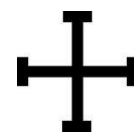




# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



*Lighting the Path*

No.4

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

Thank you very much for all of your support for our Children in Need day last Friday. We raised just under £400 for the cause which will all go to support different projects for children around the country. This all fits very well with our theme of Compassion this half term under our core value of Love. We started our shorter week (after a very wet Inset day!) with an Open the Book collective worship



based on the Bible story of Moses leading the Israelites through the desert. Several children acted out the story but the whole school took part in the moaning and the grumbling! *Exodus 16-40*

**Academic success at St Faith's! At the top nationally!** We have recently received a progress summary of our KS2 data from July 2016. This report shows the progress that all of our Y6 children made against national comparators. We are delighted that the progress made by our children was significant and puts the school in the top 2% nationally for reading and writing and the top 7% nationally for maths. This is a real achievement in times of change for both the national curriculum and the assessment. It really does demonstrate how well the children and the staff are doing! We are always looking for ways to move forward which is why our focus this year is so much on the learning of times tables both at home and at school! We also found out this week that St Faith's is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the country for three years of level 5+ data in 2013-2015!

**Finalists announced for Steve Brine's competition** We heard last week that in addition to Dan winning the whole competition, we also had four finalists. These children received a personal letter and a special certificate. Congratulations to Ava, Flynn, Sasha and Freddie. All of their paintings are on display in the Discovery Centre.



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#### Christmas Decorations for our Tree



In keeping with the school tradition, we would like every child to bring in a decoration to put on our school Christmas tree on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It would be great if these could be homemade! Please ensure that the loops are big enough to hang on the branches. Please name the decoration if you would like it returned!

#### Winchester College Jazz Band

We were all treated to a lively jazz concert on Wednesday afternoon which was performed by boys from Winchester College under the direction of John Dickson. They played a range of music which the children were encouraged to tap to in time and members of the band talked about their instrument and demonstrated the range of sound it could play. There was quite a gasp when the children saw the size of the tuba!



#### Parents in Year R come to Stay and Play morning

On Wednesday morning a large number of parents of Year R came into school to see the class in action. The children taught their parents how to make a pop-up card based on "Whatever Next!" which they had learnt how to do the previous day. Parents also learnt about the moon rocks which were all sorts of different 3D shapes. The reception children were clearly very proud to show their parents around their environment and to demonstrate what they have been learning.

#### Brass Concert for Year 4 Parents - 8<sup>th</sup> December

Mr Walker teaches all of Year 4 a different musical instrument each term as part of the Listen 2 Me initiative run by Hampshire Music Service and funded by the St Faith's School Association. This term they are learning to play a brass instrument and will be performing a concert for their parents on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm



#### The Ark Friendship Club

Mrs Hyde is starting up the Ark Club again which she will run weekly at lunchtime now that we can no longer use the field. The club is open to all children and is designed to develop and promote friendship skills for all. Children receive a personal invitation to the club each week and have great fun in the sessions.



**Space Topic in Y1 and Y2**  
Year 1 and 2 have continued their space topic theme by basing their writing on "The Way Back Home" by Oliver Jeffers. The children have written speech bubbles from the boy and the martian and

postcards from the moon.

*"Hello, I am a kind Martian, I am from Mars. Can you help me find my flying saucer please?" "I am a boy. I was alone in the deep space but then you came. Let's make a plan together. Let's get busy."* **Ava Y1**

*Dear Penguin, I am sorry that I left you at home. I am stuck on the moon and I am having a really fun time because it is like a bouncy castle. I have met a martian on the moon as well today. I have now got a friend in space so I am not by myself any more.* **From Boy Lila Y2**

### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois 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: **Albie and Monty**

Silver Birch: **Ava and Rebekah**

Willow: **Ava and Lara**

Maple: **Findlay and Imogen**

Beech: **Oscar and Oscar**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Cosima** - for showing care for others

**Mimi** - for being an enthusiastic learner

**Leo and Jasper** - for great classroom tidying after DT!

**Arlo and Zac** - for being sensible and keen helpers for Miss Whiteman

**Rosie and Daisy** - for good team spirit in the classroom

**Lauren and Grace** - for always being polite and helpful

**Open Afternoons - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December for Beaufort and Wykeham and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30pm** All parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to come into the school hall at the above times to look at and talk about the work that has been carried out in Phase One. The children really enjoy sharing their work with their parents and we hope that you will be able to come. Please note that clubs will continue as normal so you may need to change your day to look at the books.

**Football Match St Faith's v Chilterns**  
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### Exciting news - Christmas Sports Club at St Faith's!

St Faith's resident sports coaches, Marc and Andy are running their very own St Faith's Christmas Sports Camp! The camp will be held at St Faith's school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of December with all children from St Faith's welcome. Grab a poster at reception from Mrs Crump for all the details.

### Letters sent home this Week

**Whole school** - Core value posters

**Whole school** - Library and reading book stocktake  
*Please let the office know if you have not received these*

### Message from The Parish of St. Faith at St. Cross The Real Advent Calendar 2016



The Story of Christmas, day by day throughout Advent, with a Fairtrade Chocolate in every window.  
On sale in the Porters Lodge Shop St Cross £4

### Message from St Faith's School Association Christmas Fayre Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

We are looking for a number of helpers to run stalls etc on the day for one hour at a time. Let us know if you are able and willing to help!



### Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

**29<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Parent Evenings

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - Willow Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham  
Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> December** - Listen2Me concert Year 4 parents

**8<sup>th</sup> December** - Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-  
Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant Nativity 2pm

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term **1.15pm**

### Inset Days for 2016-2017

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

### Club News

Please note that Thursday netball club stops next week.

### Clubs Stopping Dates for the Term

Gymnastics club - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Monday Netball club- 5<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday Football club - 13<sup>th</sup> December

Young Voices Choir - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday football club - 14<sup>th</sup> December

Karate - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday netball club - 1<sup>st</sup> December

Orchestra- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December