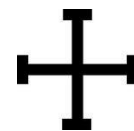




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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*

A big welcome to all of our new families and children and a big 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 very proud of our new entrance display which has been created by Mr Crump over the holidays. We wanted



to create a special place for our values and associated creatures to be displayed and are very pleased with the result! Thank you Mr Crump!

Our theme for our collective worship this half term is **Thankfulness** with the message that there is always something to be thankful for. On Tuesday we looked at an acrostic poem and thought about the meaning of the different lines. Perhaps there is something for all of us!

Thankfulness is...

Thinking of good things

Happy memories

All creation praising God

Not taking anything for granted

Keeping focused on the positive

Feeling blessed

Understanding the sacrifices people make for us

Living joyfully

Not complaining

Expressing gratitude to God

Saying thank you to those who help us

Showing gratefulness by our deeds

Curriculum Evening for Parents

It was great to see so many of you at the curriculum evening on Wednesday. I am attaching the powerpoint used on the evening which contains a breakdown of our statutory test results and comparisons with county and national data. It also highlights our main initiatives for this academic year. When looking at the results it is worth noting that there is no difference at all in the attainment achieved by the children split into different classes in Year 1 and Year 4. We have the same expectations of our children whichever class they are in. We are proud of our results and do believe that alongside excellent teaching, our small year group classes really do make a difference to our outcomes. We are really hoping to be able to continue in this way in the future but with further impending budget cuts we may well have to review our structure for next year.

Flowers for the St Cross Garden Show



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



for the show this week. You will be able to see all of the pictures in the Parish Hall at the



St Cross Garden Show on Saturday.

Site Safety Update for St Faith's

All schools have been asked to review their safety procedures in the light of recent events. We will now muster in an emergency on the school field rather than on the playground so that we are away from the building. We had a very successful practice evacuation on Wednesday afternoon. **We have also reviewed our school site security and as a result we are asking that parents only enter the school via the front entrance** from now on so that we always know who is in the building. Mrs Crump is always happy to pass on any messages which can be given to her by person or in an email. She will of course always arrange for you to talk to a teacher should you need to. We thank you for your cooperation in this.

Year Overviews and Curriculum Letters for Parents

Hopefully you have now received your Year Overview which outlines the topics for the year and the homework expectations and also the Autumn curriculum information letter (via email). These 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!



Key Stage 2 Poetry Competition

All of the children in Key Stage 2 were asked to learn a poem to recite over the Summer holidays. Each child recited their poem in their year group heats on Thursday and the

staff were really impressed by the high standard of delivery. Well done to all!

On Friday morning 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 the winners and all of the children who reached the final. All of them demonstrated our school value of Courage!

Year Group Winners

Year 3 – Jasper

Year 4 – Izzy

Year 5 – Gabriel

Year 6 – Robert



The Ark

The Ark, our after school care club is now up and running and has had a very successful start. Marc Gillingham and Michele Brannigan, the club leaders, are ensuring that there are plenty of fun activities and that it is not just an extension of the school day. The children also have an opportunity to do their homework. Please contact Mrs Crump if you wish to book a place ahead or on the day.

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Jamie and Alastair**

Silver Birch: **Mimi and Claudia**

Willow: **Lila and William**

Maple: **Gabriel and Evelyn**

Beech: **Rosie and Ben**

St Faith's Crosses

Freya – for helping younger children to settle

Alex – for caring for an injured classmate

Agatha – for showing trust helping a new YR child

Harrison – for showing value of Hope by being a thoughtful partner

Charlie – for being extremely polite

Rebekah – for a high level of positivity

Arlo – for great kindness to a new pupil

Sam – for excellent manners

Toby and Molly – for showing kindness towards others.

Dawn James



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!

Message from St Cross

Rev Philip Krinks has been appointed as the new Priest in Charge for the Parish of St Faith. His Induction and Licensing service is on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm. Please do come and support Philip as he takes on his new role.

We are also delighted that Lauren Cheshire has been appointed as the new Youth Leader in the Parish and she will be Commissioned during the 9.30 service on 24th September. All welcome.

St Cross Garden Society Show

St Cross Garden Society Show will be held in the Parish Hall this Saturday, 9th September, 2 – 4pm. Come and support this enjoyable community event. The children of St Faith's have created special art works. There will also be displays of photography, craft, cookery and floral art as well as fruit and vegetables. Teas. Raffle. Plant and produce stall. Entry £1 for non-members.

Michaelmas Fair – Hospital of St Cross

Saturday 23rd September 9.30 – 5pm. Entrance £3 children free. Refreshments, stalls, crafts, entertainments. Flying displays by Falconhigh and their birds of prey. A day out for all the family!

Message from St Faith's School Association

The next SFSA meeting is on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm. Please see Jayne Orton or Kerry Jack if you would like to attend. All welcome!!

Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Year Overviews

Whole School – Autumn term curriculum letters

Whole school – SFSA Events

Year 6 – Beaulieu letter

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Autumn term 2017

11th – 15th September – Y6 residential visit to Beaulieu

20th-22nd September – Y4 residential visit to Minstead

20th September – Y1 Parents Maths Pack meeting 6pm

26th September – YR Parents Curriculum meeting 6pm

27th September – Parent voice meeting 3pm

29th September – Y4 and Y5 trip to Westminster

4th October – Y4 parent outcome 9.30am

4th October – Harvest Festival at St Cross 2pm followed by Beech Class café at St Faith's

10th October – Talk by Kings for Y5 and Y6 parents

11th October – Willow Class to Sea City Museum

11th October – Open morning for YR 2018 10am

23rd-27th October – Half term

30th October – 2nd November – Bikeability for Y6

28th and 30th November – Parent evenings

6th Dec – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

7th Dec – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 26th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

After school clubs for the Autumn Term

Please sign up if you wish your child to join one of these clubs. Numbers are limited for some clubs

Musical Theatre Club – Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 12th September

Netball Club – Mrs Landen –Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 18th September

Football Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 12th September

Football Club – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 13th September

The Ark – After School Care Club - £12 per session 3.30pm-5.45pm (Friday until 5pm)

Do let the office know if you wish to book any places at The Ark for September