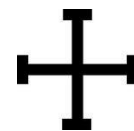




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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 not let the wet week dampen our spirits and the children have quite enjoyed having some wet playtimes for a change! Many children have done very well to walk to school during Walk to School Week in spite of the weather. Some exciting events have been happening in school with Year 6 having two art days to do with our Take One Picture project as well as a trip to London and Maple Class have been sampling different types of tea as part of their explorers topic!

#### Thank you to the St Faith's School Association

We were delighted to receive a check for £3600 this week from funds raised by our school community through PTA events. With the much reduced budget for the school this year we are more and more reliant on fundraising to replace essential items as required and to continue to be able to offer a broad curriculum. The money has been used as follows:-

- "Take One Picture" art resources for the whole school*
- Climbing wall for Year R*
- 3 storage units for Infant books and equipment*
- Life Education Bus workshops booked for next term for all children*
- Subsidy for Maths packs for all of Year 1 children*
- Subsidy for London trips*
- Listen2Me part 1 for weekly music lessons for Year 4*
- Shakespeare production 2018 deposit for KS2*
- Ties for Year 6*

Thank you very much to all who have supported the SFSA

#### Tea tasting in Maple Class

Maple Class have been following up their recent trip to the Cutty Sark by learning about the history of tea which is very relevant to us as one of



the highest tea drinking countries in the world! At one point the Cutty Sark was owned by Twinings. The children are working in pairs to create powerpoint presentations about the history of tea which they will present to each other. They have also been tasting a selection of eight different teas ranging from Earl Grey to fruit teas. They evaluated each tea – the favourite tea of the class was Cranberry and Raspberry and the least favourite was Simply Sencha!

#### Coats in school at all times

Several children have been coming to school without a coat this week and have been caught out by the changeable weather. We do like to let the children go out for play as much as we can. Please ensure that the children have a lightweight coat with them at all times.



#### STEM project in Year 6

Beech class have been given an exciting opportunity by Kings' School to take part in a project for STEM (The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Organisation) alongside a number of other Winchester schools over the next few weeks. Two members of staff from Kings' came in Monday morning to start off the project which caused great excitement in the classroom! The children are working in small groups in class to design and make rockets for NASA! Each member of the group has a specific role such as project manager, finance officer and designer. Each team has been given a budget and the teams have to think very carefully about how to spend their money wisely. Asking an adult a question costs £1000 so the groups have learnt that it is much better to talk things through as a group and to problem solve together! Each group's rocket will be judged on a range of criteria and a winning team will be chosen to represent the school in the interschool competition.

#### Year 5 present the weather in French!

The children in Year 5 have been learning how to talk about the weather in French. They have learnt a variety of phrases and have learnt a French song about the weather which they performed confidently to the rest of KS2. Mrs Brannigan was very pleased with the children's clear French diction. They also enjoyed dressing up in items relevant to their weather part of the song!



#### The Infants think about the importance of water

The children in Oak and Silver Birch have been learning about how vital water is in our lives. They put pictures of water into different categories and considered what happens when there is a lack of water. In Science they are growing plants in different conditions – water and light, water and dark, no water and light – and making predictions about the outcome. Tom brought in some tadpoles which are now in tanks of water for the children to watch out for any changes. In RE they are learning about the significance of water in baptism and in English they have been reading "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" by Ronda Armitage. The Year R children have been writing their own stories based on the book and have opened their own bookshop. They have been very proud to read their stories to me! They have even got their own pulley system in the outside area to deliver sandwiches to the Lighthouse Keeper!



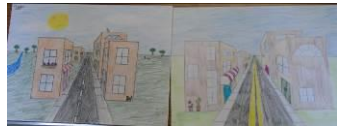
## Art Days in Year 6

The children in Beech Class have spent two days this week doing all sorts of art activities based on the Take One Picture project for the National Gallery. One activity which they particularly enjoyed



was looking at the work of amazing pavement artists and then creating their own pavement style art on long strips of paper using chalks and pastels. They then learnt about perspective and

had great fun working in groups taking fun photos showing different perspectives. They also



had a tutorial on how to draw buildings in perspective and were surprised by the results they got! They created clay tiles with geometric patterns which they will paint when dry and



have started to paint their own paintings on canvas with acrylic paints. All of their work will go towards our Take One Picture presentation.

## 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: **Bea and Alex**

Silver Birch: **Elana and Rebekah**

Willow: **Aarica and Rory**

Maple: **Tom and Sophie**

Beech: **Flora and Phoebe**

## St Faith's Crosses



**Freddie** -for trying his best in all of his learning

**Freya** - for a clear love of learning

**Zoe** - for helping another child

**Heidi**- for helping with classroom jobs

**Edward** - for being a loyal friend

**Poppy and Isla** - for always remembering to say Thank you.

**Sello** - for being organised and dependable around the school

**Oscar** - for always being polite towards adults

## Tidy Classroom and Cloakroom Award

The cleaners award for this week is for : **Maple Class**  
- Well done!

## St Faith's May Half Term Sports Camps

Andy and Marc of On Your Marks Sports will be running a holiday camp on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 9am-3pm for £20 a day or £50 for all three days.

## Message to all Year R Parents from Miss Berry

From **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** all of the Year R children will enter school in the mornings through the same entrance door as the other year groups. This is part of their transition towards being in Year 1 in September. Miss Berry will walk the Year R children through the new procedure next week and will be at the main door to greet them on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

## Message from St Faith's School Association

**Note for your diaries:-** The St Faith's Summer Fayre will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm-6.00pm

## Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Beech Class to Greek workshop

**25<sup>th</sup> May**- Information evening for Reception 2017 6pm

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

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Sex education talk for Year 5 and 6 parents

**8<sup>th</sup> June** - Helping children with worry and anxiety talk at Kings by Lorraine Lee (for all St Faith's parents) 7pm

**9<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor

**14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Cathedral Day

**15<sup>th</sup> June** - Willow Class to Highclere Castle

**16<sup>th</sup> June** - St Faith's Summer Fayre

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Sports Day

**27<sup>th</sup> June** - Class photos

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

**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** - 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'

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Egyptian day for Willow

**25<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents

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

## Forthcoming Inset days

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

## Use of the school field out of school hours

The school field can be used by all families who have a child at the school. We have three official key holders who all live very close to the school: Mrs Wetherell, Mrs Bone and Mrs Shaw (details from the school office). Everyone who uses the field must complete the **Terms of agreement** which the key holders will provide. There **must always** be a responsible **adult** on the field. Please note that as part of our agreement with the local residents, the field cannot be used after 7 pm on week days or after 6pm on Saturdays and not on Sunday afternoons after 1pm.



## Hiring of the school field for parties

We do hire out the field for a fee to families of children at the school for parties or picnics. Please book with the school office. Again **terms of agreement for hiring** the field must be followed. (When a booked party is in progress, the field cannot be used by others.)

**Dawn James**

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