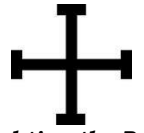




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Lighting the Path

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Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care

The children have enjoyed the sunshine this week and have been able to go over to the field on several occasions. Our week started with an assembly led by Father Paul about St Francis of Assisi demonstrating the importance of love and forgiveness which is one of our school values under Pray.



Owl is our creature which represents the Christian Values of Love and Forgiveness. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the Bible story of the helpful servant *2 Kings 5*, who helped her master to be cured. We have also been thinking about the Queen on her 90th birthday this week and Year 5 and 6 learnt how to play "God Save the Queen" on a variety of different instruments which sounded very patriotic!

Pet topic in the Infants

There has been great excitement in the Infants about the topic of Pets this term. The children in Venus and Neptune have thought of a number of questions that they would like answered about different pets e.g How long do cats sleep for in one day? Can snakes hear? What is the most common eye colour for a dog? Year R have been making homes for their pet animals and have a pet shop in their classroom! All of the Infants have been learning how to look after a rabbit. They have written some very informative fact files and I now know that rabbits like to have a toy to play with and should eat as much hay as their body size! In science they are learning about the diets of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



Pets visit Venus and Neptune



On Wednesday afternoon Elspeth's rabbit called Buckley and Rory and Zoe's dog Wilbur came to visit the Infants and then on Thursday Thea's hamster also called Wilbur and Ziggy, Claudia's cat

came to visit. The children have had a really good chance to look at the animals – in different rooms!- and to ask all sorts of questions. They have really enjoyed seeing the different animals at first hand. Thank you to those who volunteered to come in with the animals.

Parent Workshop on Fractions

Our parent workshop led by Mrs Landen, our maths leader, was well attended on Wednesday evening and everyone left with a comprehensive booklet about the progression of teaching fractions through visual imagery and practical activities. The evening started with a group of volunteers who were asked to cut a doughnut into 8 equal pieces using 3 cuts of a knife. (It can be done in two different ways!) Mrs Landen gave a talk about the ways in which fractions are taught in school and then parents were given the opportunity to look at and try out fraction activities based on tables from Year R to Year 6. There was a teacher on each table to talk through the tasks. Please ask for a fractions booklet at the office if you were unable to attend the workshop.



Parent Voice

We have been steadily recruiting interested parents into our new Parent Voice group which was advertised at the recent Parent Evenings. The purpose of the group is to have a voice in the school's strategic direction. Do ask for a form at the office if you are interested in taking part.

Science in Key Stage 2

All of the year groups in Key Stage 2 have a science lesson on Monday afternoons. They carry out a variety of investigations to



apply their learning and to further their scientific understanding. They do enjoy finding out the new facts. Year 3 are finding out about



forces and are investigating how things move across different surfaces. Year 4 are learning about the different types of teeth and testing which teeth are used for what. Year 5 are measuring the amount of friction it takes to move an object using a forcemeter and Year 6 are researching the different habitats across the world and ways in which animals are having to evolve due to climatic changes.



Tri-Golf Success

Congratulations to our Year 5 Tri-Golf team for winning the Year 5 trophy at the Tri Golf tournament on Thursday afternoon. More details next week!



Ancient Greeks in Jupiter



Year 6 have been very interested to find out about the Ancient Greeks. They carried out a fact finding mission to start off the topic. They are busy designing and making masks by using

papier mache on balloons. They have focused on details such as the nose and eyebrows to make their Greek mask look authentic.

Spain Study in Saturn

The children in Saturn class have started their topic on Spain and have created some beautiful Spanish style plates. They have been using Atlases to find out specific information about Spain.



Monet display in Mercury



The beautiful paintings that the children painted in the style of Monet are now on display in the classroom for all to see.



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort 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: **Rebekah and Sophia**

Neptune: **Wolfie and Izzy**

Mercury: **Sienna and Finn**

Saturn: **Faith and Sello**

Jupiter: **Mia and Nancy**



St Faith's Crosses

Beatrix – for being a caring member of the class

Noah – for helping his classmates

Thea – for caring for a child

Max – for always being polite

Robert – For having a hardworking and sensible attitude

Sasha – For excellent listening at the Tri Golf tournament

Elizabeth – for helpfulness in the classroom

Charlie and Sam – for displaying excellent manners

Millie and George – for always being willing to help others.

Letters sent home this week

Whole school – Helping your child to thrive

Year 5 and 6 – Sex Ed meeting for parents

Saturn Class – Topic activities for Year 4 and 5

Please ask at the office if you need a copy of any of the above.

Message from St Faith's School Association

9th July - Summer Hoedown

Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 2016

Wednesday 27th April – Lorraine Lee talk at Kings

Thursday 28th April – Y6 drop in session re SATS **3.30-4.15**

Thursday 28th April – Theatre Royal trip for Year 5

Thursday 5th May – Sex Ed meeting Year 5 and 6

9th to 13th May – SATs week for Year 6

Friday 20th May – Y6 Fairthorne Manor

Wednesday 25th May – Y6 trip to Mayflower

30th May to 3rd June – Half term

Wednesday 22nd June- Sports Day 9.15am

Thursday 23rd June- Y6 Cathedral Day

Wednesday 27th June – Lorraine Lee talk at Kings

Weds 13th July- End of year performance 2pm 7pm

Thurs 14th July – End of year performance 7pm

Thurs 14th July – Year 5 Taster day at Kings'

Wednesday 20th July – End of term at 1.15pm

School Clubs for the Summer Term 2016

Please note that all clubs must be paid for in advance.

Drama Club – Mrs Jones – Mondays from 18th April £67.50 per term

Musical Theatre Club – Miss Whiteman Tuesdays from 12th April 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-5

Gardening Club Y5 and Y6 Mrs Landen Tuesdays from 12th April April 3.30-4.30pm (limited spaces)

Karate Club – Wednesdays from 13th April – Years 1-6 3.30-4.30pm pay direct to the club

Summer Sports Club – Tuesdays from 12th April 3.30-4.30pm Years R,1 and 2 £48

Summer Sports Club – Wednesdays from 13th April 3.30-4.30 Years 3-6 £48

Orchestra – Thursdays from 14th April 3.30-4.30pm Mrs Harding KS2

Recorder Clubs, Year 6 Teddy Bear Club and Cross Country Club will continue during school time Please sign up at the office for clubs

Inset Days

Friday 24th June 2016

Nits

Please be aware that we have been informed about a case of nits by a parent. Do be vigilant. It remains really important that long hair is tied back at all times.