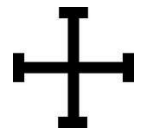




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

Everyone seems to have come back refreshed after half term having enjoyed the lovely weather! This has been an exciting week at St Faith's with different outdoor opportunities! During the week every year group has been over to Lockburn to have a session with Mr Crump at the Fire pit and on Wednesday the whole school took part in an action Elite Commando day.

We recently had our annual monitoring visit from the county. This year the focus of the visit was on reading, writing and vocabulary. We are very pleased with the report which contains the extracts below.

*"Teaching is consistent across the school. There is a well defined structured approach that enables pupils to learn well over time. This is reflected in consistently strong outcomes, with above average attainment and good progress from starting points evident at each key stage. The standards achieved at the end of each Key Stage reflect the consistently high expectations and quality of provision on offer to pupils in both key stages. Attendance is well above average."*



The Open the Book team led collective worship on Tuesday and retold the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand- *Matthew 14*. The children sat in groups for their "picnics" as the food multiplied!

#### Willow organise a Great British Tea Party!

As a culmination of their project about the United Kingdom, Willow Class organised a tea party for their parents on the Friday before half term. They set up the tables in the hall, the food and all the decorations.



Many of the children had made cakes or biscuits with the theme of the United Kingdom for the Bake



Off competition and the outcome was very impressive making it very difficult for the judges to choose the winners! In the end prizes were given to:-

**Overall winner** – Elana **Prize for independence** – Harry **Group prize** – Agatha, Ava and Livia.

The children shared their topic



learning with their parents and then served them tea and coffee to have with the savoury food and cakes. We were delighted that over sixty adults came for tea.

It was a fun occasion! Thank you to everyone who contributed!

#### Exciting Elite Commando Activity Day



We used some of our sports funding grant on a special activity day for the whole school run by Elite Commando's on the school field. The focus was on Building resilience, Promoting bravery and

Experimenting through practical activities. The Infants spent the morning on the field on Wednesday and the juniors went in the afternoon. The



weather was perfect and it was great to see every child complete the



impressive

assault course which ran the length of the field! There was also a team exercise where groups had to work together to move two planks and tyres down the field. Another group had to use binoculars to look at a model and then report back to their small group to recreate the model accurately. The children were brilliant! A number excelled at demonstrating our school values of courage, trust, love and hope and were presented with a cap or a whistle.



#### World Book Day Author Visit and Celebrations



Next Thursday is World Book day which we will be celebrating across the week. On Tuesday Anne Wan, a local children's author, will be coming in for the day to lead sessions on writing and editing with every year group. She has written the popular Snow Globe series and a new picture book. Anne will have books with her on the day and children can buy signed copies if they so wish.

#### Dressing up for World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

As you will have seen in a recent email, a group of children in Year 6 are very keen for everyone to dress up as a book character on Thursday to celebrate World Book day. The emphasis is on simple costumes and fun!

#### Wells Book Shop Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Wells Book shop will be bringing a large selection of books to St Faith's next Friday afternoon. All of the children will have the opportunity to look at the books and to purchase a book if they so wish. It will also be open to parents after school. All of the children will also have the opportunity to spend their £1 book voucher from World Book Day either on a £1 book or towards a book of higher cost if they so wish.

### Mindfulness at the Fire Pit!



Every year group has been over to Lockburn this week for a fire pit experience! Mr Crump made fires for the children to sit and watch. Beech class cooked tortillas as part of their topic on the Mayans and the others cooked popcorn and marshmallows. They all practiced mindful listening, looking and tasting. This focus is part of our Mind Up programme. The regular practice of mindful tasting can have a significant effect on children's health. Not only does it have calming and focusing benefits but it can also assist with how well children digest their food and feel satisfied, which can prevent over eating. Encouraging children to chew their food slowly can make a difference! They enjoyed tasting their food from the fire pit with this focus! Thank you very much to Mr Crump for all your hard work!



### House Cup Winners of the Week!

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



### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Alex and India**

Silver Birch: **Monty and Violet**

Willow: **Cosima and Max**

Maple: **Tom and Victoria**

Beech: **Alex and Kate**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Skye** – for a love of number challenges

**Poppy** – for adapting well to a new routine

**Sophia** – for outstanding politeness and kindness

**Zak** – for making a great job of tidying the classroom

**Zoe and Hamish** – for excellent team work

**Hal** – for supporting and encouraging others in Mini Medics

**Rose** – for always smiling and showing a positive attitude

**Heidi and Lara** – for being organised and supportive team members

### St Faith's Extended School Provision

**Easter Holiday Club** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**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**

### Mrs McGoff has a baby girl!

We were all delighted to hear that Mrs McGoff gave birth to a baby girl weighing 5lbs 5oz last Thursday. They have named her Harriet. We wish them all well.

Mrs Pickance and Mrs Hyde are covering Mrs McGoff's maternity leave in Year 3.

### Comic Relief Bake Off – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

The School Council are organising a St Faith's Comic



Relief Bake Off with Miss Berry in aid of Comic Relief! Children are invited to design and create the most comical cupcake they can think of and enter **one** named cupcake

into the competition. We are hoping that families will bake a batch of cupcakes to sell at the end of the school day in aid of Comic Relief. See the letter for more information and ideas.

### Choristers at Saint Cross - auditions

For children aged 7 to 12 who enjoy singing, St Cross Church are launching a programme for choristers to join their choir. There is a chance to meet Father Philip and the St Cross Organist Derek Beck at the church on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There is also an additional opportunity for St Faith's children, 3.45-5.15pm on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information please email [choristers@parishofstfaith.org](mailto:choristers@parishofstfaith.org).



### Message from St Cross

Youth club are having a pizza night this week on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall for children aged 8 and over. All welcome – you just need to bring £5 each!

### Message from St Faith's School Association The Movie Quiz Night

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Curtains and Bar open at 7pm  
Tickets £12.50 to include Thai Food and Brownies

### Volunteers please!! New Chair needed!!

Kerry Jack and Jayne Orton will be stepping down as chair of the School Association at Easter after leading the association for two years. Please let them know if you are interested in taking on the role or if you would like to join the committee.

### Emails/letters sent home this week

**Whole school** – Dressing up for World Book Day

### Spring Term 2019

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – Author day for whole school with Anne Wan

**5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent evenings

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Wells Book Shop

**12<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 to Pizza Express

**12<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 -4.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS1 3.30 -4.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Bake Off and Cake Sale

**15<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-uniform day £1 in aid of Comic Relief

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 to Natural History Museum

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Willow and Maple trip to Roman forest

**20<sup>th</sup> March** – KS2 football tournament

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Young Shakespeare Company for KS2

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Listen 2 Me Clarinet Concert 1.30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Infant Parent Outcome 9.00am

	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> – Easter Service for whole school 2.00pm and Beech café 3.00pm</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> – End of term 1.15pm</p> <p><b>Summer Term 2019</b></p> <p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> – Term starts</p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> – Half term</p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Leavers’ Service 9.10am</p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b> – End of term 1.15pm</p> <p><b>Inset days for 2018-2019</b></p> <p><b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</b></p>
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