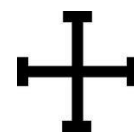




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*



The whole school was involved in our Remembrance assembly last Friday which was led by Mr Britton. He brought in a number of artefacts from World Wars 1 and 2 which Year 6

presented to the school. There were items of clothing, helmets and even a bicycle which was very light and folded in half to save space. Mr Britton also showed the children a counter which was used to count the soldiers going into battle. It was a very thoughtful assembly and we were very proud of the way in which the children conducted themselves in the one minute



silence. Thank you to Mr Britton. Philip, the Priest in charge at St Cross led our collective worship on Monday and continued with our current theme of Trust. He involved the whole school in the



retelling of The Storm on the Lake *Mark 4* by creating a soundscape. The children enjoyed creating the storm before the calm! This is one of our special Bible stories which supports our value of Trust. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the story of Elijah and the Ravens *1 Kings* with the help of three ravens from Willow class!



The message was that Christians put their trust in God.

#### **Youth worker for St Cross**

Lauren Cheshire, the new youth worker at St Cross came to visit the school with Philip on Wednesday. She already knows a number of our children through her work with St Cross. We are delighted that Lauren will be leading some of our collective worship next term and she will be coming into school for some lunchtimes.

#### **Beech Class enjoy concert at Winchester College**



Year 6 walked up to Winchester College last Friday for the annual concert for primary schools. This year the college symphony orchestra performed with a very talented pianist who is a pupil at the

college. They played music by Prokofiev and then music from Star Wars by John Williams. It was very impressive and the children were inspired!

#### **Science in Year 6 – Longitudinal study**

Ms John took Year 6 down to Lockburn on Monday to note how many different creatures they could spot in a certain amount of time. They then had to use their maths skills and put their information into a pie chart.

#### **Findings by Anna Y6**

*In Autumn at 8 degrees C we found 10 different species living under logs, dead leaves, in bug hotels and other habitats. There were a lot of birds around getting ready for the long Winter.*

*Out of the 10 different types of creatures the most were mini beasts such as flies, woodlice, centipeds and ants.*

*We also found a lizard which showed us that amphibians are still about in Autumn as well.*



Species	Count
Flies	3
Woodlice	2
Centipeds	1
Ants	1
Birds	1
Lizard	1
Amphibians	1

The children will carry out the same investigation throughout the year to compare their findings across different seasons.

#### **NSPCC Talks for the whole school**

On Thursday afternoon three members of the NSPCC came to give talks on "Speak Out, Stay Safe" which is their national campaign. They talked to the Infants, then the Juniors and finally carried out a workshop with children in Years 5 and 6. They talked about what children should do if they feel worried about anything and who they can speak to. They put this important message across very clearly.

#### **Coins for Pudsey for Children in Need**

The School Council were really pleased with the response to their idea to raise money for Children in Need this year. The children brought in silver coins to put on ten Pudsey faces and many children brought in their own money to give to other children. We raised **£246.50!** Thank you to all who contributed.



#### **Talking Schools Morning**

We will be holding our annual Talking School House event next Friday. The Houses will work in their Key stages on the theme for this year which is "All different, all equal." The children will have the opportunity to talk and to carry out some activities based on the theme.

#### **Baby visits Oak Class!**

Mr and Mrs Boulter very kindly brought their new baby into Oak Class as part of the project on birthdays. The children asked questions and were fascinated by the baby who stayed asleep throughout!

#### **Wells Book Fayre – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Wells Book shop will be bringing a large selection of books to St Faith's next Friday afternoon. All of the children will have the opportunity to look at the books and to purchase if they so wish. It will be open to parents after school.

### Stay and Play for Year R Parents

All Year R parents are invited to come into Oak class on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 9.30 – 10.30am to spend time with their child carrying out a variety of activities both in and out of the class.

### Willow Parent Outcome

Miss Whiteman and Miss Philips are looking forward to welcoming the parents of Willow Class to the outcome of their Titanic project next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm.

### The Ark – our after school club

The start up of our after school club has been very successful and we are very pleased with the uptake of our new venture which is run by Marc Gillingham and Michele Brannigan. 47 of our children have now attended the club! The children do all sorts of different activities and are always engrossed in something! They also have the chance to do their homework. We are finding that parents are using the Ark in different ways. Some children are booked in for regular days each week and others come for one off sessions. Sessions can be booked ahead for £12 or on the day for £15. Children can be picked up at any time until 5.45pm (5pm on Fridays) It could be useful for parents who want to do some Christmas shopping! Booking forms for Spring term are now available.

### Congratulations to the following:-

**Tuelle** – for winning two 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and a bronze medal for singing in Gosport music festival

**Elizabeth** – who has qualified for the national diving finals next Summer for her age group.

### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Harry and Blythe**

Silver Birch: **Louis and Zoe**

Willow: **Annabelle and Heidi**

Maple: **Isla and Morgan**

Beech: **James and Sienna**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Florence** – for a love for and pride in her learning

**Evelyn** – for being a polite and patient member of the class

**Wilf** – for being a kind and supportive member of the class

**Cameron** – for looking after someone who was hurt

**Dan** – for being a trustworthy chair monitor

**Wilbur** – for being a trustworthy helper.

**Tuelle** – for showing great courage

**Sofia** – for consistent good manners

**Ben and Seb** – for showing determination and perseverance with their class work.

### Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### Parking Issues Continue

Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to our calls to park only in marked bays. There are still people who are parking in unmarked bays and in particular on the **bend of Cripstead Lane and St Faith's Rd** which is causing real problems with visibility. We are still really concerned that there could be an accident if we do not get this sorted. **Please take note and park sensibly.** The community police are aware.

### Message from St Faith's School Association

#### Non-uniform day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Bring a present donation to support the School Fayre Christmas Grotto and wear non-uniform.



#### Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2-4pm

Stalls, wreaths, carol singing and refreshments.

Do come along and support us and let us know if you are able to help in any way.

### Emails/Letters sent out this Week

**Whole School** – SFSA non-uniform day

**Whole School** – cancellation of Life Education Bus

**Whole School** – Wells Book Shop letter

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

### Autumn term 2017

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Willow parent outcome 2.30pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Stay and play morning for Year R parents 9.30-10.30am

**24<sup>th</sup> November** Talking schools morning

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – Wells Book Fayre

**28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent evenings

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Maple parent outcome 2.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Y4 African drumming workshop 1.30

**7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity 2pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity 2pm

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross 6pm

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – End of term 1.15pm

### Spring Term 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> January** – start of term

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' evenings

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – End of term 1.15pm

### Signing up Online for Parents Evening

The end of Phase 1 parents' evenings will be held on **28<sup>th</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> November**. You will be able to book online as before from 10am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. You will need to make an appointment with your child's **year group** teacher. Those who are new to the school have received a letter from the office about the booking process. Do ask at the office if you have any questions.