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

Jenny Chapman MP visits St. John's



You may have heard about Year five's Young Leaders' project. The project is designed to help children develop their leadership skills through a series of activities. Year five have decided that they would like to give Lascelles Park a little revamp. We wrote to non-other than Jenny Chapman, the MP for Darlington, and she came to see what we were planning to do. She loved meeting the children and was very impressed with their suggestions. She has promised that she will speak to some of her colleagues and see what she can do to help. In September, Year five (who will be Year 6) will be continuing with their project so watch out for some local improvements courtesy of Year five.

Music for the masses

Last Thursday, Year Four and our Year Six Violinists had the honour of playing in a concert with the world famous Hallé Orchestra at the Dolphin Centre along with other musicians from Darlington. The concert was beamed around the world and watched by the children in school. A memorable experience for the children to treasure.



Dancing in the streets...

Some of the children in Year 5 were involved in Darlington Community Carnival at the weekend. The children were representing endangered European animals and walked in the Parade from the market place to Stanhope Park. The children had a great time and the weather was beautiful. Thanks to all of the parents who came to support the class, helped hold banners, took photos and made costumes.



Please note: Bible club has finished for the summer.

All the our other school clubs will end next week on **Friday 8th July.**

The new after school timetable will be available when we come back in September.



Congratulations to Mr Darling who will be leaving us at the end of term to take up an Assistant Headteacher's position. We wish him all the very best in the future and we promise to keep up the fantastic singing!

Mr Goldsbrough will be taking over the position of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) from September.



Sports Day

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Wednesday 6th July** with races starting at **1.30pm** weather permitting! Please ensure that your child has their

PE kit, including trainers, a hat and sun cream applied in the morning if it's way too sunny. They will be supplied with a bottle of water but you may wish to send in an extra named bottle of plain water with them. For health and safety reasons, please do not allow small children to wander on to the track or allow them to access the Climbing Frame. After the event all children will go back into school and be dismissed a class at a time so we can ensure that all children are returned safely to parents. Please do not take your child without seeing the class teacher.

May we remind you that smoking is not allowed on the school grounds at any time.

The PTFA will have a selection of stalls for you to purchase refreshments, 'new to you' uniform or have a little fun with hook-a-duck and many more stalls. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon with us. The children love having their parents there to support them.

Transition Day

The children spent time with their new teacher today apart from Years 3 and 5 who will be keeping the same teacher. Miss Meehan has been appointed as a new teacher who will be teaching in Year 3 next year. She has already met her new class a few times and accompanied them on their visit to Captain Cook Museum.

Mass Dance Festival



A group of our KS2 children have been selected to take part in this Saturday's Mass Dance in Darlington Market Place. Our dancers have been practising their very lively routine for several weeks, so come along and support this amazing event and join in with a little toe tapping!

The dancing starts Saturday 2nd July at 1pm - 2pm in the Market Place.



St. John's Church Fair

St John's will be holding a Summer Fair on **Saturday 2nd July 11am - 2pm.**

Stalls will include tombola, books, cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle and lots more.

• Everyone welcome.



You may have heard that the NUT are calling a strike due to pay and conditions on the 5th July across the country. **The school will not be affected and will be open as normal.**



15 hours childcare from September

The council is carrying out a survey to determine how many childcare places are currently available and what the additional need is. They would appreciate families completing a survey at www.darlington.gov.uk/childcaresurvey to help them plan for the future.



The closing date for the Sainsbury's vouchers is 7th July. If you still have vouchers please bring them into school. Every voucher does count towards some exciting sports equipment for our children.



NEW SCHOOL MENU

Please return 'menu choice' forms for September to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates for Diaries

2.7.16	St. John's Church Fair - all welcome
5.7.16	Year 2 trip to Durham Cathedral
6.7.16	Sports Day - pm parents welcome
7.7.16	Community Games Y3 & Y4 - 10am - 3pm
8.7.16	Reception Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome
11.7.16	Y5 Young Leaders training at Eastbourne Complex 9am-12noon
14.7.16	Year 3 Class Music Assembly 2.45pm - parents welcome
14.7.16	Year 6 Bike Ride to Middleton St George - whole day
15.6.16	Year 5 Class Assembly - parents welcome
19.7.16	Sainsbury's School Sports Day
20.7.16	Year 6 Leavers' Service - Y6 parents welcome 9am
20.7.16	Break up for summer hols. Return Monday 5.9.16