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



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday. They all looked so smart and refreshed after the holiday and keen to share their news. A special welcome to our Reception class, Valeria (Y2) and David (Y3). We also welcomed two new staff - Miss Meehan our Year 3 teacher and Mr Cook who is a Sports

Apprentice working across the school. As we already have two Mr Cook's working at St John's, we thought we would address our new staff member as Mr Ben to help with any confusion!

At the end of term, staff and governors met to review evidence gathered over the year such as national test data, external inspector reviews and analysis of pupil questionnaires to help us to prioritise what we need to work on this year. Everyone was thrilled with how well the children had performed especially with the new higher end of year expectations that the government have introduced. We were also delighted to hear that we have been awarded a gold kitemark award for PE and Sport for the third year running - a fitting tribute to talented and enthusiastic staff and children!

Our continuing success is thanks to a fantastic team of staff and governors who are fully committed to ensuring that we provide the very best education for all our wonderful children. As parents/carers you all play a huge part in supporting us and encouraging children to do their best - thank you.

We would be extremely grateful if you would fill in our annual Parental Questionnaire (not Reception Class) which accompanies this newsletter as part of our evaluation - your views are extremely important to us. As ever my door is always open, if you have any queries or problem don't hesitate to call in - we are here to help.



Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 14th September after school, you are welcome to pop into school to visit your child's classroom and meet your child's new teacher. It's an informal opportunity for parents to meet members of staff they are unfamiliar with.

You will be receiving a Curriculum Newsletter from your child's class teacher outlining what your child will be learning this term. Your child's class teacher will be happy to discuss any questions you may have or offer help/advice with homework. The best time to catch staff is after school as they are busy preparing for lessons in the morning.

Our after school clubs are extremely popular! Letters will be out this week with clubs starting next week. Clubs available this term will be:

Monday - Boys Football Y4, Y5 & Y6

Tuesday - KS2 Dance, Y2 & Y3 Football, KS1 Homework Club

Wednesday - KS2 Gymnastics, KS2 Homework Club

Thursday - KS1 Gymnastics, Girls Football Y4, Y5 & Y6

Friday - Poetry KS2

May we remind you that the finishing time for after school clubs is 4.20pm. Thank you.



The local Costa Coffee store are holding a Reading Week from 19th to 25th September. There are free drinks for adults and children who want to go and enjoy reading activities.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children who managed to achieve 100% attendance last year - all twenty one of them! We are delighted that we had our best year ever for attendance - fantastic news.

Darlington Borough Council are very interested in gathering information on children who are disabled or have special needs that greatly affect their everyday life. All information will be held confidentially and securely. You can find out more about the Disabled Children register by looking at our Notice Boards or call in for a leaflet. You can register online by accessing <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/childrens-social-care/disabled-children> or email: disabledchildrenregister@darlington.gov.uk or telephone 01325 406222 and select Option 5.



Dates for Diaries

12.9.16	Y5 Learn to ride a bike 1pm	
14.9.16	Meet the teacher - 3.20pm	
13.9.16	Roald Dahl Day	
13.9.16	Bike Club luchtime (weekly)	
16.9.16	Reception class - Celebration with Phonic Talk 1.15 - 1.30pm	
19.9.16	Y6 Bikeability 1- 3pm (weekly)	
23.9.16	Y4 Spirit of the Sea - visit to the Theatre	
27.9.16	Y3 & Y4 visit Roman Fort at South Shields - full day	
29.9.16	Y1 & Y2 Pedestrian Training - morning	
30.9.16	Nursery & Reception MacMillan Coffee Morning - all welcome	
30.9.16	Y3 Pedestrian Training - morning	
6.10.16	National Poetry Day	
10.9.16	Y5 & Y6 NSPCC 'Stay Safe' Workshop	
13.10.16	Parent Open Afternoon KS1 /Evening KS1 & KS2	
14.10.16	Parent Open Afternoon KS2	
20.10.16	Cross Country Festival 9.30am - 12.30pm Eastbourne Complex	

Safety Notice

At the start of the day and when collecting your child, please do not allow your child to play on the school climbing frame. The equipment is for break times only and is supervised by staff.



Please may we remind you that dinner money (£9.50) must be paid on a **Monday** for the week.

During the holidays there has been a couple of accidents near the Fenby Ave/ Geneva road junction. As yet there is no Crossing Patrol Officer on this junction, so be extra careful when crossing this part of the road. If you have any concerns please contact Road Safety Officer Mrs Caley on 01325 406695