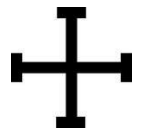




# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



Lighting the Path

No.4

Spring Term 2

24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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*Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care  
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

Father Paul started our week with collective worship on our theme of Forgiveness. He told the story of Zacchaeus and how he turned over a new leaf and changed. *Luke 19*. This was Father Paul's last collective worship at the school; his final service will be our Easter Service at St Cross. We have really appreciated the time and effort that Father Paul has put into working with St Faith's and for taking our Monday worship on a regular basis and we will miss him. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the story of the Last Supper with the help of the children. The scene of the table was very effective and one that the children will remember in this lead up to Easter week. *Mark 14*



**Beech Class learn about the Resurrection**  
Year 6 have been reading through specific passages in the Gospels to find references to the Resurrection and Ascension. They have found this very interesting and have had some quite deep discussions about their findings.

#### Golden Mile Update

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Year 3 – 38 miles

Year 5 – 108 miles

Year 6 – 135 miles

Year 4 – 148 miles

**Total 427 miles!!**

We think this is a fantastic start to the initiative. There are some particularly keen children in Year 4 who are setting a great example! The Infants will be starting their Golden Miles in the Summer term.

#### Maple Class study the art of Michael Craig-Martin

Maple Class have been looking at the art work of Michael Craig Martin who drew and layered outlines of everyday objects using bright colours. Each child has created their own block picture in the same style as the artist. The finished blocks look really effective and are on display in Maple Class.



#### Anglo Saxon Tour around Winchester for Willow and Maple

Willow Class and Maple Class are learning about the Anglo-Saxons this half term. Both classes have spent a morning in Winchester this week and had a very interesting tour with local expert Mrs Dixon. The children have come back very enthused about the history of it all and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the local area.



#### Report by Thomas Y4 and Hal Y3

*We walked into Winchester and met Mrs Dixon near the Cathedral. We were in two groups. Our group went with Mrs Dixon and looked for signs of the Anglo Saxons. We saw a water gate and a bridge. We looked at the big statue of King Alfred and found out that he*

*helped to get the drains working. He is holding his sword the wrong way round to make the shape of a cross. We saw the outlines of the new minster. After break we swapped round. When we were with Miss Whiteman we had a sheet of photos and we had to find where they were. We found the hanging boot at Clarks and we saw a big clock on the top of Lloyds Bank. We found where all the pictures were except one. Now we are making an information sheet about the Anglo Saxons to show how they lived. Thank you very much to all the parents who helped with the trip.*

#### Learning about money in Year R and Year 1

The children in Year R have been doing all sorts of activities to do with coins. They had to sift the sand to find the treasure coins and record what they had found, they matched pictures of coins with their values and pegged them up on the washing



line and made rubbings of each coin using the right colours. They were very keen to explain what

they were doing.

Year 1 children have been using coins to make up different



amounts and have been recording their findings systematically. They were very proud to make 99p in different ways!

### **Parent Association Quiz Night**

Our Parent Quiz Team for this year presented a very successful and enjoyable quiz evening last Friday. The rounds were based on the sections of a Sunday newspaper and involved a variety of different types of questions. There was also a fun round which involved tasting chocolate and matching it to the flavour! The final scores of all the teams were very close. We are very grateful to the Tilley's, the Jacks, the Ortons, the Shaws and the Bradburys for all of their hard work and also to the many involved in the cooking and serving of the food. It was a great fundraising evening which raised a total of £1563. Thank you very much to all those involved.

### **Young Shakespeare Company to perform to KS2**

We are looking forward to hosting the Young Shakespeare Company next Friday who are going to perform "Mid-Summer Night's Dream" to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are delighted that funds from the School Association have enabled us to book this prestigious group. It promises to be a special live theatre experience for the children.

### **KS2 House Football Tournament Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March**

All of the children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in our annual House football tournament on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The children will need their PE kits, jogging bottoms and warm tops. They will need layers to keep them warm as they support their teams.



### **House Cup Winners of the Week**

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

### **Workers of the Week**

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

Oak: **Sienna and Zak**

Silver Birch: **Louis and Zac**

Willow: **Zac Dolman and Wolfie**

Maple: **Gabe and Anna**

Beech: **Oscar and Dylan**



### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Florence** – for great ideas in creative activities

**Violet**– for tucking chairs in

**Claudia** – for being a great help with tidying up after puppet making

**George** – for being very polite at lunchtimes

**Thea** – for always being an efficient and willing helper

**Sam** – for being a super helper in IT lessons

**Sophie and Jonas** – for helpfulness to a member of the class

**Matthew and Flora**– for helping others with their class work

### **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.

### **Philosophy session led by governor Dr Mackintosh**

It was such a pleasure to facilitate a Philosophy Enquiry with Maple Class. I am always so impressed with the quality of the comments and the children's ability to have such a mature and thoughtful dialogue. We explored the idea of character, in particular being caring and the concept of a 'model' student. We heard a story about two friends Arete and Deon and how they one finds being caring and good effortless, whereas the other needs to work hard at this skill. The story was a springboard for important questions about how and why we should be good, and whether we should reward being good, and if being good is something that is innate or learned. I have also gifted a book called Frederick to the School, this is a story about a field mouse who teaches his fellow field mice about the nature and variety of work, and I will be back to explore these themes further very soon. Great philosophical reflections as always!

### **Goodbye to Mrs Yeomans**

We have been sad to say goodbye to Mrs Yeomans this week. She has been a very valued teaching assistant in the Infants over the past few years and she will be missed by both the children and the adults. We are really pleased that she will be returning to hear readers. Mrs Yeomans is now planning to do some private tutoring of young children. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all she has done for St Faith's.

### **Healthy Snacks at Morning Break**

We encourage all children to have a healthy snack at morning play. We have noticed that a few children have started to bring out chocolate items and crisps. Please could you ensure that the provided snack is a healthy one. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **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**

**Year 3** – Zoolab visit on Monday

**Year 6** – Introductory letter for those going to Kings' *Please let the office know if you have not received this*

### **Dates for your diary Spring term 2017**

**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 1.30pm

**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 **1.15pm PTA Easter Egg Hunt**

**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

**Dawn James**