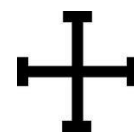




ST. FAITH'S

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*

Many of the year groups have been out on trips recently to further enhance our curriculum and the learning. The Year 4 children had a great time on their residential trip to Minstead Study Centre last week, Years 1 and 2 have been to visit the Brothers at the Hospital of St Cross and Years 4 and 5 have been to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

We have continued with our theme of thankfulness this week and in our collective worship we thought about how thankful we are to have our families and belongings. We watched a film about Operation



Shoebox and saw the delight on children's faces in various parts of the world as they opened their shoe boxes and took out the different items. The Open the Book team retold the Bible story of the three ladies who met Jesus

at the well and the sharing of excitement. *John 4.*

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

We are supporting the Shoebox Appeal again this year. Please see the separate information leaflet if you would like to make up a box with your child. They need to be in for October 19th to ensure distribution for Christmas.

Year 4 Visit to Minstead

A thank you letter from Jemima

Dear Jane and Chris

Thank you for letting us come to Minstead. I enjoyed it very much! I think the part I enjoyed the most was the very long walk with Chris. I loved getting muddy! When we got to the clearing next to the hill, it was so beautiful I could look at it for hours without blinking! Every minute was filled with exciting activities: like the walk, the treasure hunt, making earth stoves, gardening and so much more. I had no idea how important it was to protect our planet, but now I know.



Waste as little food

as possible! Plus your bees are amazing, They make the best honey I have ever tasted. And your food is brilliant! The wraps were by far the best! I liked feeding those lovely sheep of yours. It tickled when they nibbled the food out of your hand. Finally I loved going through the Maze especially because Darcy followed us in!

A big thank you to Miss Whiteman and Mrs Buchanan and to all of the other staff who made it such a successful trip - Miss Philips, Mrs Trentham, Mrs Hampson (a governor) and Mrs Landen.



Year 1 and Year 2 visit the Hospital of St Cross

Years 1 and 2 visited the Brothers at the Hospital of St Cross on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of their topic on homes. First of all



they took the Wayfarer's Dole then they

had a talk from the Brothers and tried on the black and claret gowns. They had a tour around the kitchen and could smell some medieval smells! They spent time sketching the historic building. They were also

interested to hear about the connection with Beaufort and de Blois because they recognised the names of our Houses! Thank you to all of the helping parents.

Years 3 and 5 create a piece of art work for outside!

Whilst Y4 were in Minstead, Years 3 and 5 had many



lessons outside and produced a stunning piece of artwork based on their learning. They wrote Autumn poems, created leaves by weaving and made very effective spider

webs. They wove a background of natural materials into netting and added their creations. The art work is now hanging in the playground and has caused a great deal of interest! Well done to all involved!



Parent Voice Group

The St Faith's Parent Voice group met on Wednesday afternoon with a focus on the "Supporting Parents with Home Learning" leaflet that the group has written. It was a very useful meeting and the leaflet will be distributed to all parents in the near future.

Harvest Festival Thursday October 5th

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at St Cross next



Thursday afternoon at 2pm. Families are then invited back to school to go to the Beech Café where Year 6 will be serving hot and cold drinks and biscuits. We will be making a collection of items for the Winchester churches Nightshelter in school from Monday by the office. See separate letter for more details.

Year R Curriculum Evening

The meeting for Year R parents was well attended on Tuesday evening. Miss Berry talked about ways in which phonics and reading are taught and went through a typical day of learning for a Year R child. She also talked about ways to support children at home.

Congratulations to the Winners of the St Cross Garden Society Art Show!



The pictures certainly created a colourful exhibition!

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **de Blois House** for gaining the most House Points this week.



Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Ella and Evelyn**
Silver Birch: **Livia and Toby**
Willow: **Leo and Flynn**
Maple: **Lara and Gemima**
Beech: **Tom and Myla**

St Faith's Crosses

Lucy – caring for an upset friend
Jamie – for taking care of his own and other's belongings
Arlo – for always saying Good morning with a cheerful smile!
Alice – for always remembering to say Please and Thank you.
Elyse – for excellent listening and participation
Tom – for great team organisational skills
Sophie – for great helpfulness and organisation in the classroom
Daisy and Sam – for helpfulness towards others



Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 17th November 2017
Friday 26th January 2018
Monday 4th June 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018



Are you interested in a career in teaching?

St Faith's is very involved in the School Direct training route into the teaching profession and is part of the Winchester Teaching School Alliance working with the University of Winchester. If you have a degree and you are interested in becoming a teacher do come and talk to Mrs James. It is a one year course with 80% of time based in school and 20% on training days. There will be an information evening on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm at The Westgate School.

Open Morning for Year R September 2018

We will be holding our open morning for prospective parents on Wednesday 11th October 2017 from 10.00-11.00am. There will be a tour around the school, a presentation about the school and the chance to ask our Year 6 House and Vice Captains some questions.

Message from St Faith's School Association

Congratulations to the Tough Mudders!!

Message from St Cross

Following the success of the last Cook Book, we are planning on having another new and improved format published with a yellow hard backed cover. This will be for Summer Recipes and include some wonderful new photos of The Hospital of St Cross. Please support this book by sending in some of your favourite recipes to Carol Wade, c/o Cathy @ The Porters Lodge or St Faith's School c/o Liz Crump. Please put your name and a title for the recipe and an email address, in case required.

Emails/Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Harvest festival

Whole school – re Songs of Praise at St Cross

Whole school – Shoebox Appeal leaflets

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Autumn term 2017

4th October – Y4 parent outcome 9.30am

4th October – Y6 parent outcome 2.50pm

5th October – Harvest Festival at St Cross 2pm followed by Beech Class café at St Faith's

10th October – Talk by Kings for Y5 and Y6 parents

11th October – Willow Class to Sea City Museum

11th October – Open morning for YR 2018 10am

23rd-27th October – Half term

30th October – 2nd November – Bikeability for Y6

28th and 30th November – Parent evenings

6th Dec – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

7th Dec – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30

12th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

13th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

14th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Spring Term 2018

4th January – start of term