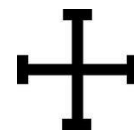




ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Lighting the Path

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

Every day the Year 5 children record the outside temperature as part of their longitudinal study in Science. In recent weeks the temperature has remained fairly constant but this week caused great interest when



the temperature fell below zero! They were amazed to record minus four on one day! Our welcome table displays our four Faithful Friends. Each animal stands for an element of the school vision –

Lighting the Path. Together: We Learn, We Care, We Pray, We Share. From this we have our school Christian values of **Perseverance, Courage, Trust, Love, Forgiveness and Hope.** These universal values underpin British Values. On Monday, the Christchurch School's team led an assembly about forgiveness with the theme that God forgives the bad things that we do and on Tuesday the Open the Book team from St Cross retold the story of the Centurion's Servant – Luke 7.



Be Safe Be Seen- message from our JRSOs

George and Madeleine, our Junior Road Safety Officers, led an assembly for the whole school on Thursday afternoon with the theme of Be Safe and Be Seen. George

and Madeleine demonstrated the importance of wearing bright clothes when walking in the dark and explained the benefits of reflective materials. Every child has now been given a special reflective badge funded by the SFSA. We are encouraging the children to follow up the assembly message by putting these badges on their sleeves or bags.

History topics in KS2

We now have two new timelines which go right along our main corridor! One timeline details British History and the other World History. The children have been using the timelines as a starting point for their historical topics. Year 6 were surprised to see the time span that the Mayan civilization covered. Year 6 have been using atlases and doing map work to find out where the Mayans were in the world and have been finding out all sorts of facts about them. They were impressed to discover that they were mathematicians and astronomers but especially interested in the fact that they made chocolate!



Inset day – Friday 29th January

Reminder that the school will be closed next Friday for staff training.

Romans in Mercury and Saturn

Year 3,4 and 5 are all learning about the Romans this term. They have been acting out the story of Romulus and Remus and learning about Julius Caesar.



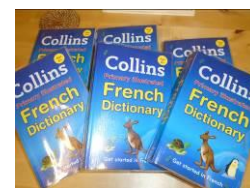
They are looking forward to a trip to the City Museum and Fishbourne.

Funding from the St Faith's School Association

We were delighted to recently receive a check for £3700 from the school association. This has given us the opportunity to buy a variety of different items for the benefit of the children. We have



purchased a set of dictionaries for each class in key stage 2 as part of our drive on spelling. They are much more attractive to use than



our old ones! We have also bought a set of French dictionaries which Mrs Brannigan will be using with the children in their French lessons.

We have also been able to purchase some super DT equipment which will make a huge difference to our DT



projects. Our DT trolley is now fully equipped with a range of tools such as hack saws and drills and our sewing drawers now contain new scissors, a range of needles and threads and packs of

brightly coloured felt. In addition the kitchen is being revamped and now has equipment in it for the children to use in their food technology lessons.

The SFSA funding has enabled us to get subscriptions for a number of magazines and the First News newspaper which the children will enjoy reading in our new library area. Finally, we have purchased a new Netball kit for our school Netball team which we are hoping will come in time for the forthcoming netball tournament. Thank you so much to everyone on the SFSA committee and to all those who have supported the fundraising events this year. This money makes a huge difference to us all.



Book Study in Year 5



Each year group is carrying out a class book study which forms the basis of the development of reading and writing skills in English lessons. Year 5 have been reading "Framed" by Frank Cottrell-Boyce about a little

boy who turns a perfect crime into a work of art. As a culmination of the book study the children have written about their favourite painting and how it inspires them. These are now in display in Saturn Class.

Fashion Show in Jupiter for Year 6 Parents

Mrs Hanson would like to invite all Year 6 parents to a slipper fashion show on Thursday 28th January at 2.45pm



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: **Cosima and Zac**

Neptune: **Rory and Flynn**

Mercury: **Alex and Ben**

Saturn: **Madeleine and Jonas**

Jupiter: **Matthew and Archie**

St Faith's Crosses

Harrison – for showing great determination when writing

Heidi – for displaying excellent manners

Esme and Oliver – for always greeting people with a smile

Isla – for helping her friends

Thomas - for an excellent attitude to learning

Hal – for always holding doors for adults

Imogen – for helpfulness in the classroom

Elsa and Frank – for helping with younger children



Top soil request for our Conservation area

Mr Crump, our site manager, is currently working on developing the garden area of Lockburn and would be very grateful for any contributions of top soil that people no longer need. Any spare soil from tubs or baskets would be gratefully received. Please let the office know if you are able to help.



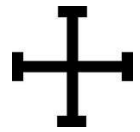
Dawn James

Letters sent home this week

Mercury and Saturn Class- Trip to City Museum and Fishbourne

Netball team – Netball Tournament information
Please ask at the office if you require copies of any letters

Message from St Cross



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

28th January - Year 4 cake sale.

26th February - Year 3 cake sale.

26th February - Children's school disco.

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2016

Wednesday 27th January- Cathedral art workshop

Thursday 28th January – Year 6 Fashion Show 2.45pm

Friday 29th January – Inset day

Tuesday 2nd February- Kings' Netball Tournament

Tuesday 9th February – Saturn to City Museum

Wednesday 10th February – Mercury to City Museum

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February - Half term

Wednesday 24th February- Y3,4,5 visit to Fishbourne

Monday 7th March – Jupiter to Natural History Museum

Thursday 10th March – Year 3 Pizza Express workshop

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March – Parent evenings

Wednesday 16th March– Open afternoon for Beaufort and De Blois 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 17th March – Open afternoon for Foxe and Wykeham 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March – Easter Service 2pm

Thursday 24th March – End of term **1.15pm**

Summer Term 2016

11th April – Term starts

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

30th May to 3rd June – Half term

Wednesday 20th July – End of term at 1.15pm

Inset Days

Friday 29th January 2016

Friday 24th June 2016

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.