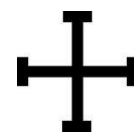




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Lighting the Path

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

This has been a very active week with all sorts of different things going on across the school. Oak and Silver Birch have had their first football lesson, Willow have been making volcanoes, Maple have been sculpting clay leaves and Beech have been having their Bikeability training! We started our week with collective worship led by Father Paul on the theme of Compassion under our Christian value of Love. The focus was on the importance of noticing a need of someone else. The Open the Book team continued with the story of Joseph Genesis 3, with a lively retelling of the Bible story.



Our new Spiritual Garden
Mr and Mrs Crump have been very busy over the half term and have transformed an overgrown part of our playground into a beautiful spiritual garden which



is there for anyone to use in their own special way. We have purchased an Olive tree for the area and a sphere shaped water feature which is run by solar energy. Mr Crump has created a special cross for the area with the St Cross symbol in the centre. The School Council went out to see the cross being put into place. Classes have been out there for collective worship and for reflection.

Shoebboxes are collected to go to eastern Europe

The School Council helped to carry out the large number of shoebboxes which were taken to be shipped out to children in eastern Europe for Christmas.



Football lesson for the Infants



Our sports coach, Marc, is teaching Oak and Willow class football skills this half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were keen to show me what they had learnt to do!

Football Report St Faith's v Compton

We played a match against Compton. We scored our first goal very quickly and then scored seven more whilst Compton got one goal! Finn was amazing and so was Charlie! The team is strong and we work really well together. We were pleased to win as Compton beat us by a lot last year! Reported by Robert Y5

Times Tables Display – Facts about the staff!

The children have been fascinated by a new display which Mrs Landen put up last week. The staff have put up a number of multiplication and division facts about themselves for the children to answer. The children have been very keen to work out the answers using their times table knowledge. They are a bit sceptical about some of the answers – particularly ones to do with age!! I'm sure the children would like to show you what they have found out!



Volcanoes in Willow Class



Willow Class are finding out all about volcanoes this term and have been learning all sorts of exciting facts about the structure of volcanoes and where they can be found. They are now making

their own volcano models to demonstrate how volcanoes erupt! A number of parent helpers bravely came in to assist with the modelling of volcanoes around plastic bottles using newspaper strips and large amounts of glue! The children are very proud of their models and are waiting for them to dry before they paint them.

Clay leaf sculptures in Maple Class

Maple Class collected a variety of Autumn coloured leaves from the playground this week to inspire their claywork and to use to indent the sculptures. They formed their leaves very carefully using different clay skills. The results are really effective!



Bikeability 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.

Year 3 set quiz questions about Diwali

The children in Year 3 were very interested to learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali and what families do to celebrate. They worked in groups to find out facts and set quiz questions for the Year 4 children who did very well and remembered a lot from the previous year!

Talking Schools Morning for the Whole School!

The whole school divided into their House teams on Friday morning to carry out a range of activities with the aim of using "Power for Good" to encourage individual and collective action to stop bullying and to create the best world possible. More about this exciting morning next week!

Science Lesson for Year 4 in Lockburn

Year 4 had an active science lesson in Lockburn in the sunshine on Monday afternoon with Mrs Johnson. The scientists looked very carefully around the habitat area for invertebrates under logs, under leaves and elsewhere. They collected their specimens and put them in bug boxes to see them in detail. They were very excited by their findings and are now quite knowledgeable about the creatures!



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox House** for working hard and for gaining the most House Points this week!

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Bea and Mimi**

Silver Birch: **George and William**

Willow: **Oliver and Theo**

Maple: **Seb and Sienna**

Beech: **Hal and Maddie**



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William – for showing great care to his peers

Mario – for showing a love of learning

Clara – for always being well mannered

Esme – for considering the feelings of others

Evie – for an extremely positive learning attitude

Ava – for showing perseverance in all areas of learning

Poppy – for helpfulness and politeness

Dylan – for great team spirit

Imogen – for being very helpful and kind to others

Oscar – for showing thoughtfulness towards others

Club News – No Netball Club on Monday

Mrs Landen will be taking a team of netballers to Twyford St Marys for a netball match on Monday 7th November. There will be no Netball Club for those who are not playing in the match this time. **Dawn James**

Message from St Cross



In synergy with our theme of generosity this term, the Parish of St. Faith with St. Cross is running a

Giving in Grace campaign. Starting on Sunday 23rd October, the campaign is designed to help the Parish meet its vision of growing in numbers, in faith and in social outreach, so that in 2018 it's able to:

- employ a part-time youth worker
- continue to invest in our church community, looking after young and old
- cover our bills and obligations

As part of the campaign, the church community is asked to think about what money they give, or what they might give, on a regular basis. For more information, please ask Mrs Crump for a Parish Giving Scheme pack, a simple scheme that allows individuals and families to make regular donations to the church. No more frantic searching for loose change and cash during the service!

Message from St Faith's School Association

Make sure that the date of the School Christmas Fayre is in your diary! **Saturday 3rd December** We are looking for a number of helpers to run stalls etc on the day for one hour at a time. Let us know if you are able and willing to help!



Message from the Community

Young Mother's Bible Study – 2.15pm on Tuesdays Nov 1,8,15,22,29 and Dec 6 with Grace Martin at St Faith Parish Hall.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

9th Nov – Parent outcome for YR,1 and 2 parents 3pm

18th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

23rd November – Stay and play morning for YR parents

25th November - Individual photos

29th November and 1st December – Parent Evenings

30th November – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

8th December – Listen2Me concert Year 4 parents

8th December – Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

13th and 14th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

15th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

16th December - End of term **1.15pm**

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017