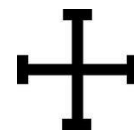




# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



*Lighting the Path*

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*Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care  
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

Welcome to all of our new families and children and welcome back to everyone else. I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer break. We have been delighted by the way in which the children have started the new term and the new Reception children seem to have settled in very quickly! We are all getting used to the new class names and the children are starting to find out about their trees and where they are on the school site.



Our collective worship this half term is about Generosity under our value of Hope. We talked about ways in which we can show generosity to others and the children have been thinking about ways in which they can demonstrate generosity.

**Generosity is...**

*Giving something we value to someone else*

*Encouraging the best in each other*

*Never selfish*

*Enjoying helping others*

*Raising support for a good cause*

*Offering what we can*

*Sharing our time and talents*

*Inviting someone to join in*

*Taking care of God's creation for future generations*

*You first, me last.*

**Key Stage 2 Poetry Competition**



Seven finalists from Years 3,4,5 and 6 performed their poems on the stage in front of the rest of Key Stage 2. They were judged by Mr Francis and

myself for their clarity and performance and after some very difficult decisions the following children were announced as the winners and were presented with a poetry book by Mr Francis.



Congratulations to all of the children who reached the final.

All of them demonstrated our school value of Courage!

**Year Group Winners**

**Year 3** – Evelyn

**Year 4** – Sofia

**Year 5** – Imogen

**Year 6** – Flora

**A New Prayer for St Faith's**

This school prayer has been written as a result of consultation with our parent voice group, staff, governors and ideas from children in Years 3 and 4.

*Dear Lord*

*Please look after St Faith's,*

*As we learn with courage,*

*Share with trust,*

*Pray with love and*

*Care with hope.*

*Help us to do our very best and*

*To think of those around us.*

*In Jesus' name we pray*

*Amen*



**Year Overviews and Curriculum Letters for Parents**

Hopefully you have now received your year overviews and curriculum letters about the topics being covered during the Autumn term. This will help you to know how you can support your child with their learning at home and give you information specific to the class.

**Ways of helping at home**

The raised expectations and the vast amount of concepts to be covered mean that learning at home and at school is more of a partnership than ever before. All of the children need to read aloud regularly at home to develop their comprehension skills. Questioning about what they think will happen etc helps to develop the higher order thinking skills. Please record all home reading in the reading diaries. Weekly spellings and high frequency words also need to be practiced regularly and children from Year 2 upwards need to learn their times tables fluently which can only really be achieved by frequent short bursts of practice. Little and often is the key!

**Flowers for the St Cross Garden Show**

The children in Years 1-6 have been having fun creating their flower pictures for the show



You will be able to see all of the pictures in the Parish Hall at the St Cross Garden Show on Saturday.

**Names in and on everything please!**

Thank you to all of those who have obviously spent ages sewing on and writing on names. It really does make a difference. Please could you double check that everything has a name – especially jumpers etc!

### **Annual Information Evening for all Parents**

Our annual information evening was well attended on Wednesday when parents heard about the outcomes of last year and the priorities for this year. We are seeing this as a year of consolidation! Our focus is on our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education and making the curriculum our own and special to St Faith's. We are looking forward to adding in the fun bits with art, drama and outdoor education being a particular focus this year along with various visits and visitors.

#### **Priorities in the core subjects for the coming year**

After a year of change in both age related expectations and assessment we were very pleased that 82% of our children in both Year 2 and Year 6 achieved the new standard in reading, writing and maths. This compared very favourably with the outcomes in Hampshire and in England. However we do need to focus on times tables, spelling and comprehension in order to maintain such results as the bar for all of these has been raised.

#### **Healthy Living Focus - Reminder! A stop to birthday sweets!**

In the light of our focus on healthy living, coupled with concerns from parents, we have taken the decision to stop the practice of children bringing in sweets and cakes to hand out on their birthdays. Class teachers will ensure that children continue to feel special on their birthdays in school.

#### **Workers of the Week**

Well done to the following children who received certificates today: -

Oak: **Cosima and Wilf**  
Silver Birch: **Dan and Claudia**  
Willow: **Thomas and Gabriel**  
Maple: **Gabriel and Sam**  
Beech: **Evie and William**



#### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Toby** - for being a shining example to the new Year R children

**Hamish** - for showing great respect for others during class worship

**Harry** - for being polite to children and adults

**Elana** - for showing respect to others

**Heidi and Tom** - for showing courage in their first week of school

**Myla and Sophie** - for demonstrating care for their class environment

**Charlie and Hal** - for supporting younger children coming into school

#### **Inset Days for 2016-2017**

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

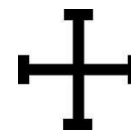
Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

**Dawn James**

### **Message from the St Faith's Parent Association**

Our next School Association meeting will be in the school staff room on Thursday 15th September at 7:30pm - new members are very welcome.



#### **Message from St Cross St Cross Garden Society Show**

**Marrows and Victoria sponges**  
For a splendid display of fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts, photography and cookery, come along to the Parish Hall this Saturday at 2pm for the annual St Cross Garden Society Show. There are children's classes to admire as well, and the pupils of St Faith's have painted pictures to decorate the walls. Which ones will win a prize? Entry £1, children and members free. Raffle, teas, produce stall.

#### **Hospital of St Cross Michaelmas Fair**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm

20 Craft Stalls and more!

Refreshments, Bouncy Castle and entertainment by The Madding Crowd. Entry £3 Children free. Free parking

#### **Letters/Emails sent home this week**

**Whole school** - Curriculum overviews and term letters

**Year 6** - Beaulieu letter

**Year 4** - Minstead letter

#### **Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016**

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 6 residential to Beaulieu

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** - Parent outcome for Y6 parents

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September** - Year 4 residential to Minstead

**30<sup>th</sup> September** - Parent outcome for Y4 parents

**24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October** - Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Parent Evenings

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term 1.15pm

#### **Clubs for Autumn Term 2016**

Please sign up for clubs in September. All clubs requiring payment must be paid for before the child can start the club.

**Drama Club** - Mrs Jones - Mondays 3.30-5pm Start date: 19th September - £67.50 per term

**Young Voices Club** - Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 6th September

**Netball Club** - Mrs Landen - Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 19th September

**Football Club** - Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 13th September

**Karate Club** - Wednesdays - Years 1-6 3.30-4.30pm pay direct to the club Start date: 7th September

**Football Club** - Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 14th September

**Netball Club** - Mrs Hodgkinson - Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3 and 4 Start date: 15th September

**Orchestra** - Mrs Harding - Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 29th September

**Recorder Clubs and Cross Country Club** will continue during school time.