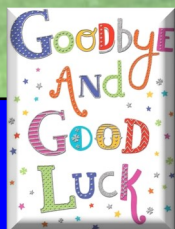
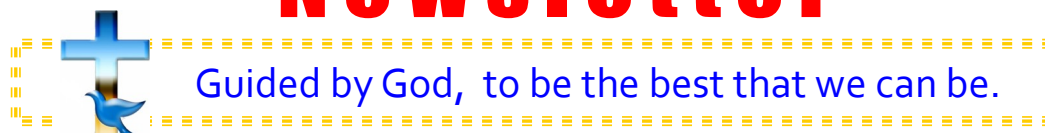




## Newsletter

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We are so very proud of our year 6 children, it has been lovely to witness their journey throughout St John's and see them blossom into such wonderful young people. Their final heart warming performance (which can be viewed on our website) is a fine example of the confident, capable caring pupils they are and we hope they continue to work hard and shine in their new school.



### Farewell!



I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the lovely messages and cards and gifts that I have received from parents and children. Friday was particularly emotional when the whole school gathered on the Friday for a final celebration. I was lost for words (doesn't happen often!) when presented with a beautiful picture by my favourite artist depicting flowers - thank you. I feel very blessed indeed to have had the privilege of leading St John's for 21 years and working with so many dedicated and talented staff and governors both past and present. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all the support that you have given me. I know I am leaving St. John's in safe hands and I have many wonderful memories to treasure.

Love Miss Large





## Our Voice counts....



Our children haven't had as many opportunities this year to make a difference but are proud to see that the School Council's request for new picnic tables and an outdoor classroom have come to fruition and are being well used! Our grateful thanks to the PFA who raised over £4,000 towards the cost of the outdoor classroom. We are dedicating it to the memory of Sue Calvert, who passed away recently, a former PFA member for many, many years.



## Living Our Values Every Day

Year 5's Christian values shone through when they demonstrated real compassion for the England team after their defeat on Sunday. They wrote letters expressing thankfulness for the joy we have had, praising the courage of the players and encouraging them to be hopeful for the future. The letters from were so impressive the Northern Echo featured an article about them.



Dear Gareth Southgate it's okay that Itlee won but you did your best and thats what matters love Joanie.



Year 1 contributed to the CBBC Newsround vote to say if they felt a) proud, b) annoyed, c) disappointed or d) didn't know. The children overwhelmingly felt proud of the England team for getting to the final. Year 1 then wrote letters to the team which they have sent to HQ.

## Start/end times in September

Following government guidelines, we are expecting to operate 'as normal' in September. This means the school day will revert to pre-COVID start/end times. The children may arrive at 8:45am ready for registration at 8:55am. The school day will end at 3:20pm. If there are any changes before September, we will let you know via Class Dojo and Parent Pay. I hope you have a lovely summer and I look forward to taking up my position as headteacher in September.

Mr. Ramsay

## Our Allotment

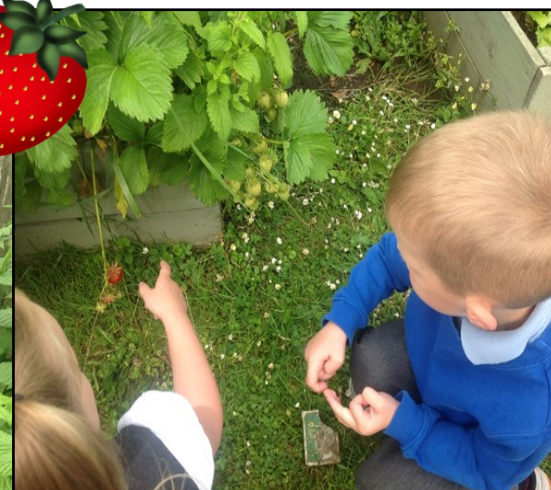


Our allotments have produced a bumper crop this year!



Year 2 have been growing potatoes and onions which were ready to eat in the last week of term. Sue and Donna (our cooks) kindly cooked them for the children to enjoy. They made potato salad, used the onions to flavour the mince dinner and cooked an omelette with onions for Mr Goldsbrough.

Absolutely brilliant Year 2, lets hope you continue to have 'green' fingers next year!



"Look, they are all red now Mrs Lambert", Verity said.

Nursery were so excited! Their strawberries were finally ready to eat. The children have been looking after them by watering them regularly in our garden.





Over the last week, all of our year group bubbles have participated in Sports Day. The children have all really enjoyed competing in a range of events, which have tested all of their sporting skills., including javelin

throwing, speed bounce and obstacle courses. It was a super opportunity for all of the children to show their determination, honesty, passion and teamwork!

Well done to Team Matthew who are this year's overall winners and will have their house colours proudly displayed on the trophy.

1st - Matthew with 675

2nd - Mark with 655

3rd - John with 645

4th - Luke with 609

### Year 3 and 4 Tri-Golf

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 and 4 and class bubbles participated in a Tri-Golf Tournament organised by the Darlington School Sports Partnership. Everyone tried their best and were excellent ambassadors for St John's, working with determination and showing some super teamwork skills. It was lovely to be able to get involved in some competitive sport again, and we're all looking forward to being able to join in with more opportunities like this in September!



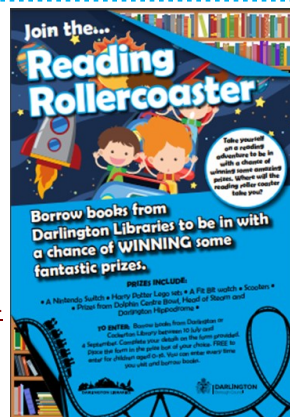
### Wild Adventure!



Year 5 took a trip to Grinton Moor to learn how to be a game keeper. They learnt about ways in which life on the moor can be persevered and maintained. Throughout the day, the children followed a carousel of activities including meeting gun dogs, assisting with the Mountain Rescue team and using the machinery that is involved in the process of heather burning. Although there was a lot

of rain on the moor, our spirits were not dampened and a lovely day was had by all!

Don't forget Darlington Library's Summer Reading Challenge – there are loads of fantastic prizes! Watch the video for more information - [Summer Reading Challenge for Schools. - YouTube](#)



Carol Voderman is giving children free access to 'The Maths Factor Summer Adventure' over the summer break. The site contains lots of video tutorials to help children with aspects of maths they may be finding tricky or perhaps need a bit of extra practise with. Access the site [www.themathsfactor.com](http://www.themathsfactor.com)

