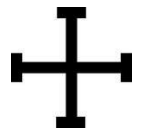




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

The children have come back refreshed from their half term break and have been showing real enthusiasm for their learning. Year 6 have carried out their Bikeability course each afternoon and we have been very proud of the way in which they have all conducted themselves. This half term we are thinking about the value of Trust. On Monday we thought about the values that a trustworthy person might display. We then looked closely at the lines of the Trust acrostic below and discussed what they could mean. The classes then followed this up in their class worship.



#### **Trust**

Taking someone at their word

Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends

The Open the Book team continued with the theme of Trust and retold the Bible story of Hezekiah who put his trust in God. *2 Kings 20*

#### **Bikeability Training for Beech Class**

All of the children in Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training this week which involved cycling on the



playground and on the roads with external trainers for four afternoons. Safer cycling awareness is such an important life skill for the children to learn. The trainers were very impressed by the positive attitude that the children displayed and by their good listening skills.

#### **Infants plant bulbs for the Spring**



The children in Oak Class and Silver Birch Class have been busy planting bulbs in beds and troughs to make a colourful display in the Spring.

#### **Building Houses in Year R**

As part of their topic on the Three Little Pigs, the Year R children have been constructing buildings out of bricks, straw and wood. They have worked brilliantly together!



#### **Thank you for funds from the School Association!**

We are absolutely delighted to have recently received a cheque for £3202.60 from the St Faith's School Association. We are so grateful for all the time and effort that goes into the fundraising and to everyone who has supported the events. This money enables us to enhance our curriculum and our school environment in a way that our school budget no longer enables us to do. We have ordered three new picnic style benches for the quiet area, A3 sketch books for all of the children in KS2 which have had a significant impact on our art work, materials for Lockburn which benefit everyone and extra reading materials. The money has also paid towards new problem solving maths resources for the whole school, Listen 2 Me music lessons for Year 4, a Shakespeare production for KS2 in March and money towards workshops for a number of trips.



#### **Listen2Me Music Lessons for Year 4**



All of the Year 4 children learn to play different instruments each term. This term Greg Walker is teaching them African drumming which they are thoroughly enjoying. They have been learning to play some quite

complex rhythms on the different instruments. They are looking forward to performing a concert for their parents on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

#### **Year 3 dissect flowers in Science**



Year 3 are studying plants in science and they have been dissecting lillies to identify the different



parts of the flower to learn about pollination, seed dispersal and the life cycle of flowering plants. They looked carefully at each part and named it.

#### **Year 4 science investigation**

The Year 4 children have set up an investigation on the school field to see whether the different items will rot or not. They have put down items such as banana skins, paper and crisp packets and they are watching over time to see if there has been any change and thinking about why this has happened.



## Eco-School Committee 2017



The Year 6 Eco leaders asked the children to write a short letter of application if they wished to sit on the Eco Committee this year. Congratulations to the following children who were selected:-

Leaders: **Toby, Robert and Myla**

Year 1: **Albie and Mimi**

Year 2: **Livia and Noah**

Year 3: **Flynn and Victoria**

Year 4: **Arlo and Evie**

Year 5: **Sofia and Gabriel**

They had their first committee meeting on Thursday and thought about ways to stop litter on our playground. They also had a lesson from Robert on how to use the litter pickers. The committee is hoping to earn the Silver Eco-Schools award by the end of the year.



## House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **de Blois House** for gaining the most House Points this week.

## Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Tess and Ava**

Silver Birch: **Alice and Arlo**

Willow: **Elyse and George**

Maple: **Kate and Findlay**

Beech: **Imogen and Anna**



## St Faith's Crosses

**Olivia** – for saying thank you to an adult

**Edward** – for being a child who is trustworthy

**Lucas** – for always being polite

**Elana** – for being a very trustworthy member of the class

**Evie and Emily** – for showing courage in their maths learning this week

**Isla** – for great attitude to learning

**Alasdair** – for showing good friendship skills

**Alicia and Thomas** – for showing perseverance and courage during Bikeability

## Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

## Stop press!! Mini Sphero Balls have arrived!



We have just received delivery of fourteen mini Sphero Balls - App-enabled robotic balls - which can be programmed in many different ways. They have been purchased from money raised by the children who

took on the School Association's Grow a Pound challenge over the Summer. They are a fantastic resource to have and will really boost our IT in the school! Thank you to all the families involved.

## Message from St Faith's School Association

The next SFSA meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. All welcome! Speak to Kerry Jack or Jayne Orton for more details.

Year 5 Cake and Card Sale on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

## ParkFit boot camp at St Faiths School

Perfect for those who want to get in shape and be challenged working out with a group of friendly like minded parents.

Mix up sessions every week so you're guaranteed a varied and fun exercise programme. Come along and feel the grass (/mud) under your hands on St Faiths playing fields. All fitness levels welcome. Wednesdays 9 - 10am

## Emails/Letters sent out this Week

**Whole school** – Spring Booking form for the Ark

**Whole school** – Home learning information

**Whole school** – Parent Voice Home learning leaflet

**Maple Class** – DT letter

**Maple Class** – Peregrine Falcon talk

**Beech Class** - Concert at Winchester College

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

## Autumn term 2017

**8<sup>th</sup> November** – Maple class to Winchester College

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - Beech class to concert

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – NSPCC workshops Speak out stay safe

**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Life Education Bus for YR-6

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Willow parent outcome 2.30pm

**28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent evenings

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Stay and play morning for Year R parents 9.30-10.30am

**24<sup>th</sup> November** Talking schools morning

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – Wells Book Fayre

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Maple parent outcome 2.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Y4 African drumming workshop 1.30

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity 2pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity 2pm

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross 6pm

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – End of term 1.15pm

## Spring Term 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> January** – start of term

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – End of term 1.15pm