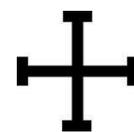




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

What a hot week! Very different from this time last year when we had to cancel several events due to rain! Oak, Silver Birch and Willow classes have all been carrying out activities to do with our Take One Picture project with the National Gallery. All of the children now know the story of Odysseus and Penelope and even the youngest children can retell it through the painting!

At the start of the week, our Eco-committee captains, Phoebe and Maddie, led a very informative assembly about the Eco-committee's work this year for the Eco-Bronze Award which we are about to apply for. They talked to the rest of the school about the surveys they have done and the actions they have taken including switching off lights, litter picking and the learning in Lockburn. This all fits in really well with our half-term theme of Respect and caring for the environment. The rest of the eco-committee were also praised for their ideas.

The Open the Book team presented the Bible story of the day when the Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost with the help of some of the children – Acts 2.



#### **Willow Class visit Highclere Castle**

Willow enjoyed a visit to Highclere Castle last Thursday to further their study of the ancient Egyptians. Miss Whiteman and Mrs

Buchanan were very pleased with the attitude and behaviour of the children. This is always good to hear when our children are out and about!

#### **Report by Freddie, James and Max**

We went down into the hall and we set off into three groups which were Funky Pharaohs, Marvellous Mummies and Amazing Archeologists. One of the groups went into the garden, one into the cellar and one into the activities room. In the garden there were lots of colourful plants and there was a bush that looked like a tomb. We went into the Secret Garden which had white flowers and a wall. In the cellar we found out about the expedition. There were replicas of the treasures and you could see the skeleton replica of Tutankhamun and his death mask. He looked quite small! The real one is in Cairo museum and weighs about 11 kilos! You could peer through into darkness in the centre and see gold chariots and things. Lord Carnarvon died in Cairo and his dog died at the same time. People call this the Pharaoh's curse. Lord Carnarvon is buried near Highclere. In the activities we did stencil rubbing and dressing up. We made pyramids out of paper and wrote our names in hieroglyphics. We read the Rosetta stone. We found it really interesting. Highclere was used as a hospital in World War 2.



#### **Hat Fair Workshop for Maple Class**

Students from Winchester school of Art led a workshop about textiles for Maple Class so that they could create a banner to carry in the parade at the Hat Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Each child drew



a design inspired by nature and stitched an outline in black and then used running stitch to colour block. The separate designs will now be sewn together to make one big design.

#### **The Dancor Group Primary Schools Swimming Gala**

Last Friday morning our school swimming team entered the Penguin swimming gala. The team consisted of Sienna, Emma, Imogen, Lauren, Hal, Oscar, Blair, Jonas and Charlie. Mrs Hyde and the parents were really impressed by the courage of the team and their supportive attitude to each other and those around them.

#### **Report by Emma Y6**

We all left in school uniform at 8am. We got a goodie bag and a T shirt to put over our costume when we arrived at the Leisure Centre. We had a fun warm up and then got changed. There were lots of schools. The first race was the boys mixed relay race with four strokes. The boys came 4<sup>th</sup> in their race. Then it was the girls mixed relay who came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Year 4 relay team went next. The boys and girls teams both came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their front crawl relay teams. Unfortunately we didn't get into any of the finals but it was a great experience! Thank you to the adults for being at the poolside and cheering us all on.



Thank you to Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Rees and Ms Wares for organising the event and for enabling us to enter the competition.



#### **Flute Concert for the whole school and parents**

On Wednesday morning the flautists performed in a lively concert under the direction of

Cheri Wallace our woodwind teacher. They played individually and in groups with a big ensemble piece to finish. The audience enjoyed trying to recognise the tunes including "Harry Potter"!

#### **Interschool Maths Quiz**

We entered a team of four into a regional round of a new Interschool Maths quiz under the direction of Mrs Landen. Our team comprising of Hal, Emma, Jonas and James competed really well and tried very hard to answer the complex maths questions. They came 7<sup>th</sup> out of the 12 schools and we were very proud of them!

### Take One Picture in the Infants



Oak and Silver Birch have spent two mornings learning about the painting Penelope and her Suitors. The Infants are taking the theme of the sea and sea



creatures as their inspiration and have had great fun creating their own fish and egg box scenes. These will be on show at the Take One Picture exhibition in school at the end of term.

### Quad Kids Athletics report

We got to Bar End with around ten other schools and found a small tree with shade! The first event was the vortex which the boys were very good at. We moved on to the 600 metres run. We all did very well! After a break we did standing long jump which was a lot harder than we thought. We jumped from a line and all did over 1 ½ metres. Then came the sprints- Matthew came 2<sup>nd</sup> in his race, Emma won and Ava came second in their race. At the end we found out the total amount of points. Emma came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all of the girls and St Faith's came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools! We really enjoyed it!

### Congratulations to Sophie!

Sophie has been selected for the Southampton Under 10 regional talent football club.



### 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: **Wilf and Jamie**

Silver Birch: **Thomas and Lila**

Willow: **Thea and Heidi**

Maple: **Myla and Phillip**

Beech: **Hal and Emma**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Zak** – for taking care of his own body

**Hamish** – for his precise decoration of his fish

**Daniel** – for always being polite and cheerful

**Annabelle** – for remembering to say please and thank you

**Evie** – for being a loyal friend

**Izzy** – for her consistently positive attitude

**James and Jonas** – for showing courage and determination

**Poppy and Oscar** – for always being polite and helpful

### Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017      Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018      **Dawn James**

### Beech Class rehearse for the end of term show

Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their end of term production of "The Amazing Adventures of Superstan". It is certainly something to look forward to!

### Streets Ahead Training for Year 2

We are really grateful to Mr Francis, our chair of governors and to Mrs Oates for carrying out the Streets Ahead training with all of Year 2 over a period of three weeks. The children walk around local roads up to the pelican crossing and learn how to cross the road safely. They also complete some worksheets to reinforce the message. It is a really important life lesson for Year 2.



### Parent Voice meeting

A well attended Parent Voice meeting took place on Wednesday where we continued to look at ways in which to support parents with home learning with a view to producing a Top Tips booklet! We also looked at a Mindfulness programme which we are going to introduce in school after Christmas and we talked about the new After School Care Club and the parent information booklet and contract. These meetings really help to shape the strategic direction of the school.

### Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make the School Fete such a success last Friday. We made an incredible total of £1965.84! A brilliant effort!

### Message from Mrs Landen re helpers for Hat Fair

Mrs Landen is looking for as many helpers as possible to accompany the class to the Hat Fair on Friday morning. Please let her know if you are able to help.

### Vacancy for Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

We are looking to appoint supervisory assistants to join our great lunchtime team from 11.45-1pm. Please let the office know if you are interested in applying.

### Letters sent out this Week

**Key stage 2** – Performances of Superstan!

**Willow Class** – Rackets Festival

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

### Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

27<sup>th</sup> June – Class photos

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Induction day at Kings

29<sup>th</sup> June – Recorder concert 3pm

30<sup>th</sup> June – Infant visit to Lepe Beach

30<sup>th</sup> June – Hat Fair for Maple

10<sup>th</sup> July – Stream dipping for Silver Birch and Beech

12<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 performance 2pm and 7pm

13<sup>th</sup> July – Ukulele concert for Year 4 parents 1.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 performance 7pm

13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 taster day at Kings'

14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 French day at Kings'

14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July – Take One Picture Exhibition

18<sup>th</sup> July – Egyptian day for Willow

25<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents 9.10am

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