



Newsletter

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25th September 2020



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

Our Voice counts....



The children have been very busy electing our new School Council. Each class held a democratic vote. They will have an important role in helping to make St John's even better!

Congratulations to:

Isabelle Britton and John Robinson in Year 1

Tianna Kolodziej and Louis Todd in Year 2

Lola Wilson and Max Farry in Year 3

Esme Ingledew and Benjamin Williams in Year 4

Meisha Hunter and Filip Lonc in Year 5

Emmie Odling and Ryan Leafe in Year 6



Well done to our new House Captains. They will have the important role of leading their respective teams by setting a good example and encouraging their members to try their best in all aspects

of school including sports events.

Matthew - Kaci Hall & James Ibbotson

Mark - Charlie Sutcliffe & Valeria

Luke - Kendra Dent & Aleksander Dye

John—Georgie Taylor & Jason Kelly



A huge well done to all the children who applied for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. We were very impressed with the quality of speeches and the effort that went into producing them. This year, due to social distancing measures, each child was filmed making their speech and the film was

shown to each class before they cast their votes.

The results were very close but we are delighted to announce:

Head Girl is Rosie McMullen and her Deputy is Rosie Honour. Head Boy goes to Toby Riley and Deputy is Louis Zheng.

We are sure these children will do a sterling job and would like to congratulate them on their appointment.



We have an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our fantastic team of Governors at St John's. Our Governors play a key role in the strategic leadership of the school and raising standards including appointing staff, overseeing the

budget and monitoring the curriculum. You don't need any experience as training will be provided, just a passion to make a difference. There is more information on our website (select 'Our School' and then select 'Academy Trust').

You can also email our Chair of Governors Mrs Valerie Cadd: vcadd@stjohnsceaacademy.co.uk or ring the office to speak to Miss Large for an informal chat or more information.

Don't forget a weekly newsletter is posted on our website under 'News'



KS2 children who have a school meal have made their choices from our new menu which starts from next week.

If you would like to view the menu, it is on our website under the 'Parents' tab.

Year 1 and Year 2 children have brought home a menu to make their choices.

Please return no later than 2nd October.



Bend it Like Frankie!

A huge well done to Frankie.

Frankie is a keen footballer and his dedication has paid off. He achieved 'most improved player' at his football team, Mount Pleasant Under 10s. Watch out Harry Kane!

YEAR 6 TRIP TO HEAD OF STEAM

Due to the wet weather on Wednesday, Year 6's trip had to be cancelled. We are pleased to inform you that it has been rescheduled for Tuesday 29th September and so far, the weather looks good. The trip is on the morning so the children will be back for lunch. Please ensure your child comes with a coat and appropriate footwear for walking. If you have any other questions, please catch me in the playground after school.

Regards,
Mr Ramsay



Many thanks to those parents who have returned the Flu vaccination consent form. May we remind parents who have yet to give their consent to the NHS for their child to receive the Flu vaccination to do so as soon as possible.

The Government advise that the flu vaccine won't protect you from COVID-19. But it will help protect you against flu, which is an unpleasant and potentially serious infection that can cause complications leading to hospital admission. Helping to protect against flu is particularly important with COVID-19 in circulation, because people vulnerable to COVID-19 are also at risk of complications from flu.



Fortnite Relationships

We would like to remind parents that the recommended age for playing Fortnite is 12 years old due to "frequent scenes of mild violence." In addition to this, in school we have experienced children falling out over the game. During gameplay, children can play against their friends, choosing whether to play co-operatively or against each other and there are increased incidents of children falling out because their friend 'killed' them in the game, which is affecting their and others' ability to learn.



Usually we would be welcoming parents to our Harvest Celebration. Sadly this won't be possible this year. We will still be celebrating in school and King's Church Food Bank would be extremely grateful for any donations of tinned food, pasta or toiletries such as shampoo or shower gel. Children may bring donations into school and place them in their own class box.

The numbers of people with coronavirus in Darlington is increasing, please remember to social distance when collecting/dropping off children, and use the one way system. Please see the latest advice from NHS Test & Trace.



Many thanks to Asda on Neasham Road who very kindly nominated us for their monthly £50 award of groceries. The children have enjoyed having the breakfast items and the staff made the most of the biscuits! A big thank you to all our parents who are key workers including those who work in our local shops.

SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: 25th September 2020

Rec	Jacob Cooney—For working hard during phonics.
	Dexter Aldus —For working hard during phonics.
Year 1	Isabelle Britton— Wonderful attitude and enthusiasm for learning
	Ellis Hasselby— Amazing independent work in ICT on Rising Stars and Numbots
Year 2	Ida Spence—a fantastic effort with all of her work since returning to school.
	Carson Doyle—a super effort with his home learning and home work.
Year 3	Lola Wilson—trying her best and always listening carefully.
	Serenity Marily Roddy Preston—a big improvement in independent learning.
Year 4	Emily Doswell— using similes and adjectives to create fantastic imagery in her writing.
	Ralph Goodwin—brilliant focus resulting in great progress in maths.
Year 5	Harrison Day—Fantastic, independent learning.
	Lilly Preston—Brilliant learning habits.
Year 6	Emilia Lonc—A super start at St. John's. Settling in amazingly well and working incredibly hard.
	Louis Zeng—An excellent start to Year 6. Displaying a mature attitude to learning and wanting to achieve his best.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 4	94.1%	96.4%	98.3%	97.9%	98.3%	95.2%	97.4%