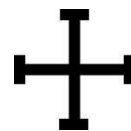




# ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*Lighting the Path*

No.1

Spring Term 1

6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

St. Faith's Road, St. Cross, Winchester, SO23 9QB - Tel: 01962 854934 - Fax: 01962 854461 - E-mail: adminoffice@st-faiths.hants.sch.uk

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

Happy New Year to all of our families! I have been very impressed by the way in which the children have come back to school ready for learning so soon after the New Year celebrations! We started our term by focusing on our new collective worship theme of Courage. After spending last term thinking about others through Generosity and Compassion, we are now thinking about ourselves and ways to face new challenges. This seems an apt time of year to do this when many of us are thinking about new year resolutions! We talked about how Moses had to show courage when he was asked to lead God's people to a new land. *Exodus 7-14*. A group of children then read out an acrostic poem for Courage which we will be referring to this half term.

### Courage is...

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement

### Curriculum Letters for the Spring Term

You should all now have received your parent curriculum letters for the Spring term which outline the topics for this term and ways in which you can support your child at home. The Infants have a topic on Toys which includes learning about toys from the past and toys used around the world. A Toy Shop has appeared in Oak class which sells some very expensive items and there is a Theatre in the outside area where puppet plays are performed to an audience! Willow Class have a topic on Invaders and Settlers with a focus on the United Kingdom, Maple Class are looking at Inventions and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Design and Beech Class are learning about The Mayans.

### Clay Sculptures in Willow Class

Willow Class learnt about Henry Moore and his sculptures last term and then made their own clay sculptures. This week they have created an exhibition of their work for everyone to see in the main corridor with



written explanations of what they have done and why.



### Year 5 adopt an Amur Leopard

A big thank you to all Year 5 parents and children for raising enough money to adopt our Amur leopard, Narva. WWF were extremely grateful to receive our donation of £50.26. This critically endangered animal is currently at greatest risk of extinction so we should be proud of our achievement. Mrs Wetherell



### Science in the Infants



Year 1 in Oak Class spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Berry looking for lots of different materials in school and out in the playground. They thought about the reasons why certain items are made out of different

materials and came up with a lot of different ideas. They were particularly interested in looking at the flint wall and the story teller chair.

### Wellington Boot Rack

Mr Crump has very kindly made a rack for all of the wellington boots in Oak Class. Each child now has their own space which will make it much easier for them when they need boots for outdoor play or when they go to Lockburn.



### Year 3 visit Lockburn for Inspiration!

Miss Whiteman and Miss McKeever took Year 3 over to Lockburn on Wednesday morning to look for stimulus for their creative writing. The class have been reading a book entitled "Coming Home" by Michael Morpurgo and are now writing a story about their own creature who has to overcome certain obstacles on their journey home. The children made notes as they walked around Lockburn and were eager to talk about their ideas on their return to the classroom.

### Slippers in Beech Class

Beech Class have been busy designing and making their slippers. They have looked at slipper designs and thought about ways to add details to their own slippers. The children have been very inventive and designs include Highland Cattle, Penguins and Pigs! They are looking forward to presenting their Fashion Show of slippers to their parents and the rest of the school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.



### **Maple Class look closely at inventions!**



Maple Class have been learning about the difference between invention and design. They looked very closely at hand whisks on Thursday afternoon and tested six different

designs by whisking up egg whites for meringues. They were surprised to find out that some whisks worked much better than others! Some whisked the egg whites in three minutes and others took as long as eight minutes! The more intricate designs did not seem to work as well as the traditional hand held whisk!

### **House Cup Winners of the Week**

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham House** for working hard and for gaining the most House Points this week!



### **Workers of the Week**

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

Oak: **Zac and Mario**

Silver Birch: **Alfred and Zac**

Willow: **James and Max**

Maple: **Euan and Sasha**

Beech: **Faith and Emma**



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

**Alex** –for showing great determination in writing

**Wilf** – for being a consistently hard worker

**Wilbur** – for always being polite

**Esme and Clara** – for clearing up a water spillage

**Oliver** – for being an enthusiastic and reliable chair monitor

**Freddie** – for offering to help with classroom jobs.

**Jonas** – for helpfulness in the classroom

**Seb and Tom** – for welcoming others into their game

**Sello** – for a positive attitude at the beginning of term

**Oscar** – for always being helpful to others

### **Plea from Mrs Landen – Cardboard wanted!**

Maple Class need a large amount of cardboard for their DT project this term. Please could you send in any unwanted card or cardboard boxes

### **February Half-term Sports Camp**

Following the very successful Sports Camp in the Christmas Holidays, On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. See flyer for more details.

### **Names on everything please!!**

Please could you make sure that all drinks bottles, jumpers, coats etc have names on.

**Dawn James**

### **On Your Marks Sports Breakfast Club**

Our new Breakfast Club is now up and running which is run by Marc and Andy, our sports coaches. The children have cereal, fruit, toast and drink for breakfast and play all sorts of different games. The club is open to all children and gives them an active and healthy start to the day. The sessions cost £4 and run from 7.30 – 8.45am. They do take child care vouchers as well. You can use the club whenever you want. Ask at the office if you would like any more information.

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

**School Disco** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Infants: 5.30pm-6.30pm

Juniors: 6.45pm – 8pm

Tickets £3.50 each on sale from 9<sup>th</sup> January

**School Association Meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – All welcome

### **Letters sent home this Week**

**Whole School** – Parent Curriculum Letters

**Whole School** – E-safety day and parent talk

**Whole School** – School Disco

*Please let the office know if you have not received these*

### **Dates for your diary Spring term 2017**

**19<sup>th</sup> January** – Young Voices concert at O2

**25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Fashion Show for parents

**7<sup>th</sup> February** – E-safety day and talk for parents 6pm

**8<sup>th</sup> February** – Infant trip to Milestones

**15<sup>th</sup> February** – Oak and Silver Birch Parent Outcome 3pm

**16<sup>th</sup> February** – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**17<sup>th</sup> February** – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2pm

**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day and Wells Book Shop

**14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Evenings

**7<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term

### **Clubs for Spring Term 2017**

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

**Agility, Balance & Co-ordination (was Gymnastics) Club** – On Your Marks Sports – Mondays 3.30-4.30 Years 2-4 Start date 9<sup>th</sup> January £48 per term to the school

**Young Voices Club** – Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-5pm

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January **Musical Theatre Club** from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Netball Club** – Mrs Landen –Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Football Club** – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Tri-Golf Club** – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 pm KS2 £48 per term to the school Start date: 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Karate Club** – Wednesdays – Years 1-6 3.30-4.30pm pay direct to the club Start date: 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Football Club** – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Netball Club** – Mrs Hodgkinson – Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3 and 4 Start date: 12<sup>th</sup> January

**Orchestra** – Mrs Harding -Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 12<sup>th</sup> January

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

