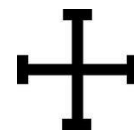




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Lighting the Path

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Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care

We started off our week with an interesting assembly given by Brian Masters who is a volunteer from the RNLI. He talked to all of the children about keeping safe near water and focused on both river safety and beach safety. The children had to spot dangers in the pictures and took part in various scenarios. They were taught that you can phone either 999 or 112 in an emergency and that 112 is the emergency number across Europe. Brian gave the



children a really good way of remembering the number. Do ask them and see if they can show you!! On Tuesday the Open the Book team told the Bible story of the blind man who could see after he met Jesus- *John 9*.

Y6 Slipper Fashion Show

The year 6 children presented a lively fashion show last week to their parents and the rest of key stage 2. They had each written an advertisement for their slippers and selected appropriate music for their design. It was great to see so many parents at the show.

Netball Tournament Report by Jasmine and Elsa Y6

We went to Kings' on a coach. We had four teams. There were two courts. A and D teams went on one court and B and C teams on the other. We were quite nervous to start with but got to enjoy it. Once we had played all of our games against the other schools, the teachers added up the scores. Our A and B teams both got into the semi-finals against two teams from St Peters. Mrs Landen was very proud of us and all of the parents who helped thought we played brilliantly! Lots of us managed to score a goal in the very high nets! The tournament was fun and enjoyable but very tiring! Thank you to Mrs Landen for taking us and also to Mrs Thorne and Mrs Wetherell.

Football match report by Archie and Matthew Y6

On Wednesday 3rd February St Faith's football squad played a match against Stanmore on our school field. We started off strongly and it was nil nil for twelve minutes. Then the opponents got a goal. We had a chance to score but just missed. They got another goal just before half time. We had a good team talk with Mark and went out to do our best. Although we eventually lost 7-0 we had fun and learnt from the experience and enjoyed the biscuits at the end!

Maths Packs for all of Year 1 and Year 2

As the result of feedback from parents we have provided each child in Year 1 and 2 with a pack of maths equipment to support home learning. Mrs Matcham has spent a lot of time sourcing these packs and has had a band of people to put the packs together. The packs have been funded by the PTA and contain a variety of useful resources. We are really hoping that parents will find this to be a valuable resource to use with their child to support the maths learning.



Maths Focus

Throughout the school we are teaching the children to use practical maths equipment to help them visualise the number processes and to help them to explain how they have reached an answer. Year R children are getting



very good at counting and using their numbers. At the moment they are learning about repeating patterns. Year 1 are learning about number bonds up to 20 and have been using

bead strings to help them.

They are also using clocks to learn to tell the time. Year 2 are focusing on maths problems involving multiplication and division and are having to think quite hard about what they



have to do to answer each question. They are using number lines to help them. Year 3 are focusing on formal calculation methods and particularly enjoyed an activity when they had to mark Miss Whiteman's answers to a range of questions. She must have been very distracted by her kitten as she had got many wrong! Luckily the children were able to spot the mistakes and correct them for her. Year 4 have been working extremely hard on their times tables as they have to know all of their times tables at speed by the end of Year 4. They are really keen to beat their scores each week and are really proud when they have achieved their goal. Year 5 are learning about the 24 hour clock and how to write the time in different ways. Mrs Landen has been giving them tricky questions to convert into the 24 hour clock. Year 6 are particularly working on their arithmetic skills. They have to be able to use formal methods accurately and at speed. They are coping very well with the challenges that Mrs Hanson and Ms John are setting them!

Invitation to see the Doorstops made by Saturn

The children in Saturn class have now completed their doorstops. There are all sorts of different designs and the children have paid careful attention to the sewing and decoration. Mrs Landen would like to invite parents to come in and see the doorstops and the accompanying display in the main corridor.



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois House** for working hard and for gaining the most Achievement Points this week!



Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Magnus and Wilbur**

Neptune: **Esme and Max**

Mercury: **Rosie and Tom**

Saturn: **Evie and Imogen**

Jupiter: **Tom and Jasmine**

St Faith's Crosses

Noah - for sitting very well on the carpet

Wilf - for being a great listener

Zac and Wolfie - for being helpful in class and tidying up without being asked

Lara - for always being sensible and focused

Morgan - for showing readiness to learn

Flora and Imogen - for excellent organization in the classroom.

Mia and Millie - for always being polite and helpful towards others



Road Safety Banner

You will probably have seen that our banner is now in place by the zig-zag to remind people not to park there when dropping off or picking up. We are really hoping that it will be effective! Thank you very much to those who are now parking further away and walking to school. This really does ease the problem and has health benefits as well!!



Dawn James

Changing back into uniform after football and netball clubs

We are asking that all children change back into their school uniform after they have been to football or netball club so that all PE kits stay in school. This should also prevent school uniform from being mislaid. PE kits need to be in school for PE lessons and we are finding that some children are forgetting to bring the kit back in. We would be really grateful if you could support us in this.

Letters sent home this week

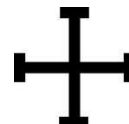
Football team - Football tournament

Breakfast Club - booking forms for next half term are available from the office.

Please ask at the office if you require copies of any letters

Message from St Cross

The all age service is on Sunday 14th February. The whole service is designed to involve the children and all families are very welcome.



Message from St Faith's School Association

Please note the date change for the Quiz Night & Summer Hoedown.

26th February - Year 3 cake sale.

26th February - Children's school disco.

11th March - Quiz Night *** Date Change**

18th March - Year 2 cake sale.

24th March - Easter Egg Hunt.

9th July - Summer Hoedown ** Date Change**

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 9th February - Saturn to City Museum

Wednesday 10th February - Mercury to City Museum

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - Half term

Wednesday 24th February- Y3,4,5 visit to Fishbourne

Monday 7th March - Jupiter to Natural History Museum

Thursday 10th March - Year 3 Pizza Express workshop

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March - Parent evenings

Wednesday 16th March- Open afternoon for Beaufort and De Blois 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 17th March - Open afternoon for Foxe and Wykeham 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March - Easter Service 2pm

Thursday 24th March - End of term **1.15pm**

Summer Term 2016

11th April - Term starts

9th to 13th May - SATs week for Year 6

30th May to 3rd June - Half term

Wednesday 20th July - End of term at 1.15pm

Inset Days

Friday 24th June 2016