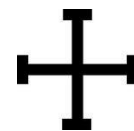




# ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Lighting the Path

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*Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care*

We have continued to promote our **Talking School** actions this week and in assembly we watched the videos made by each House to demonstrate that we



must make a noise to prevent unkind behaviour or bullying. These videos can be viewed on our Blog on the school website. We have also put pledges and footprints along the corridor with positive messages on

them about how we all need to talk about things and look after each other. *Tell an adult if you are unhappy* and *Include others* are key themes. Father Paul led our assembly on Monday afternoon about the baptism of Jesus and the start of the New Year. This term our assemblies are based on our school Christian value of **Hope** which is linked with our Robin who represents **Care** in our vision statement *Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care*. On Tuesday the Open the Book team told the story of The Three Kings (Matthew 2).

### Year 1 program Beebots

The Year 1 children have been having great fun this week programming the new Beebots which were funded by the SFSA. They had to program the Beebots to reach specific destinations on their maps. Some landed exactly where expected whilst others stopped somewhere else completely! This caused some hilarity but the children soon corrected the instructions and were back in control. I was very impressed with the way in which the children were working with each other and listening to the ideas of others.



**Colour Printing in Year R**  
Year R created very colourful leaves this week with bright paints and a range of sponge shapes. These colourful leaves will form part of the Elmer display.

### Tri-Golf

All of the children in Key Stage 2 are learning golf skills in their Tri Golf sessions this term. They started by practising their putting skills on the playground as the school field was somewhat waterlogged! We will be entering teams into the Tri-golf tournament later on in the year.

### Science in Key Stage 2

On Monday afternoons all of the children in Key Stage 2 are taught science in their year groups. Year 3 are learning about Light and have been finding out that we need light in order to see. Year 4 are learning about electricity and came up with a wide list of equipment which run on electricity. They then subdivided the list into those that run on mains, those that have batteries and those that run by solar power. The children were very keen to put forward their ideas. Year 5 are learning about the properties of materials and started off their topic by carrying out an investigation seeing whether the given materials would dissolve or not. Some groups were quite surprised by their results which raised quite a lot of scientific discussion. Year 6 are learning about the main parts of the human circulatory system and had to draw some quite complex diagrams and label them. They had many facts to learn but could talk confidently about what they were doing. The children are clearly enjoying their science lessons and discovering new facts.



### Weather Reporters in Mercury

As a culmination of their weather topic the children in Mercury have carried out some research on the floods in Cumbria and worked in groups to act as reporters about the extreme weather conditions. They rehearsed their reports, ensuring that they were speaking clearly and then each group was filmed as if they were presenting the news! Miss



Whiteman will soon be inviting parents in for the weather topic outcome when they will be able to view the video reports and look at the Weather topic work. The children have also created some weather umbrella mobiles with all sorts of weather facts on them. The mobiles look very effective hanging in the classroom.



### Inset Days

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Letters sent home this week

**Whole School** – Severe Weather information

Please ask at the office if you require copies of any letters

## Doorstops in Saturn

The children in Saturn Class have designed and made their own doorstops with a real focus on different types of stitching. They have filled the doorstops with rice and stuffing and they do look really effective!



## House Cup Winners of the Week –

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

## Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Max and Hamish**

Neptune: **George and Annabelle**

Mercury: **Isla and Poppy**

Saturn: **Oscar and Poppy**

Jupiter: **Ella and Ben**



## St Faith's Crosses

**Louis** – for always being helpful and honest

**Livia** – for being a kind friend

**Jemima and Theo** – for being consistently kind and helpful

**Ben**- for always being polite and helpful

**Alasdair** – for showing good listening skills

**Faith** – for encouraging peers in PE

**Oscar** – for helpfulness in PE

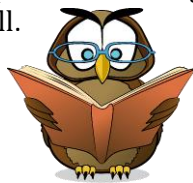
**Anna and Emma**- for helpfulness in tidying up the classroom

**Mia and George** – for being kind and supportive to others

## Reading in School and at Home

We are continually working on ways to promote reading in school as reading is such a key life skill.

All year groups are carrying out specific book studies in English. The children spend a lot of time discussing the features of these rich texts which leads to much of the writing in English lessons. In Key Stage 2 all of the children carry out book studies in their year groups. They each have a copy of the book to follow and read. These book studies enable the children to read and discuss whole books rather than chunks of text and help them to develop stamina in reading and key comprehension skills. In addition to this all children have individual reading books and are expected to read at home every day. All of the children need to read regularly to their parents to practice their skills of reading aloud and to focus on the understanding of the text.



**Note for all parents** Please could all parents record the home reading in the Home/School reading diaries for Year R-Y5 and in the homework diaries for Y6.

## Message from St Cross

**The Inaugural Friends Ceilidh** which takes place on Friday, **22nd January, starting at 7 o'clock.**

The evening will have dancing to one of the best Ceilidh bands in England, Threepenny Bit.

'Ceilidh' is the old gaelic word for 'party' or 'gathering'.

Also known these days as a barn dance, it's become the byword for a fun filled night of wild dancing, good company and great music. Prior experience not necessary, an expert caller will be on hand to talk you through the steps and encourage participation. Tickets are £25.00 and include a welcome drink; haggis, neeps and tatties; cranachan and dancing 'til half past 10.

**Book through [www.friendsofstcross.com/events](http://www.friendsofstcross.com/events) or telephone 01962 890871**

## Candlemas Tea for all - 30th January

St Cross Church and Fr Paul warmly invite all families of St Faith's School for an afternoon of craft and activities to celebrate Candlemas. What is Candlemas? Come along and find out!

Craft at 3pm, tea and cake at 4pm. All ages welcome. Saturday 30th January, 3-5pm. St Faith's Parish Hall, Back Street. 3-5pm

## Message from St Faith's School Association

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in school. New members are always welcome!

## Maths Club run by Winchester College

"Win At Maths" after school activity from 4-5pm on Thursday afternoons at the Discovery Centre. Pupils are given one-to-one tuition on a range of numeracy challenges. All ages and abilities are very welcome.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Spring Term 2016

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Fashion Show 2.45pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Inset day

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent evenings

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – End of term **1.15pm**

### Summer Term 2016

**11<sup>th</sup> April** – Term starts

**9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs week for Year 6

**30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Half term

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term at 1.15pm

## **Parking Problems!**

It has been brought to our attention that the safety of our children is at risk before and after school because some parents are parking on the double yellow lines on Cripstead Lane meaning that visibility is difficult for both pedestrians and drivers. No-one can park on the double yellow lines at any time. We appreciate that parking in the close vicinity of school is difficult and urge people to either walk to school or park further away from the school and walk. This is both a healthier and safer option for all involved. We ask you to support us in this matter.