

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

Well done to all the children who achieved a 100% attendance last term. Every child who achieved over 98% chose a prize.

Well done to Year 2 and Year 3 who managed to exceed our target of 96.2%.



KS2

Attendance for Autumn Term 2		
Reception	94.8%	7th
Year 1	96.1%	3rd
Year 2	98.4%	2nd
Year 3	98.5%	1st
Year 4	96%	5th
Year 5	95.6%	6th
Year 6	96.1%	3rd



Our Christian value for this half term is 'Hope'. In worship we have been exploring the belief that hope is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something about it. All classes have been thinking about their hopes for 2017.

Courtney shared Year 4's hopes for our local community in Worship: No dropping litter to spoil the environment; more employment for families and that others help old people who are often lonely, particularly during the winter months. We reflected on how much joy our choir brought to residents at Rosemary Court and The Lawns.



## Wheels in motion!



Previously we relied on shared Cluster buses to transport the children to sporting competitions etc. however they were very old and nearing the end of their life. We are delighted to have our own new minibus after Governors agreed to purchase it knowing how important transport is to the children's curriculum opportunities.



Well done to our Y5 and Y6 basketball teams who competed in the Darlington Basketball Festival. Both teams played against some very strong opponents. Year 5, who are a young team, reached the semi-finals. Year 6 won Gold in the final and will go on to compete in the Tees Valley Tournament very soon. Many thanks to Mr Ben Cook, Mr Quinn and Mr Boyd who coached the teams.



## Put a Spoke in Cycle Crime

Don't forget **Friday 27th January** is an opportunity to get your bike security marked for free! Bring your bike to school next Friday between 8.15am and 8.55am. It is so important to get your bike security marked in case it is lost or stolen the police will know who to return it to.

## All Greek to us!

Staff from the Oriental Museum visited Year 5 and Year 6 with resources related to Ancient Greece. The children enjoyed first hand experiences of a whole range of artefacts and then took part in a Greek play which they had designed traditional masks for. It was a very worthwhile learning experience. The children made voting discs and took part in a vote to learn the origins about democracy.



## Maths

Your child will be bringing a letter home informing you about our three open maths mornings that start on Tuesday 31st January. We hope you will be able to attend one session and get a flavour of the maths curriculum.



## JANUARY SALE

Last Friday the PTFA held their first ever January Sale. Although they had a short time to advertise and organise the event, they were delighted with the response from parents and friends who came along to purchase a few bargains. The sale made an amazing £223.90! Thank you for all your support. There are still a few raffle prizes to be claimed. The winning numbers are 576 - 580, 631 - 635, 811 - 815 and 916 - 919. Please call into the school office to claim your prize.

## Dates for Diaries

25.1.17	Y5 Basketball Tournament 12 - 3pm
<b>31.1.17</b>	<b>Maths Open Morning</b> (also 1st or 2nd February)
7.2.17	Year 3 visit to Library 'Spirits of the Sea' play - 9.45am
10.2.17	Year 3 Tennis Festival 9.30am-12 noon (16 pupils)
13.2.17	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Festival - 12.30-3pm
14.2.17	Year 4 Girls' Football Festival 10am-2.30pm
16.2.17	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Festival 12.30-3pm
16.2.17	Valentine Disco
<b>17.2.17</b>	<b>Break up for half term (1 week)</b>
<b>27.2.17</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
27.2.17	Book Fair starts 3.20-3.45pm. Ends Thursday.
28.2.17	Year 4 Run for Fun 9.30am-12.30pm
3.3.17	Dress up as your favourite book character
3.3.17	Visit from the Bishop to the Talent event
<b>9.3.17</b>	<b>Open Afternoon for EYFS &amp; KS1</b>
<b>9.3.17</b>	<b>Open Evening for all classes</b>
<b>10.3.17</b>	<b>Open Afternoon for KS2</b>
16.3.17	Swimming Gala at the Dolphin Centre - 9.30am-12.30pm
28.3.17	Dance Festival
7.4.17	Year 5 Netball Festival at Polam Hall - 10am-2.30pm
<b>7.4.17</b>	<b>Break up</b>
<b>24.4.17</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>