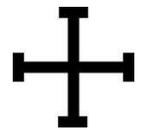




ST. FAITH'S

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

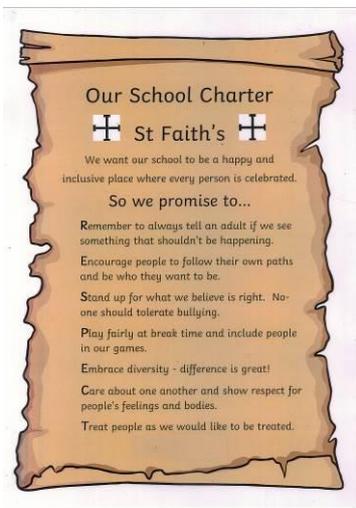
The children have been particularly demonstrating our school values of Courage, Trust, Love and Hope during the last few weeks in our Prayer morning for Remembrance, the Bring and Buy Sale for Children in Need last Thursday and our Talking School morning on Wednesday which had the topic of "Choose Respect".

Father Philip led our collective worship on Monday with a theme of think before you speak and always be kind to others. He demonstrated the importance of this by asking some children to squirt cream along a paper track in a race and then to put the cream back into the can! This reinforced the fact that words cannot be put back once they are said and can only be "tidied up". This linked very well to our anti-bullying morning.



Talking School Morning - Choose Respect!

The morning gave the children a chance to discuss things fully. Each teacher went over what bullying means and what to do if someone is being bullied with an emphasis on always telling an adult. They then asked the children about ways in which we can show respect to each other. Years 1 and 2 created paper chains with pledges on them and



they acted out scenarios of possible playground conflicts with ways to solve them. The Juniors put forward ideas of how to show respect from which Mrs



Buchanan has created a St Faith's Charter. This has now been put up around the school. Year 6 looked at four poems about the effect of bullying and created their own poem from different lines. The discussion that took place during the morning was wonderful to hear and the way in which the children showed empathy and understanding was heartwarming.



Change of Chair of Governors for St Faith's

Ed Francis is retiring as Chair of Governors after eight committed years to the role. Mr Francis is a very respected and popular member of the school community who has worked tirelessly to support the school in many different ways during his years as a governor. He has always spent a great deal of time in the school and has worked hard to support the strategic direction of the school and ensured that governors are fully involved in the different processes. We will miss Mr Francis and wish him all the very best for the future. He will be finally stepping down as a governor in January.

We are delighted that Dudley Rees has been voted in by the board of governors as the new chair and welcome him wholeheartedly to the position.

Bring and Buy Sale for Children in Need

The School Council did a wonderful job of setting up the sale in the hall with Miss Berry and selling the items to the large number of people who came to the fair after school last Thursday. We had really encouraged the children to find things that they no longer needed to bring in for the sale so that we could raise money for children less fortunate than themselves. We were delighted to receive so many items for the sale from our families and raised an impressive £201 for Children in Need. Thank you to all involved.

Time to Shine Non-Uniform day 30th November



We will be holding our Time to Shine day next Friday to emphasise the need for bright clothing as the days shorten. We are asking children to wear bright clothes and High Viz jackets over the top. We

have High Viz jackets for sale from the office for £3. (Please note this is the same day as the SFSA non-uniform day when children are asked to bring in a gift for the present stall.)

Diwali the Festival of Light

Mrs Choules has been teaching Years 3, 4 and 5 about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of light and has borrowed a number of artefacts from the RE centre to show the children. She also made some sweets for the children to try. The children were really interested to learn how many similarities there are between Diwali and Christmas.



New Carpets in the Corridors

The government is giving all schools some extra money for capital projects. We are using ours to replace our worn out and lifting carpets in the corridors. The carpets are being fitted over the next week.

Volcanoes in Willow Class

The children in Willow Class have been enjoying telling the rest of the class about their individual volcano projects and are producing newspaper reports as if they were reporting from the scene. They are looking forward to their parent outcome next Wednesday at 2.30pm

Doctors talk to the Infants

We are very grateful to the parents who have come in to talk to the Infants. This week Mrs Beer, Mrs White, Mrs Tilley and Mrs Odd talked about the different types of jobs that doctors have to help people and showed the children different items including a stethoscope, dipsticks, and a puffer to test lungs. They also talked about the importance of washing hands carefully and looking after our skin in the sun.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham 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: **Thomasina and Magnus**

Silver Birch: **Florence and Monty**

Willow: **Sophia and Louis**

Maple: **Charlie and Freddie**

Beech: **Gabriel and Lara**



St Faith's Crosses

Hetty – for endless care for others

Harley– for increased mindfulness

Blythe– for her lovely smile and polite smile

Freya – for always being quick to help

Lilly-Mae – for always having a sensible attitude and for showing respect

Beatrix – for showing respect to her teachers and peers

Flynn – for demonstrating the school values

consistently in class

Elsbeth – for always being helpful and polite in class

Kate and Alex – for showing excellent organisational skills when working with others

St Faith's Extended School Provision

Holiday Club News

There will be no Holiday Club during the Christmas Holidays. The next Holiday Club will be during the week of February half term.

Breakfast Club Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per session. Please note that from 29th October coming to Breakfast Club without a booking will be £5.

The Ark after school club Years R-6 Every day the school is open 3.30-5.45pm Monday – Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day 3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.

Parents visit Year R in action

The Year R parents came into school on Thursday morning to spend a session with their child to experience what life as a reception child looks like. The children were excited to complete various activities with their parents and to show off their learning!

Wells Book Fayre – Friday 30th November

Wells Book shop will be bringing a large selection of books to St Faith's. 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. It could be a good opportunity to buy some Christmas presents!

Message from the St Faith's School Association

30th November - Non-uniform day (in bright colours and High Viz!) in exchange for bringing in items for the Christmas Fair!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Race Night Evening last Friday. It was a very enjoyable night! We raised around £900!

Message from St Faith's School Association.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 8th December

12-2 pm Stalls, wreaths, carol singing and refreshments. Do come along and support us.

Message from St Cross

Event: **Shared Parish Advent Lunch**

Date: **Sunday 2nd Dec at 12 noon 'ish!**

Location: **Parish Hall**

The lunch will be a relaxed event for all the family, there will be crafts for the children, a quiz and tea/coffee/juice provided. The idea is that each family brings a dish to share and are welcome to bring their own drinks, if they so wish. Please contact Dodie Mowat at dodiemowat@gmail.com to secure a place and discuss what food you want to bring to share.



Emails/Letters sent home this week

Whole school – Time to Shine day

Whole school – Wells Book Shop

Autumn Term 2018

27th and 29th November – Parent evenings

28th November – Willow Class Outcome for parents 2.30pm

29th November – Flu vaccine for Years R-5

30th November – SFSA non uniform day and Be Bright Be Seen day

30th November – Wells Book Shop in school pm

5th December – Maple Class Outcome for parents 3pm

5th December – Open afternoon for KS1 parents 3.30-4.30pm

6th December Open afternoon for KS2 parents 3.30-4.30pm

13th December Listen2Me Concert Year 4 parents 1.30pm

18th December – Infant Nativity play 9.30am

18th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross **5.30pm**

19th December – Infant Nativity play 2.15pm

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Spring Term 2019

7th January – Start of term

18th -22nd February– Half term

5th April – End of term 1.15pm

Inset days for 2018-2019

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019