

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter



Last Sunday the Drama Group were delighted to perform their play, 'The War to End all Wars', during a special service of Remembrance at St. John's Church. As always, the children involved were fantastic, as well as being superb ambassadors for our school. Many members of the congregation, including the Bishop of Durham, commented on the moving performance and the talent of the children. The children also performed in school for our special Remembrance Service. Many thanks to Mrs Blakeburn, our Drama teacher, and to parents and staff who supported the event in church. There was a wonderful 'Remembrance' display in St. John's Church with involvement from the local community and lots of wonderful poetry from St. John's children.

### BRIGHTER BIKER DAY



This Friday, **14th November**, we are inviting the children to dress up in something bright that they would be easily seen in, on a dark morning, to promote safe cycling. Kevin, our Bikeit Officer is providing a small prize for one child per class. Alternatively, children could wear spots as it is Children in Need Day; we will be grateful for any donations. **Please do not buy anything special to wear, anything that is brightly coloured or spotty will be fine.**

### Attendance Prizes!

Good news, the Attendance Shop was busier than ever when a record number of children had full attendance over last half term! Children receive an attendance point for every full week in school. They can choose to spend their points or save them for bigger prizes. Thank you to all those parents who have avoided making appointments during school time.





## Very Happy Customers!

Year 6 had great fun applying their maths skills to real life with their second finance project last week. Olivia in Year 6 suggested that the profits be donated to a local boy who is suffering from a life-threatening illness. We used a range of skills such as internet research, speaking and listening and calculating cost and profit to make our business come to life. The 'Cute Fruit' went down very well and we made over £70 profit.



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, four very talented mathematicians from Year 6 were selected to take part in a maths competition for local primary schools at Hurworth Maths College. The children had to answer a range of problems both as a team and individually. St. John's came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10, which is a fantastic achievement as many of the problems they had to solve were from the Key Stage 3 curriculum! Well done to Millie, Demi-Leigh, Nathan and Alex in Year 6, you really did the school proud.



## Three Cheers for Nisa!

Our School Council will be meeting with representatives from Nisa on the 21st November at 1pm to celebrate the official opening of the new store. The School Council have been working with an architect to redesign our courtyard and Nisa have very kindly agreed to donate some funding to support the project and will be presenting a cheque at the celebration. We hope to have our courtyard completed by April.

In the meantime many thanks to parents and carers for their patience and understanding during our building work. Fingers crossed that the weather stays fine so that they can complete as quickly as possible!

14.11.14	'Brighter Biker' Day for Children in Need
17.11.14	Anti-bullying week
25.11.14	School Photographer
25.11.14	Y6 visit Dog Support Unit
27.11.14	Y6 Fire Safety Carousel visit
29.11.14	St. John's Church Fayre (Choir performing)
3.12.14	Y2 'Christmas Journey' visit to St. John's Church
17.12.14	Christmas Performances
18.12.14	Year 1 & 2 Christmas class party (AM)
18.12.14	Christingle Service at St. John's Church - 2pm
19.11.14	Foundation Christmas party (AM)
19.12.14	KS2 Christmas Party (PM)
19.12.14	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 6.1.15	Children return to school

Overall attendance for W/C 20.10.14	
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	88.7%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	96%

Well done to Year 1!