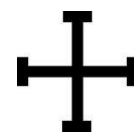




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Lighting the Path

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

We have had a good start to the second half of the Spring term with many classes going over to Lockburn. The Infants searched for signs of Spring and Willow Class and Maple Class went to look at a newly discovered Anglo-Saxon grave! Many of the older children took part in an Inter school netball tournament and the School Council ran their book sale in aid of the Mukono School in Rwanda.

Father Paul led our collective worship on Monday and introduced our theme for this half term which is forgiveness. A group of children read out the poem about Forgiveness and then in pairs they discussed which lines of the poem they considered to be the most important with reasons for their choice.

Forgiveness is...

- Forgetting the hurts
- Offering a new beginning
- Restoring a friendship
- Given and received
- Identifying responsibility
- Valuing the truth
- Ending an argument
- Not holding a grudge
- Encouraging honesty
- Saying sorry
- Starting again



The Open the Book team continued with this theme and retold the story of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15 with the help of some of the children. In class worship the children have been learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Willow Class hold a Great British Tea Party

As a culmination of their topic on the United Kingdom, Willow Class held a tea party for their parents just before half term. The children brought in a marvellous selection of cakes and biscuits and several of them had made things by themselves. These were judged by asking children questions about their creation and after difficult decisions prizes went to 1st Evelyn Murdoch, 2nd Emily Hodgkinson and 3rd Hal Conlan. A large number of parents came to the party and Willow Class enjoyed serving the drinks and cakes.



Netball Tournament at Kings'

Mrs Landen took three netball teams to the interschool tournament at Kings' on Thursday afternoon. Each team showed courage and determination and were a credit to the school. The A team did particularly well and finished second in their league losing to St Peter's in the final. This team made up of Hal, Oscar C, Emma, Imogen F and Grace will now go forward to the next tournament.

Letter of congratulations from Nick Gibb MP

I was pleased to receive a letter this week from Nick Gibb MP the Minister of State for School Standards.

"I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making. Your school's results.. show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make in English reading, writing and mathematics...." This shows how well everyone is working together. I feel that it should also refer to our parents and all that they are doing to support the children with their home learning. It really does make a difference!

Pancake Breakfast Club

Marc and Andy, our Breakfast Club Leaders, ran a special pancake

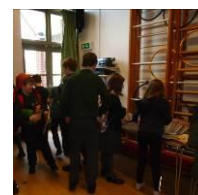


breakfast club last Tuesday. Thirty children attended and devoured the pancakes as fast as Marc could make them! They then went out to play a number of different games outside.

It was certainly a fun occasion for all involved!

Book sale in aid of Mukono School in Rwanda

Miss Berry and the School Councillors were delighted with the number of super books that were sent in for our book sale in aid of the children at Mukono School in Rwanda. The sale was really well supported and raised over £140 which is fantastic! We are planning to hold another book sale with the remaining books next term. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



World Book Day Celebrations and Wells Book Fair

We are looking forward to celebrating the 20th Anniversary of World Book Day on Friday 10th March. There are a lot of good ideas for dressing up on the World Book Day website www.worldbookday.com under *Primary Resources!* Wells Book Fair will be coming into school in the afternoon giving children a chance to use their World Book Day tokens to buy books.



Junior Road Safety Officers lead Assembly for KS2

Maddie Ahmed and Ben Oates led an assembly for children in KS2 about the importance of wearing a seat belt and the consequences of not wearing one. They emphasised that it is the law to wear a seatbelt however long the journey. Thank you to Mr Francis for working with the JRSOs to put across this important message.

Anglo-Saxon Grave found in Lockburn

Amazingly, on Tuesday lunchtime Mr Crump uncovered a shallow grave in Lockburn with a range of artefacts from Anglo Saxon times which was perfect timing for the start of the Invaders and



Settlers topic for children in Willow Class and Maple Class! Each class went over to have a look and tried to work out who the grave could have belonged to by having a close look at the artefacts. They identified some jewellery and an arrow head.

The Infants search for Signs of Early Spring

Dressed appropriately for the wet weather, Oak Class and Silver Birch Class went to Lockburn on Wednesday afternoon to look out for signs of early Spring by using their senses. They were



excited to spot Snowdrops, Catkins, different buds and frogspawn amongst other signs of Spring. The children are also very pleased to see that the bulbs they planted in the Autumn are now coming up around the playground.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in *Beaufort House* for gaining the most House Points this week!

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Monty Holloway and Wilf Carter**

Silver Birch: **Dan Smyth and Heidi du Plessis**

Willow: **Alex McKinnon and Thomas Allen**

Maple: **Sam Chacko and Findlay Gibbs**

Beech: **Phoebe McKinnon and Poppy Helgesen**

St Faith's Crosses

William Jones – for a clear love of reading
Harry Pope – for excellent enthusiasm for learning
Esme Buchanan – for supporting another child
Yasmine Taylor – for being helpful and reliable
Arlo Taylor – for always helping his classmates
Emily Hodgkinson – for showing great perseverance
Daisy Bannister – for great determination
James Harwood – for thoughtful contributions in collective worship
Ava Duke – for always being very helpful and efficient
Sam Younger – for always being polite



Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 6th March 2017 Friday 26th May 2017

Dawn James

Staffing Update

Mrs Yeomans, one of our teaching assistants in the Infants, will be leaving us at the end of March to be able to spend more time with her family. We will be very sorry to lose her as she is a valued member of our team but we are pleased that she is hoping to come back to see us and to hear readers.

Message from Mrs Crump re School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for KS2 will be increasing to £2.15 from 1st April.

Inset Day Monday 6th March

The school will be closed on Monday. The staff focus for the day is assessment of Phase 2 and pupil progress.

Parent evenings March 14th and 16th (7th and 8th for Year 2) The booking system for the above meetings is now open. Please book online. See separate letter for further information.

Message from St Cross

Spring Tea at St Faith's Parish Hall 3pm-5pm – St Cross warmly invites you to an afternoon of craft and games. All ages welcome. Activities at 3pm. Tea at 4pm Sunday 12th March www.parishofstfaith.org (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Message from the School Association

The next School Association meeting is on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at the school. All welcome!

Quiz Night

St Faith's Quiz Night on **Friday 17th March**. Tickets are on sale at £12.50. See flyer for more information

Message from the community

Junior Parkrun 2k run for 4-14 year olds every Sunday 9am. FREE! At the Garrison Ground, Winchester www.parkrun.org.uk/winchester-juniors

Letters sent out this Week

Whole School – music tuition for 2017-2018

Inhaler Users – confirmation of use of inhaler

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

6th March – Inset day

7th and 8th March – Year 2 parent evenings

10th March – World Book Day celebrations and Wells Book Shop

13th March – Year 6 trip to Natural History Museum

14th and 16th March – Parent Evenings

22nd March – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham 3.30-4.30

23rd March – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

24th March – Red Nose Day

27th March – Zoo Lab visit to Willow Class

30th March – Samba Concert for Year 4 parents

31st March – KS2 to see Young Shakespeare Company

6th April – Easter Service and Beech Class Café 2pm

7th April – End of term

24th April – Start of Summer term

29th May – 2nd June – Half term

25th July – End of term 1.15pm