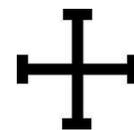




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

We have had a number of visits and visitors this week which have really enhanced our curriculum. Beech Class visited the Natural History Museum, a local history expert talked to Willow Class and Maple Class about Anglo Saxon Winchester, Year 1 and 2 visited Lockburn where they had a surprise and Year R were delighted to find Ken the Koala!

We started off our week with collective worship led by the Christchurch Schools team who retold the story of Easter and Judas' betrayal. The Open the Book team also followed the Easter theme and told the story of the great parade *Matthew 14*.

#### **Invaders and Settlers – Historical talk and tour**

Willow Class and Maple Class are learning about the Anglo Saxons. Mrs Dixon, a local history expert and tour guide came into school on Wednesday to talk to the children about Winchester in Saxon times.

*First we looked at some pictures of old places in Winchester and we asked questions about the places. We learnt about King Alfred and that he died when he was about forty. King Alfred rebuilt the drains and the roads because everything was destroyed and he built a wall around Winchester. You can still see parts of the walls today. Mrs Dixon told us a sort of story about Winchester and it made us want to look up more. There were five gates and two of them are still there - Kingsgate and Westgate. We are going on a walk around Winchester next week to look at the places that we have learnt about and we can wear costumes. We learnt that there was an archaeological dig next to the cathedral a while ago and they found evidence of where the Minster was. When they put the grass back they marked it out for people to see.*

#### **By Elspeth Y3 and Kainoah Y4**

The children have also been learning about Anglo Saxon script and designs and they have each created their own Saxon brooches based on patterns of the time. Maple class and Willow class are looking forward to their walk around Winchester next week with Mrs Dixon.



#### **Traction Man to the Rescue! Year 1 and Year 2**

A lot of the English work in the Infants this half term has been based on the Traction Man stories by Mini Grey. The super hero idea has really inspired the children's imagination and writing. On Wednesday morning Year 1 and 2 went over to Lockburn to look for signs of Spring but they got a bit side tracked! See the following report for more information!

*Yesterday we went to Lockburn to look for signs of Spring but when we got there we spotted a teddy up in the tree! There was a rake by it and we realised it was Rascal Rake from our book. We think Rascal Rake must have put the teddy up in the tree and now he is stuck. We are thinking of ways to get him down just like in the book we have been reading. Traction Man is an action figure who rescues things with his dog "Scrubbing Brush". Now we have got to plan how he is going to rescue the teddy and write a diary as if we are Traction Man. We came up with ideas about how to get teddy down from the tree. We thought a parachute would be a good idea or Traction Man could put sticks in the tree trunk so Teddy could climb down.*



#### **By Leo Y 2 and Noah Y1 Beech Class Visit the Natural History Museum**

Ms John took all of Year 6 to the Natural History Museum in London on Monday to extend their science topic of Evolution and Inheritance.



*When we arrived, we walked around the museum and looked at the dinosaurs and the skeletons. It's amazing to think that everything is real and not a replica! Then we got to our first workshop which was all about*

*fossils. We looked at rocks to see if they were fossils or not. We had to remove the sand off a very big fossil in the way that scientists do. After lunch we did a quiz about Mary Anning. We learnt that she was an expert on fossils and the tongue twister about seashells is based on her! Next we had a workshop in Investigate. We had to choose a*



*tray of artefacts and we had to be scientists and used magnifiers, microscopes, tape measures and weighing scales to work out what we had got. We had to fill in a sheet, do a careful drawing and record the details of our objects. We think our objects came from a coral bed.*

*On our way out we had a look at the dinosaurs and saw a massive electronic dinosaur which made Ava jump! **by Evie and Emma Y6***

## Comic Relief Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Message from the School Council



We would like everyone to wear something red next Friday and bring £1 for Comic Relief. Everyone can wear their red noses on the day – named please! We will also be running some fun activities at lunchtime for 20p a go. This will include a penalty shootout and making a fun music video. **Ava Y6**



### Ken the Koala is found!

Ken the Koala goes home with one of the children in Year R every Friday to spend the weekend with them. Last week it was discovered that he had gone missing! Each child in year R filled out a Lost poster about Ken and wrote a description about him. The posters were put up all around the school for everyone to read. Thankfully he was spotted up in the eaves of Oak Class on Monday so he will be able to go home with someone this weekend!

### The School Orchestra performs to KS2

The children in the school orchestra are very committed and have been attending orchestra rehearsals every Thursday after school under the direction of Mrs Harding. The orchestra performed two lively pieces confidently to Key Stage 2 on Thursday afternoon and are now rehearsing for the Easter service.



### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois House** for gaining the most House Points this week!

### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Freya and Matilda**

Silver Birch: **Alfie and Polly**

Willow: **Kainoah and Sam**

Maple: **Imogen and Finn**

Beech: **Flora and Blair**

### St Faith's Crosses



**Edward** – for showing great honesty

**Bea** – for being kind and generous to all

**Noah** – for always being cheerful

**Lila** – for being helpful and considerate

**Izzy** – for always congratulating her friends

**Emily** - for helping a friend with maths

**Robert** – for helpfulness in the classroom

**Anna** – for thoughtfulness and great team spirit

**Phoebe and Sam** – for helping younger children at lunchtime

### St Faith's Easter Sports Camps

Marc and Andy from On Your Marks Sports will be leading a 3 day Holiday Camp at the school from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am-3pm. You can book 1 or 2 days at £20 per day or £50 for all 3.

See flyer for more details and booking form.

## Open Afternoons for the Whole School

All parents are invited to come into the hall with their children next week to look at the work that has been done this term and to talk about it together.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**– Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham 3.30-4.30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30pm

You are welcome to change your day if your child has a club after school. All clubs will continue as normal.

## Message from the School Association – We need you!

### Could you be the next chairperson of the St Faith's School Association?

Judith McHardy and Emma Gibbs will be stepping down as the Chairs of the Association at the end of this term after three very successful years. Please see separate flyer for more information.

## Letters sent out this Week

**Whole School** – New chairperson needed for the SFSA

**Maple and Willow** – Invaders and Settlers tours

**Year 3 and 4** – Swimming lessons in Summer term

**Whole School** - Easter Holiday Club

*Please let the office know if you have not received this*

## Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Historical tour in Winchester – Willow Class

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham 3.30-4.30

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Historical tour in Winchester – Maple Class

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

**24<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day

**27<sup>th</sup> March** – Zoo Lab visit to Willow Class

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – Invaders and Settlers Day for Willow and Maple

**30<sup>th</sup> March** – Samba Concert for Year 4 parents

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – KS2 to see Young Shakespeare Company

**6<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service and Beech Class Café 2pm

**7<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April** – On Your Marks Holiday Club

**24<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Summer term

**26<sup>th</sup> April** – Swimming lessons for Y3/ 4 commence (7 wks)

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Half term

**25<sup>th</sup> July** - End of term 1.15pm

## Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Message from Mrs Crump re Uniform and Dinner cost

The cost of uniform will be increasing by 50p per item as from 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is due to a price increase by the supplier.

The cost of school dinners for KS2 will be increasing to £2.15 from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Lorraine Lee Workshops at Kings for all parents

A reminder that Lorraine Lee will be continuing to run her parent workshops next term. You can sign up online for sessions that you are interested in. The information is on our school website under Parent News.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** The role of parents on homework

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Helping children with worry or anxiety

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Helping children to manage their friendships

**Dawn James**