



ST. FAITH'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a good time over the Christmas period and that you enjoyed the later start than usual to the Spring term! We have certainly felt that the children have come back more relaxed and ready to learn than when we return straight after all of the festivities. We started the year with collective worship on the meaning of Epiphany and the arrival of the Kings. We then thought of new year resolutions that we could work towards as a whole school which would make a difference. We have come up with the following three ideas:-

- Put all paper towels in the correct bins!
- Keep the laptop trolleys tidy at all times!
- Respect the playground rules before and after school and help little ones to do the right thing!

Funding from the School Association- Thank you!

We are extremely grateful to the School Association for a £5000 cheque following some very successful fundraising ventures. This money has enabled us to do a number of extra things for the benefit of the children. The main item that we have purchased is a new sound system for the hall which was installed on Tuesday. It is far more advanced than the old one and hopefully a lot more reliable! The money has enabled us to refurbish the Year 1 area, update books and book corners in classrooms and add to the reading scheme. It has also paid for the forthcoming Young Shakespeare production for KS2, Listen2Me for Year 4, Bibles for Year 6, musical instruments and some IT equipment. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the fundraising in some way. It really does make a huge difference to all of us!

Introduction of Word of the Day!



This year we are focusing on exposing the children to more complex vocabulary through rich texts. We have also

purchased a vocabulary resource to enable us to put up a new word on display each day for the children to learn and try to use in the correct context. A knowledge of a wider vocabulary really helps children with their learning. Ava is helping Miss Whiteman with the day to day running of the board.

Curriculum Letters for Spring Term

You should now have received the curriculum letter for the Spring term for your child's year group. This outlines the topics being covered this term and additional information about homework etc. This may also give you ideas about things you can talk about or places you could visit to further your child's learning.

Snow Leopard adopted by Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the importance of conservation of animals in their science lessons with Mrs Wetherell and about animals close to extinction. As a result the year group wanted to adopt an animal of their own and chose to adopt a Snow Leopard of the sacred Himalayas through the WWF. They wrote persuasive letters about the cause and raised money for the project.



Elmer and Colour Topic in the Infants



The Infants have been listening to the lovely story of Elmer the Elephant this week with its message that it is alright to be



different. They have been looking closely at the background illustrations in the book and have drawn their own illustrations in the style of David McKee.

Beech Class study Dickens

Year 6 have been studying extracts from "Great Expectations" paying particular attention to the vocabulary used and the style of writing. They have then written their own paragraphs in the style of Charles Dickens.

As Estella inched back the moth-eaten curtains, the brilliant white light shone through and illuminated the faded scene before me. Miss Havisham's dressing table, upon which beautifully carved patterns ran around the rim, had cobweb covered candles elegantly standing in antique dishes on its creaking surface. All but one of these candles was lit, giving the eccentric woman's face an eerie glow. In the corner, was an open wardrobe filled with dresses less splendid than the one she wore. These dresses were once grand and beautiful, made with the finest of silks and the utmost care but they were now just scraps of mouldy material that hadn't been washed in years. Looking around the dirty room once more, I thought to myself that it was akin to the woman who lived there - wilting from the inside.

By Isla Y6

When I entered the room the first thing I noticed was the eerie sensation of stagnant water dripping down the stained walls. Heaps of trinkets lay on the table and half-filled trunks lay scattered around the room in various places. On the table, cobwebs had taken control, and the looking glass had layers of dust upon it. A woman was slouched on a stool in the centre of the room. She looked like all of the blood had rushed out of her body, her face was as pale as her garments - death had taken over her blackened soul. This entire scene made me want to run and hide.

By Morgan Y6

Year 2 write their own Sound Collector Poems

The children in Year 2 have been reading The Sound Collector by Roger McGough and thinking about the rhythm of the lines. They have then written their own poems in a similar style about sounds collected in a school.

*The tinging of the chime, the squeaking of the teacher,
The beeping of cars, the thudding of the footsteps.*

*The creaking of the doors, the flushing of the toilet,
The dripping of the taps, the chatting of the children.*

Florence

*The stripping of the Velcro, the typing of the keyboard,
The munching of the children, the ringing of the bell.
The blowing of the drier, the leaning of the chair,
The creaking of the stair, the vibrating of the chime.*

Mario

*The shrieking of the teacher, the dripping of the tap,
The thudding of the footsteps, along the corridor
The scratching of the Velcro, the cooing of the pigeons
The swaying of the wind, the crying of the children*

Mimi

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham House** for gaining the most achievement points this week.



Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Romola and Skye**

Silver Birch: **Alex and Zak**

Willow: **Toby and Zac**

Maple: **Leo and Polly**

Beech: **Morgan and Isla**

St Faith's Crosses

Patrick - for being a thoughtful friend

Elsie - for great enthusiasm for learning

Violet - for thoughtful behaviour towards others

Mimi - for always being quick to help

Cosima - for a determined working attitude

William - for sensible and thoughtful contributions

Tom and Alfie - for showing great team work in class

Tuelle for demonstrating a mature attitude

Findlay - for helpfulness towards others

St Faith's Extended School Provision

Holiday Club News

The next Holiday Club will be during the week of February half term. Details to come shortly

Breakfast Club Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per booked session and £5 on the day.

The Ark after school club Years R-6 Every day the school is open 3.30-5.45pm Monday - Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day 3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.

Dawn James

Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you very much to all who have returned their Smartie tube of coins! Please can you bring in your tubes by the end of next week if you are taking part in the fundraising.

FILM AND PYJAMA EVENING

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When: Friday 18th January, 5:15pm - 7pm

Where: School Hall

On sale from **Monday 14th** in the playground. Look out for letters in school bags.

Help needed: If you are able to help out on the night, please let Anna-Maria Holt know.



Message from St Cross

Sunday 13th January 9.30am Parish Eucharist for all ages (a shorter, simpler service designed to include both children and adults)

Emails/letters sent home this week

Whole school - Parent curriculum letters

Whole school - School Association Film night

Year 6 - Study guide letter

Spring Term 2019

29th January - Big School Bird Watch Key stage 2

31st January - Big School Bird Watch Infants

6th February - Beech Class Slipper Fashion Show 2.40pm

13th February - E-safety day Parent talk 6pm

15th February - Willow Class Great British Tea Party 2pm

18th -22nd February - Half term

27th February - Royal Marine Activity Day for whole school

5th March - Author day for whole school with Anne Wan

5th and 7th March - Parent evenings

8th March - Wells Book Shop

13th March - Open afternoon for KS1 3.30 -4.30pm

14th March - Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 -4.30pm

18th March - Year 6 to Natural History Museum

20th March - KS2 football tournament

21st March - Young Shakespeare Company for KS2

3rd April - Infant Parent Outcome 9.00am

3rd April - Easter Service for whole school 2.00pm and Beech café 3.00pm

5th April - End of term 1.15pm

Summer Term 2019

23rd April - Term starts

27th - 31st May - Half term

18th July - Leavers' Service 9.10am

19th July - End of term 1.15pm

After School Clubs for Spring 2019

Please sign up now if you wish your child to join one of these clubs. Numbers are limited for some clubs. Siblings of those in clubs can go to the Ark for the hour for £4.

All clubs must be paid for prior to the child starting

Paper Craft Workshop Spring 1 Y1-Y6 - Tracy

McDonnell from Papercraft Studio £32.50 14th January -

11th February (Children learn paper craft skills and take home a project each week)

Mini-Medics Training Y5 and 6 – 5th and 12th February
3.30-5.00 £10

Netball Club Y5 and 6 – Mrs Duke – Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Start date 14th January – 1st April

Netball Club Y3 and 4 – Olivia from Winchester City Council 3.30-4.30pm £48 per term to school 10th January – 4th April

Football Club – Marc- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school 8th January – 2nd April

Street Dance YR,1 and 2 – Integr8dance Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm 10th January – 4th April . Contact Louise on louise@integr8dance.com for booking

Cross Country Club – Mrs Hanson at lunchtimes

Advanced Recorder Club – Mrs Choules at lunchtimes

Inset days for 2018-2019

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019