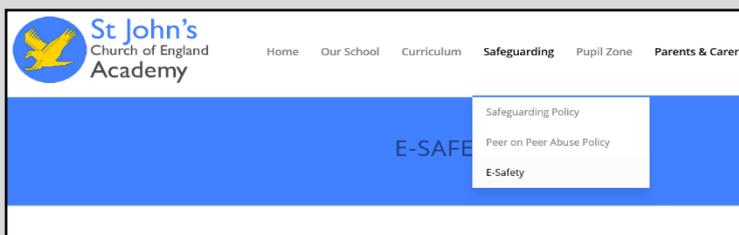
EYFS Nativity



We had a busy but joyous end of term. All the children (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) put on fantastic performances - the quality of the singing and acting was exceptional. Well done children, you made us all very proud. We raised £184.10 from the raffle tickets and the children will be deciding which charities they will support.

## New Gaming Device for Christmas?

Can you guarantee that your child is always safe when gaming online? We are aware that many of the children received gaming devices for Christmas. Whilst playing games online can be great fun, we are also aware of the risks and dangers that online gaming can present. Therefore, we have put some guides on our school website for how to set up parental controls on the Xbox, Play Station and Nintendo Switch. Please click on the 'Safeguarding' area of the school website and select 'E-Safety.' Scroll down and you will see the parental control guides for the different consoles.



Whilst you are there, why not watch the film that Year 6 made last year, highlighting the content of games such as Grand Theft Auto, Mortal Kombat and Call of Duty. These games are not appropriate for people under the age of 18 and the film will demonstrate why. If you have any further questions about setting up parental controls on your child's device or Internet/Gaming safety in general, do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.



### The Dukes of Uke

Years 3, 4 and 5 welcomed parents showcasing their musical talents. The children have been working very hard with Mr. Henderson, a specialist musician and have developed some great musical skills. The performance of Christmas songs demonstrated the children's knowledge of beat, rhythm, chords, tempo and dynamics – all whilst they sang and played. We look forward to seeing how the children progress further and we promise another performance before the end of the year.

## Congratulations

I am sure you will join us in congratulating our Chair of Directors who has been awarded a prestigious British Empire Medal for her exceptional service and commitment to improving the outcomes and well being for children. She is also a Director at another school, a National Head of Governance and a Commissioner for the Girl Guides UK.



### Communication

Before Christmas, Mrs Williams sent parents a message confirming the finishing date and re-start for afterschool clubs. We have had a deluge of calls asking if they have started - please check ParentPay texts and emails. If you have changed your email address please let Mrs Williams know.



Well done to the 43 children who managed to achieve 100% last term or achieved over 98% despite the illness going around last term; the children received their awards today. We are very concerned that the whole school attendance is only 95.6% which is well below our target of 96.4%. As you can see only Year 6 managed to achieve our target. We really need to have a big push on attendance over the next few months. Thank you to all the parents who make medical appointments (Drs, opticians, dentist) outside of school hours. We need to see proof of all medical appointments that are made in school time - many thanks for your cooperation.

CLASS	%	POSITION
Reception	95.0	6th
Year 1	95.4	4th
Year 2	95.5	3rd
Year 3	95.2	5th
Year 4	95.7	2nd
Year 5	94.5	7th
Year 6	97.5	1st

### Hygiene Alert

We are reminding children to wash their hands properly after using the toilet and before eating. Please reinforce this at home to help us reduce illness - many thanks for your support.



### DATES FOR DIARIES

13.1.20	Lunchtime Bike Club starts
15.1.20	Y3 & Y4 Sports Hall Athletics - Dolphin Centre
21.1.20	Y1 Multi-Sports - Dolphin Centre 9.45-12noon
23.1.20	Basketball Festival EV - 12 - 3pm
24.1.20	Y4 & Y5 Dodgeball Festival - Hurworth 12 - 3pm
4.2.20	Y3 Tennis Festival Wyvern Academy - 12.30 - 3pm
11.2.20	Safer Internet Day 'Together for a better internet'
11.2.20	Y4 Tennis Festival Hurworth - 12 - 3pm
12.2.20	Y4 Tennis festival Hurworth - 9.30 - 12noon
13.2.20	Valentine Disco
14.2.20	Y6 Bench Ball - St Aidan's 12 - 3pm
14.2.20	<b>Break up</b>
25.2.20	<b>Tuesday - Children return to school</b>