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



Our Christian value this term is 'Truthfulness'. The life of Jesus shows us how God wants us to live our lives and we are reflecting on a number of bible stories including Daniel and the Lion's Den, Jacob and Esau and Adam and Eve. We will be thinking about why it's important to be truthful to each other and to oneself although it's not always easy! We will remind ourselves that if we are honest we can ask for forgiveness.

We had 16 presentations from children to the whole school outlining their case for donating our raffle money to their chosen charity. We were so impressed by the research the children had done and their passion and confidence in delivering their speeches. At the end, all classes had a very difficult job of voting for two charities they wished to support although all were very deserving. 'Epilepsy Society' received the most votes after Savannah gave a very personal, moving speech about how it had tragically affected her family. The next highest number of votes went to Clara's 'Bushfire Emergency Appeal' as many of the children have been very concerned about the people and animals in Australia and wanted to help. Well done to all the children who took part - you made us all very proud of your compassion and determination to make a difference.

WE BELIEVE IN
MAKING A DIFFERENCE



FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD

Congratulations to Sue and Donna, who work in our kitchen, for retaining their 5 stars top award for food hygiene and preparing delicious, nutritious meals. As you know they provide a wonderful variety of choices every day and continually strive to give the children healthy options too. Well done ladies!





We employ a Children's Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (CPWP) Caroline Brown to work with children and offer support to parents where there may be difficulties around: worry, fears, panic and anxiety. She is available for informal drop-ins on a Tuesday. If you would like more information of what Caroline can offer call in for a leaflet or speak to Mrs Baker or Miss Large.



Safeguarding Reminder

Please come onto the school premises to collect children in person, whether it is at 3.20pm or at the end of an after school club. If you rely on other family members or friends please ensure that they are aware of our policy. Thank you for your cooperation to keep all our children safe.



The theme is 'Find your brave' to encourage children to face their fears, share their worries, ask for help when they need it or try something new. Further information can be found at www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Gas Servicing - Firthmoor

We have been asked to remind council tenants that they can ring 01325 406676 or use WhatsApp 0785216533 to book their free service. Due to Health and Safety this is a statutory requirement. See leaflet in our notice board.

Football Reporter Sonny Y6



With a new team and hopes of getting a win in our debut match, we arrived at the venue to play against Reid Street.

We got off to a shaky start and conceded a goal. Second half we came out strong, Alfie hit the crossbar, we made a couple of substitutions which made an impact on the game. Sonny played the ball into the box passing to Finley who fired the ball into the top corner...GOAL! With increased confidence, St. John's pushed forward but our efforts were to be denied another goal. Reid Street got back into the game but were also denied another goal due to Harry's goalkeeping skills. Game finished 1-1. We were impressed with our first performance as a new team but we have still much to learn. Heads up for the next game!

St. J's SPORTS REPORT

Sportshall Year 3 and 4 attended a Sportshall Athletics competition at the Dolphin Centre. Every child was competing in a range of events and everyone was very excited! Children participated in a wide variety of activities, including relays, obstacle races, javelin throwing, long jumping and speed bouncing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves! All staff were so proud of the children as they behaved impeccably throughout the day and their sportsmanship was excellent. They cheered for every team and congratulated their competitors. It was a very exciting and an action-packed morning!



Reporter Ryan Y5

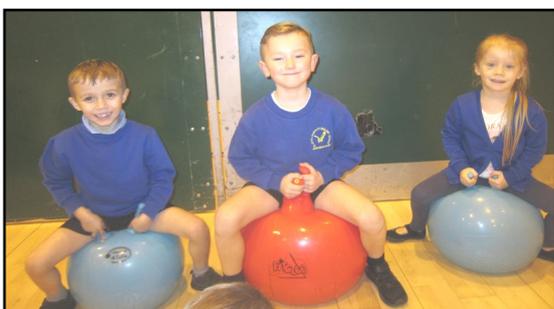
Eight Y4/5 students took part in a Basketball Festival at the EV. We showed great team effort by linking up consistently and creating many chances. We adapted to each game, mostly passing and moving which was the best way to play in most of our games. We finished on a high by winning our last two games (after drawing two and losing two) and are very proud of what we accomplished.



Whole school attendance is only 95.8% which is well below our target of 96.4%. Hospital appointments are difficult to arrange out of school time but please support us by arranging other appointments out of school hours.

MULTI-SPORT We had a great

morning at The Dolphin Centre participating in all the different activities at the multi sports session. Young leaders from the EV gave us instructions and helped us to complete the activities. We especially loved alphabet balance where we had to work with a partner to make different letters of the alphabet. Our behaviour was excellent and Mrs McAdam was proud to tell Miss Large that we had been great ambassadors for St John's. A big well done to all.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	99%	97%	99%	98%	92%	97%	94%
Week 2	97%	98%	99%	96%	100%	100%	97%

DATES FOR DIARIES

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	Break up
25.2.20	Tuesday - Children return to school