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Newsletter

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



I hope you had a lovely Christmas, the children certainly did! They were refreshed and full of news; it was lovely to welcome them back.

We had a busy but joyous end of term. All the children shone when EYFS, KS1 and KS2 gave fantastic shows to proud mums and dads. Many parents and visitors commented on the quality of the singing and acting which was exceptional. Well done children, you were amazing and made us all very proud.



Our wonderful choir spread Christmas cheer by entertaining residents at the Lawns and Rosemary Court.



KS2 'Angels Up High'



KS1 'The Night the Stars Danced'



EYFS Nativity



Christingle

Thank you to all our families who joined us at St John's Church for a magical Christingle Service. Rev. Sheilagh will be retiring at the end of January although she has promised to keep in touch.



Father Christmas came to our parties!



Christmas lunch

A huge thank you to the PTFA who helped at our Christmas lunch and organised party food for all the children.

I am
the Way
the Truth
and the
Life.

John 14:6

Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Truthfulness'. The life of Jesus shows us how God wants us to live our lives and so Christians ask, 'What would Jesus say or do?' when faced with difficult situation. We will be developing our understanding of truthfulness and look at some bible stories which exemplify the importance of truth such as Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) and Jacob when he lies to his father (Genesis 27:1-45). We will be exploring being truthful with yourself, with friends and family and working for a more truthful world.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Well done to all 48 children who managed to achieve 100% attendance last term or achieved over 98%, despite all the nasty bugs going around! Our attendance for last term has never been so low (95.5%) so we hope the holiday and recent cold spell has killed off the bugs as we work towards our target of 96.4%. Well done to Years 2, 3 and 6 for reaching target last term.



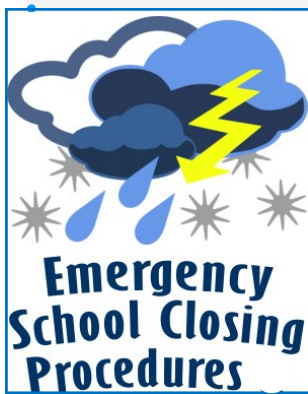
Celebration Worship—Excellent Attendance

CLASS	%	POSITION
Reception	90.68%	7th
Year 1	95.14%	5th
Year 2	97.21%	1st
Year 3	94.84%	6th
Year 4	96.44%	3rd
Year 5	95.90%	4th
Year 6	96.71%	2nd

Healthy Eating

We will be holding a free course for parents/carers starting **Tuesday 16th January 9 - 11am.**

The course will last 4 weeks where you will discover hints and tips for a healthier lifestyle for you and your family. Please call to the office and register your interest in joining this worth while course.



The decision to close school is never taken lightly but the health and safety of our children and staff is our priority. Our ability to open very much depends on enough teachers being able to get into school safely. In the event of severe weather conditions we will make a decision at the earliest opportunity usually not before 8.30am unless there has been extreme weather overnight.

Please look on the home page of our website which will be updated in the first instance. Closure will also be announced on the local radio - BBC Tees, Capital Radio, Star Radio and TFM. For those with no internet access there will be someone to answer calls, but this will be limited. If you are registered with ParentPay we will automatically send you a text message informing you of the situation. **Please ensure that you are registered with ParentPay to receive important information from school as this is a much more efficient way of communicating with you.**

Dates for Diaries

15.1.18	'Stay and Play' new starters for 2 year old nursery
22.1.18	Rev. Sheilagh leading Collective Worship at 9.30pm
25.1.18	Major Shirley, from the Salvation Army, leading Collective Worship
26.1.18	Y6 Basketball Competition 12.30 - 3pm
6.2.18	Internet Safety Day
7.2.18	Year 3 Tennis Festival
9.2.18	Break up for half term
19.2.18	Children return to school
21.2.18	Y5/6 Boys' Football Cup - Eastbourne Complex 10am - 3pm
22.2.18	Y5/6 Girls' Football Cup - Eastbourne Complex 10am - 3pm

22.2.18	Major Shirley, from the Salvation Army, leading Collective Worship
26.2.18	Book Fair 3.20 - 4pm (last day Thursday)
1.3.18	Parent Open Afternoon for Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 - start 1pm
1.3.18	Parent Open Evening for all classes - start 3.20pm
2.3.18	Book Character Dress Up day
2.3.18	Open Afternoon for Year 5 & Year 6
7.3.18	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala 9am - 12.30pm
9.3.18	Year 3 & Year 4 visit to the Oriental Museum - full day out
19.3.18	Dance Festival