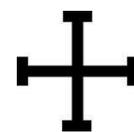




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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*

We are continuing to think about our theme of Friendship this week with class worship having a focus on being a good friend. We are sending home the Home/School Values sheet about Friendship for parents to look at and share with their children. There is a challenge to make a friendship bracelet or a puzzle. This all supports the work we are doing with the children in school. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the Bible story of the road to Emmaus *Luke 24*.

After School Care Club starting in September! Important announcement

I am delighted to inform you that interviews for leaders of our new After School Care Club have now taken place and that Michele Brannigan (teaching assistant in Year R, lunchtime supervisor and French teacher) and Marc Gillingham (our current Breakfast Club and Holiday Club leader) have been appointed as joint leaders of the club. This means that children who go to the club will have real continuity in provision and know the members of staff very well. Other members of staff will also be involved. Marc will continue to lead the ABC club, and the KS1 and KS2 sports clubs after school. The After School Care Club sessions will run from 3.30pm until 5.45pm on Mondays to Thursdays which cost £12 each and until 5pm on Fridays which cost £8. The limit is 30 children. We are also offering that siblings of those involved in Marc's sports clubs can go to the After School Care Club until 4.30pm at a cost of £6 so long as places are available. There will be provision for children to do their homework at the club if they wish and there will be a variety of different activities for the children to do which will only be open to those who attend the club. We are very excited about this new venture and are very pleased to be able to offer this extended school provision to our families. Please complete the attached booking form should you wish your child to attend the club. We are able to take childcare vouchers. Priority will go to those who book ahead but children will be able to go to the club on an ad hoc basis provided there are spaces (at a cost of £15).

Outdoor Education focus for Learning

We are continuing to look at ways to further develop the use of our outside areas and Lockburn. We are now looking at ways in which we can teach maths using the environment and natural resources. Martin Ortin, our parent governor, presented some research on the subject to staff on Wednesday. We are very grateful that Martin has offered to try and source a number of natural resources for environmental maths. He is hoping to involve a number of dads in the project as well!



Moorhen nest found in Lockburn

A moorhen has recently taken up residence in



a well hidden nest on the pond in Lockburn. The eggs have just hatched and four little moorhens are now swimming around!

Tadpole request from Mrs Matcham

The Infants are hoping to study the life cycle of frogs in their Science this term and need some tadpoles in order to do this.



Unfortunately we do not seem to have any in our Lockburn ponds this year. Please could you let Mrs Matcham know if you are able to give us any tadpoles.

Growing vegetables in the Infants



The Infants have been excited to show me that the carrots and potatoes they planted have started to grow! They



have also put in some lettuces to grow for Esio Trot to eat! As part of their science the infants are carrying out a cress investigation to see what plants need in order to grow and they are also studying the growth of a broad bean out of soil. They are really enthusiastic about these projects and eager to learn about it all.

Gardening Club with Mrs Landen

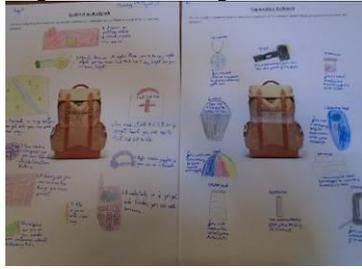
Mrs Landen has started the Summer term gardening club with a small group of KS2 children. They have been attacking the weeds and are preparing to plant out the pots for our steps to welcome people into the school.

Golden Mile Presentation

Lizzie Butcher, the Golden Mile co-ordinator for Winchester came into school last Friday to meet with our Year 6 Golden Mile leaders, Imogen, Blair and Oscar. They explained how they had set it all up and appointed Year group leaders. They also showed her the record sheets for KS2. Lizzie was very impressed with their dedication and organisation and presented them each with a special Golden Mile T-shirt. Well done team!! We will also be given prizes to hand out to the children who complete the most miles in each year group. We are really pleased that so many children are involved in this active project.



Explorers in Maple Class



The children in Maple Class have been considering what an explorer would need in a backpack to explore unknown lands. They had to think of 10 survival items to take

with them and had to give reasons for their choices. The items included a torch, a compass, a tent, a walky-talky, first aid kit, fold up buckets, sketch pads, binoculars and night vision goggles. They have also been learning all about the Cutty Sark which they are going to visit in Greenwich next week.

Willow use Google Earth to see the Nile!

Willow Class are really engaged in their topic about the ancient Egyptians and were very interested to see the River Nile and the surrounding landscape on Google Earth. It really helped



them to see and understand that the Nile is between fertile land and barren desert. They were tasked with painting the landscape and mixing the paints to match the colours as closely as possible. Willow Class are looking forward to visiting Highclere Castle in June to find out about Tutankhamun.

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: **Cosima Bradbury and Harrison de Ville**

Silver Birch: **Max Pope and Victoria Dida**

Willow: **Evelyn Murdoch and Tom Treseder-Griffin**

Maple: **Daisy Bannister and Dylan Meacher-Nisbet**

Beech: **Ava Duke and Imogen Grey**

St Faith's Crosses



Alice Attewell – for taking care of an injured friend

Florence Pickance – for showing perseverance in her learning

Rebekah Sanford – for being supportive to an upset child

Max Milligan - for being consistently polite

Arthur de Bono – for consistent excellent manners

Megan Wright – for her polite and helpful attitude

Anna Wetherell and Kate Amey – for showing good friendship skills

Emma Shedden and Oscar Crooks – for always being polite and helpful towards others

Dawn James

St Faith's May Half Term Sports Camps

Andy and Marc of On Your Marks Sports will be running a holiday camp on Tuesday 30th May, Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June from 9am-3pm for £20 a day or £50 for all three days. The camp will be activity based and will include a school treasure hunt! If you are interested, please complete the booking form which is available from Mrs Crump.

School Dinners – New menu

The new dinner menu has been well received by the children with several commenting that they really like particular dishes! They are also enjoying the Summer term choice of a Picnic Box which contains a different sandwich on each day of the week, vegetable sticks, fruit and a biscuit or cake.

Message from Mrs Crump

Please could you send in any outstanding dinner money. We do have a policy of payment before the dinners are taken.

Letters sent out this Week

Willow Class – Egyptian activities

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Message from St Cross

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Sunday Club for children



Children are especially welcome at the Parish Eucharist every Sunday at 9.30am. On the second Sunday of each month the whole service is designed to involve children and on other Sundays the Sunday Club leaves the service during the first hymn and returns during communion.

Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you very much to all the Year 2 parents who provided cakes for the cake sale last Friday. It is a great way to raise funds! The next cake sale is on May 25th with cakes to be provided by year 1 parents please! We were able to donate £90.90 to Naomi House from the proceeds of the Easter Egg Hunt.



Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

8th-12th May – SATS week for Year 6

10th May – Maple visit to Greenwich

18th May – Beech visit to London

24th May – Beech Class to Greek workshop

25th May- Information evening for Reception 2017

29th May – 2nd June – Half term

9th June – Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor

14th June – Year 6 Cathedral Day

15th June- Willow Class to Highclere Castle

23rd June – Sports Day

30th June – Infant visit to Lepe Beach

25th July – Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents

25th July - End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th May 2017