



# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



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

We have had a busy week this week with a number of visitors in school, visits out and a netball tournament. We have also had a number of different meetings for parents. We started our week with collective worship on our school value of Trust led by Father Philip who talked about the importance of being trustworthy. The Open the Book team retold the story of the Centurian's servant, Luke 7, and how trust in God led to the recovery of the servant.

We have been sad to say goodbye to Mrs Stirling-Gibson this week who has been a teaching assistant at the school for nineteen years. She has supported numerous children in different ways during her time here and has been a very valued member of the St Faith's team. The whole school and some past members of staff gave her a big send off on the school field during lunchtime on Thursday and finished with three cheers! She was thrilled with special cards from Oak and Silver Birch classes! She is taking up a new role in another school and we wish her well for the future.

#### Walk to School Week

Thank you very much to all of you who supported our Walk to School challenge this week. A number of families have walked or cycled as a change from their usual method of travel. We are hoping that people will continue to park away from the school in the future and choose more active ways to go to and from school. It really does make a difference to all involved!



#### Pets Topic Visitors for the Infants!



We are very grateful to Miss Edwards for coming in to school to talk to the Infants about her role as a vet working with small animals. She showed the children a Powerpoint about different aspects of the job and showed x-rays of dogs who had eaten something they should not have eaten! She micro-

chipped a toy dog in front of the classes and went through the process of scanning. The children were fascinated by the talk!

We have also had visits from more pets this week! Mrs White brought in Poppy, a black Labrador who impressed the children by jumping through a hoop and Mrs Tilley brought in Lightning the lop-eared rabbit who was extremely docile and enjoyed having his head stroked whilst wrapped up in a blanket! However the children were impressed by his speed when he was offered a carrot!

Thank you to all of the parents who have been in to talk to the children about their pets.

#### Ancient Greek Workshop for Beech Class

Year 6 walked up to Winchester College on Tuesday morning to carry out a number of activities as part of their topic about ancient Greece.

#### Report by Gabriel and Alex Y6



*The curator of the museum met us when we arrived and talked about the Greek myths section. She showed us black figure and red figure pottery. She showed us different sized pots and explained that pots with one handle were for pouring, pots with two handles were for*

*lifting and pots with three handles were for lifting and pouring. We split into four groups for the activities. We had to work out what story was depicted on the pots. We thought it might be Hercules. We had to put a few parts of a pot together and work out what it might have looked like if all the parts were there. We also looked at arrowheads and coins and learnt that they used to stamp the pattern on coins. We had to wear gloves to touch the ancient artefacts. It was amazing to be holding something that was so old!*

#### Netball Tournament for Years 5 and 6

*On Wednesday afternoon fifteen children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a High Fives netball tournament at St Swithun's under the direction of Mrs Duke our netball coach. We were divided into an A Team and a B team and each team played against three other schools. It was a great fun to play in the tournament. We didn't win many matches but we were very supportive towards each other. All did some really good shooting! Thank you to all of our supporters! Report by Sofia and Aarica Y6*

#### Visit to the Hospital of St Cross

On Thursday morning, Year 6 walked up to St Cross to carry out a number of activities to teach them more about the history of the wonderful building.



*First we had a talk from Brother George who told us about the history of St Cross and he also mentioned de Blois who created the church and Beaufort who added the hospital. One built St Faith's church which is no longer there. After that we went into groups and did four activities. We went into the kitchen and listened to sounds to identify. We smelt coffee and spices and other smells! Then we went to the cellar and talked about the hooks in the ceiling which were for hanging fish and meat. It was cold to keep the food preserved. We were given an outline of part of St Cross Hospital and we had to add in the detail of the windows and the doors. We noticed different details when we did this. For the third activity went inside the church and had a treasure hunt to find certain things with binoculars. We had to find the things on our pictures. The final activity was to work out what the objects on the table were for. One was a stick with a giant hammer which they used at different angles and there were also stamps and prints. It was very educational and lots of things we didn't know about even though we go there a lot! We found out that St Cross has lots of hidden secrets! By Sam and Heidi Y6*

### Staffing Update - Oak Class Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Miss Megan Thorpe has been appointed as the new class teacher for Oak Class. She will be taking up her post in September. Miss Thorpe is currently teaching in Birmingham but will be coming to meet with the new intake at some point in the near future.

### Swimming lessons for Year 3

All of the children in Year 3 will be having swimming lessons at Kings' for five weeks starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. All of those involved will need to remember their swimming kit on the first day after half-term!

### School Gardening Award for the Eco Committee

The Eco committee have received the RHS school gardening Level 1 certificate for their designs for the new flower and vegetable bed. They have also received a Growing Year Calendar. On Thursday they planted Summer bulbs in the bed to attract bees and butterflies.

### House Cup Winners of the Half term!

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox House** for gaining the most achievement points for this half term. Their non-uniform prize day will be on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Romola and Thomasina**  
Silver Birch: **Matilda and Alice**  
Willow: **Wilbur and Noah**  
Maple: **Ava and Hal**  
Beech: **Findlay and Aarica**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Delilah** - for showing increasing confidence at playtimes

**Alexander** - for caring for his own body

**Blythe** - for displaying excellent manners

**Mario** - for displaying a great attitude to learning

**Max and Max** - for always being polite and kind to others

**Izzy** - for always being helpful and polite

**Evie** - for showing kindness to other classmates

**Isla and Sam** - for excellent team work in netball

### 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 Wright, 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.



### Inset days for 2019-2020

The following Inset dates for the next academic year have been agreed by our board of governors.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### Message from the St Faith's School Association

#### Summer Fair - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We are really looking forward to the Summer Fiesta Fete on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We would be very grateful if each child could create and bring in a jar of goodies for the Hoopla stall after half term. Details can be found on the digital flyer which you will receive via email, and also in your year WhatsApp group. There will be no paper version in the school bag. We are also looking for volunteers, so if you think you can help please do get in touch. As ever we are very grateful! **Camilla and Frankie**

### May Half-term Holiday Club 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May

Marc is running the St Faith's Holiday club from the Tuesday to Friday during half term with all of the usual fun activities. Booking forms can be obtained from the office.



### Message from St Cross

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Sunday Club for children. Children are especially welcome at the Parish Eucharist every Sunday at 9.30am. On the second Sunday of each month the whole service is designed to involve children and on other Sundays the Sunday Club leaves the service during the first hymn and returns during communion

### Summer Term 2019

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half term

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Y3 Swimming lessons at Kings' start for 5 weeks

**4<sup>th</sup> June** - Drama workshops for KS2

**6<sup>th</sup> June** - Minstead Information evening 6pm Y3 parents

**12<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day 9.15am

**14<sup>th</sup> June** - SFSA School Fair

**19<sup>th</sup> June** - Infant trip to Marwell

**19<sup>th</sup> June** - Willow trip to Southampton Art Gallery

**19<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Cathedral day

**20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Mayflower matinee

**21<sup>st</sup> June** - Maple trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

**27<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Transition day to Kings'

**5<sup>th</sup> July** - Maple Class to Winchester Hat Fair

**8<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 to Calshot Activity Centre

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 4 Brass concert for parents 1.30pm

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3 Recorder concert for parents 3pm

**16<sup>th</sup> July** - KS2 Production 2pm and 7pm

**17<sup>th</sup> July** - KS2 Production 7pm

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' Service 9.10am

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

### Inset days for 2018-2019

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**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.)

**St Faith's Extended School Provision**

**May Half term Holiday Club** – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May  
**Summer Holidays Clubs** – 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> August

Let the office know if you wish to reserve a place on any of these Holiday clubs

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per booked session and £5 on the day.

**The Ark after school club** Years R-6 Every day the school is open 3.30-5.45pm Monday – Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day 3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.

**Drinks bottles – names please!**

We are very keen that the children have enough to drink through the school day and all children should have a bottle in school. Please could you ensure that all drinks bottles are small, see-through and **named**. You can purchase water bottles from the school office and replacement tops if you wish to.

Please could you also check that **jumpers and cardigans are also named** as children tend to take them off at this time of the year!