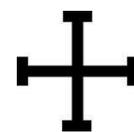




ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*

This has been an exciting week for a lot of our children with the start of the Golden Mile, bird watching in Lockburn and the Young Voices concert at the O2! We started our week with Father Paul leading collective



worship on showing courage by facing a challenge through the story of Joshua, Rahab and the two spies – **Joshua 2:1** We were delighted to welcome Hilary from St Cross into school as well. On Tuesday the Open the Book

team told the story of Jesus being baptised with the help of a group of children. *Matthew 3*

Courage Home School Value Sheet

We have been continuing to focus on our theme of courage and many children have been telling me about ways they have been showing courage in their learning which is great to hear! We are sending out the Courage home school value sheet for you to look at as a family. There are a number of puzzles and things to do on the sheet which we hope you will enjoy doing together.

Creative writing in Year 3

In response to a book study of *Coming Home* by Michael Morpurgo and a visit to Lockburn, the children in Year 3 have been doing some creative writing about a creature overcoming obstacles. They have been thinking carefully about their vocabulary.

This is an extract from Zac's writing from the perspective of an ant.

Safe in the forest, safe in the trees

Scuttling, floating, balancing, rowing

Onwards, upwards long way to go.

Get there I must, get there I will I will!

A bush a bush to eat, give me energy

TO RUN FROM A FROG, DIVE IN A BUSH

Safe in the bush, Yes you run frog!

St Faith's Eco Committee

Maddie and Phoebe, our Eco Leaders have formed a committee of children who expressed particular interest in looking after our environment.

Congratulations to the following children:

Year 2: Lila and Henry

Year 3: Elspeth and Zac

Year 4: Kate and Findlay

Year 5: Rosie and Robert

Year 6: Phoebe and Madeleine

In their first committee meeting they started to carry out an Environmental review of ten Eco School topics. They will write an action plan from their findings which they will feed back to the rest of the school.



Young Voices Choir go to the O2 Arena

The forty children in Miss Whiteman's Young Voices Choir went up to the O2 Arena on Thursday to take part in the fabulous Young Voices concert.

They rehearsed throughout the afternoon with over seven thousand other children and then performed a large number of songs to a huge audience. All of the choir have been learning the songs and movements since September and have been a really committed group. I

was very impressed with them throughout the day at the O2 where they represented the school values magnificently. Thank you to Miss Whiteman for organising it all and to Mrs Harding and Mrs Jones for accompanying the children and also to all of those who came to watch the evening concert. It was a great experience for all involved!



Big School Bird Watch

Children from Key Stage 2 have been carrying out a bird watch in Lockburn to report the number of different birds they see to the RSPB Big School Bird Watch which is being carried out this half term. The weather was perfect and the children spent time in the Hide with binoculars and in the main area. Mr Crump has set up the

bird feeders over time so there was plenty to see. 17 different types of birds have been seen so far including reed bunting, woodpeckers and gold finches. The Infants will carry out their bird watch next week. Maple Class followed up their birdwatch with some creative artwork.



Success at Quick Sticks

Hockey Tournament

Mrs Maundrell and Mrs Duke took a team of four of our Year 6 children to a Quick Sticks Hockey tournament at Kings' on Thursday. Hal, Thomas, Matthew and Ava did extremely well and came first out of the nine competing teams. They scored many goals and played with great spirit! Well



A Big Thank you to the St Faith's School Association

We have recently received a cheque for £4000 from the SFSA which is another magnificent amount raised from the recent fundraising events. This money makes a huge difference to the school in this time of ever decreasing school budgets. The money will benefit all children and will support a number of visits and workshops enabling us to take part in wider curriculum opportunities. The funds have also paid for two new short throw projectors in Silver Birch and Maple which are already having a positive impact on learning and for the replenishment of our Infant reading scheme. We are now more and more reliant on fundraising and parent contributions for the replacement of books and hardware which are obviously fundamental to teaching and learning. Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in the fundraising in some way.

School Disco

Over one hundred children came to the discos last Friday organised by the SFSA. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and had great fun with the glo-sticks! Thank you very much to Mrs Dolman and all of the helpers.

Golden Mile Reps are selected

Imogen, Blair and Oscar, our Year 6 Golden Mile captains, have selected year group representatives from a number of children who showed an interest. The following children will oversee the Golden Mile at playtimes for their year group. Congratulations to the following who have opted to give up a playtime a week to support their peers.

Year 5: Myla and Finn

Year 4: Aarica and Tom

Year 3: Theo and Isabella

Key stage 2 have started to log their miles this week and many are showing the courage to keep going!

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort 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: **Hamish and Violet**

Silver Birch: **Max and Victoria**

Willow: **Kainoah and Heidi**

Maple: **Robert and Myla**

Beech: **Charlie and Ava**



St Faith's Crosses

Matilda -for great confidence when performing to her peers

Zak - for sharing well in activity time

George - for always being polite and well behaved

Ava - for being helpful and kind towards others

Edward and Laurie - for being super sensible and enthusiastic at Young Voices!

Euan, Sasha, Gabriel and Alasdair - for great teamwork and sharing ideas

Grace and William - for helping others

done team!

Musical Theatre Club

Miss Whiteman's Musical Theatre Club for Y3-Y6 will start again on Tuesday 28th February 3.30-4.30pm.

Please sign up at the office

Y5 and 6 Netball Match on Monday 23rd January

All of Mrs Landen's netball club will have a chance to play in a match against John Keble on Monday. Parent support would be very welcome! Finish at 4.30

Are you interested in training to be a teacher?

St Faith's is part of the Winchester Teaching School Alliance (W TSA) and we run the Schools Direct teacher training programme in school which is for people who have a degree and wish to change career. The training takes one academic year. Recruitment is currently taking place for both secondary and primary trainees. If you are at all interested in this do come and talk to us. There is a recruitment fair at Winchester University on 8th February from 4.30-7pm. Further information about Schools Direct can be found on www.wtsa.info

Message from the St Faith's School Association

School Association Meeting Monday 23rd January 7.30

FILM AND PYJAMA EVENING open to all children on **Friday 3rd February** between **5.30pm to 7.00pm.**

Children are invited to come along in their pyjamas, with their favourite soft toy and a blanket or bean bag to sit on, whilst watching the film: **The Secret Life of Pets (U)**. Included in the ticket cost of **£5** will be a drink and a box of popcorn. Tickets will be on sale in the playground from **Monday 30th January.**

Letters sent home this Week

Infants - Visit to Milestones

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

23rd January - Home netball match Y5 &6

25th January - Year 6 Fashion Show for parents **2.30pm**

27th January - Inset Day

2nd February - Netball tournament at Kings Y5&6

7th February - E-safety day and talk for parents 6pm

8th February - Infant trip to Milestones

15th Feb - Oak and Silver Birch Parent Outcome 3pm

16th February - Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

17th February - Willow Class Parent Outcome 2pm

20th - 24th February - Half term

20th -22nd - Holiday Camp On Your Marks Sports

10th March - World Book Day and Wells Book Shop

14th and 16th March - Parent Evenings

7th April - End of term

Inset Day Friday 27th January

The staff will be attending in-service training in the morning and whole school safeguarding training with governors in the afternoon

February Half-term Sports Camp

On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 20th, 21st and 22nd February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. See flyer for more details.

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