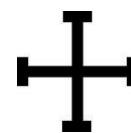




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Lighting the Path

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

This has been an active week at St Faith's culminating in our annual Talking Schools' House morning. We have had groups of students from Winchester University, Year R parents came in to do an activity with their children and Willow parents came in to see the Titanic topic outcome presented by Willow Class. Many of our KS2 children were involved in a cross country competition on Thursday and the Infants have been down to Lockburn to hang up bird feeders. The Open the Book team led collective worship based on the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath *Kings 17* with the theme of Christians needing to put their trust in God.

Switch off Fortnight

The Eco-committee have been discussing ways in which we can take part in the national Switch off fortnight to think about our use of electricity in school and ways to save electricity. They have talked to their classes about having class sessions next week which do not involve electricity. They will be running a quiz for the children to do next week based on facts about electricity use.

Steve Brine Christmas Card Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following children. Their artwork is on display at the Discovery Centre having been chosen from the 350 entries this year.

Age group competition winners

Annabelle - Reception

Harry - Year 2

Special commendation :- Elyse, Evelyn and Tobias

Finalists

Tess, Alexandra, Sienna, Alex, Alice, Harry, Ava, Cosima, Annabelle, Elyse, Thea, Evelyn, Poppy, Sophie, Findlay, Elizabeth, Tobias, Myla

Infants learn about Birthday Celebrations in Ghana



As part of their topic on birthdays, the Infants have been doing all sorts of activities based on ways in which children in Ghana celebrate their birthday. They have been

painting flags and creating Ndebele patterns using bright colours and weaving mats which are traditionally put by the fireplace and by the doors as a means of celebration. They really concentrated on their use of colour.



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 4th 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!

Parents in Year R come to Stay and Play morning

On Thursday 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 door with a hinge based on "Who's at the door?" by Jonathon Allen. The reception children were clearly very proud to show their parents around their environment and to demonstrate what they have been learning.

Willow Class Titanic Outcome for Parents

We were delighted to welcome so many parents to Willow Class's outcome on Wednesday afternoon. They presented the story of the sinking of the Titanic through words and drama with every child speaking in front of the audience. There was also a Kahoot quiz using the new class ipads. After the performance parents had the opportunity to



look at the vast array of Titanic projects that the children have done with their families. Every child has completed a project and they were all very proud to talk about their achievement. The

children have clearly really enjoyed the topic and learnt a great many facts!



Birdfeeders for Lockburn

On Monday the Infants made bird feeder pine cones for the birds in Lockburn. They really enjoyed the activity. They then wrote instructions on how to make one. You might like to make one at home!

- Tie a piece of string on a pine cone tightly.
- Mix the lard until it is soft.
- Tip the seeds with the lard and mix with a fork.
- Cover the pinecone with the lard and seeds.
- Hang the pine cone on a branch. **By Cosima Y2**

- Tie the string around the pine cone tightly
- Mix some white lard in a bowl with a spoon
- Pour some bird seeds in the lard
- Pick up a lump of mixture and put it in the cone
- Hang your bird feeder up outside. **William Y1**

The feeders are now all hanging up in Lockburn!

Drama session with Winchester University

Some drama students from Winchester University have been working with Mrs Hanson to present a lesson. **By Jonas Y6** *The title was Rubbish in our Rivers. We were put into groups, I had to talk about the perspective from the neighbourhood watch group and explained that it had been really smelly. Groups from HCC, RSPCA and scientists from the university all put across their points. After that we had a debate about all the problems and then we discussed how we could change things for the better. It was a really moving experience and it helped my thinking.*



Cross Country Competition at Kings

Mrs Hanson took the members of her cross country lunchtime club up to Kings for the annual interschool competition. Almost half of the children from Key Stage 2 were competing and Mrs Hanson was really impressed by the



attitude of all of the children. Many did really well within their year groups but a special mention must go to Oliver who came 1st in the Year 3/4 race out of 100 runners and to Rory who came 2nd in the same race.



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort 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: **Jamie and Freya**

Silver Birch: **Albie and Cameron**

Willow: **Oliver and Tom**

Maple: **Poppy and Thea**

Beech: **Daisy and Robert**



St Faith's Crosses

Sophia – for always trying her best

Henry – for a love of learning

Wilf and Toby– for being consistently helpful and polite

Heidi– for showing good listening and concentration

Freddie – for kindly sharing his costumes

Gabriel and Laurie – for perseverance and methodical working

Rory – for great determination

Gabe, Dylan and Sienna – for always being polite and well mannered

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Consultation of Admissions Policy for 2019

Governors of St Faith's C.E. Primary School are proposing to amend the school admission policy effective from September 2019 as a result of direction from the Diocese that all Church schools should give priority to all children who live within the parish. The current policy admissions criteria would remain as now for out of catchment siblings of children who have entered the school prior to **September 2019**. It would not affect any families in school at the moment. You should all have received a letter and a copy of the proposed Admissions policy for 2019 which is now out for consultation.

Can you help with Geography resources?

As you will be aware, we are always looking for ways in which we can enhance the learning experiences for your children. In Year R and Key Stage 1 we would like to compile some **weather boxes**. These are boxes which the children will be able to take onto the playground depending on the type of weather. So we hope to build up enough resources for a **rainy day box**, a



windy day box and a **sunny day box**. These could include things like toy windmills, flags, wind chimes, floaty scarves, sun hats and shadow puppets. We would also like to collect jigsaw puzzles of UK and world maps and any road atlases. If you have any items you would like to donate to our geography resources, please hand them in to Mrs Crump at the office. Thank you for your support. Mrs Choules. Geography Manager.



Message from St Faith's School Association. Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December 12-2 pm

Stalls, wreaths, carol singing and refreshments. Do come along and support us and let us know if you are able to help in any way.

Emails/Letters sent out this Week

Whole School – Letter re Admissions policy 2019

Year 4 – African drumming concert

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Autumn term 2017

28th and 30th November – Parent evenings

5th December – Maple parent outcome 2.30pm

6th Dec – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

7th December – Y4 African drumming concert 1.30

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 6pm

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Spring Term 2018

4th January – start of term

12th-16th February – Half term

6th and 8th March – Parents' evenings

29th March – End of term 1.15pm

Dawn James

The Ark – our after school club

The start up of our after school club has been very successful and we are very pleased with the uptake of our new venture which is run by Marc Gillingham and Michele Brannigan. 47 of our children have now attended the club! The children do all sorts of different activities and are always engrossed in something! They also have the chance to do their homework. We are finding that parents are using the Ark in different ways. Some children are booked in for regular days each week and others come for one off sessions. Sessions can be booked ahead for £12 or on the day for £15. Children can be picked up at any time until 5.45pm (5pm on Fridays) It could be useful for parents who want to do some Christmas shopping!
Booking forms for Spring term are now available.

Parking Issues Continue

Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to our calls to park only in marked bays. There are still people who are parking in unmarked bays and in particular on the bend of Cripstead Lane and St Faith's Rd which is causing real problems with visibility. We are still really concerned that there could be an accident if we do not get this sorted. Please take note and park sensibly. The community police are aware.