

St. John's Church of England Academy

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



A warm welcome

Children from St. John's were invited along to a short service at Darlington Railway Station to welcome the Bishop of Durham. Bishop Paul will be visiting various locations around Darlington as part of his 'Prayer Walk' and ending the visit with Morning Prayer in South Park on Saturday, where a prayer written by Josh (Year 5) will be read out. He will then proceed to walk to Mowden Park Rugby Club. Please see timetable below; it would be lovely if you could join the walk or line the route the procession will take.

8.30 - 8.45am Morning Prayer South Park Clock Tower

8.45 - 9.10am Meet runners and set off Park Run

9.10 - 9.45am St Columba's Parish and then enter St. John's Parish at 9.20am along Smithfield Road and onto Neasham Road to the Rugby Club.



We had a very successful 'Big Pedal' thanks to all those children and parents who came to school on their bikes and scooters; your persistence paid off even through the bad weather - we came top school in Darlington! During this busy fortnight we held a bike-it breakfast as reward to those who cycled and scooted to school including parents! Dr Bike, **with help of pupils**, repaired a number of bikes. Year 5 enjoyed a 3 mile bike ride around the local area despite the weather! Thank you to PC Summerhill who security marked a huge amount of bikes. The Big Pedal finished with a 'Bling your Bike' competition. The entries were, as

always, absolutely fantastic. Star Radio and Medal Motion representatives presented prizes and had a very difficult job judging!

Every child who decorated a bike or scooter received a prized.

Well done everyone!




**KEEP CALM
AND
GOOD LUCK ON
THE SAT'S**

The Year 6 children will be sitting their National tests next week. A big thanks to parents for supporting the children; they have worked very hard to prepare. We know they will come in and do their best. Good luck to you all



Reception and Year 1 had a lovely time at their Agape worship sharing bread and blackcurrant juice to remind them of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Revd Sheilagh was impressed with how knowledgeable the children were. On Tuesday 11th May, Year 2 will be holding their Agape; parents are warmly welcome to join us.

Dates for Diaries

9.5.16	National Test (SAT's) Year 6 Monday—Thursday
11.5.16	Year 2 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
17.5.16	Year 4 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
18.5.16	Year 3 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
18.5.16	Y3 & Y4 Quad Kids 9 –12 noon at Eastbourne Complex
18.5.16	Y5 & Y6 Boys Football Town Cup at Longfield (AM)
18.5.16	Year 6 'Travel Day' 9 - 12 noon
23.5.16	Year 6 at Seahouses - back Thursday
23.5.16	Year 5 visit to Life Centre in Newcastle
24.5.16	Y5 Boys Cricket Festival
25.5.16	Year 5 Agape 2.30pm - parents welcome
Thursday 26.5.16	Break up for half term
Tuesday 7.6.16	Back to school

Getting our teeth into it!



As part of our PSHE curriculum Year Three and Four had a visit from the dentist to learn how to brush

effectively and how to choose tooth-friendly snacks. They used disclosing tablets to show up where the bacteria were found on our teeth, and then were given new toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste to get them properly clean. They looked at the amount of sugar in the snacks and drinks they like; it was horrifying! They know that they need to avoid fizzy drinks in particular, especially 'energy' drinks, but were amazed how much sugar is in unexpected things like crisps and tomato ketchup. Thanks to Burgess and Hyder Dentist for visiting us.



Please ensure your child is collected from their After School Club on time. Clubs finish at 4.15pm Thank you.

St. John's Church of England Academy School Holiday and Term Dates for the 2016/17

AUTUMN TERM

	AUGUST 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

	Public Holidays
	School Holidays
	Staff Training Days

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SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

	JANUARY 2017	FEBRUARY 2017	MARCH 2017	APRIL 2017	MAY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2017
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

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Term 1	35
Term 2	35
Term 3	34
Term 4	30
Term 5	24
Term 6	35
TOTAL DAYS	193

Staff Training Days

Thursday 1st September 2016
Friday 2nd September 2016
Monday 31st October 2016
Monday 5th June 2017
Tuesday 6th June 2017

Please note there is a block of nine days holiday in May/June which may be useful for parents planning a break.