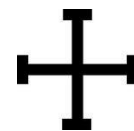




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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*

Red was certainly the colour of the day last Friday when the children dressed up in aid of Comic Relief and wore their red noses! Our School Councillors organised some fun activities in aid of Comic Relief under the direction of Miss Berry. At lunchtime children were able to make fun singing and dance videos in groups or have a go at scoring a penalty with a funny hat or wig on! Thank you to everyone who supported the day. We raised a total of £234.00 for the charity.



On Monday we were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for £233.00 to Jane Wilmshurst from the Joe Glover Trust. We had raised the money for the children's cancer charity in various ways including our "Wear a Christmas Jumper day" which some of our House Captains and Vice Captains organised. It is great to see our pupil groups getting together to raise money for charity.

Quiz Team take part in Regional Heats
Evelyn, Arlo, James, Isla, Anna, Gabe, Blair and Charlie represented St Faith's in two quiz teams in the regional heats of a national general knowledge quiz last Friday competing against a number of other schools. They had attended Mrs Buchanan's Quiz Club on a regular basis and worked really well in their teams to answer the questions. After a strong start they finished in the lower half of the table but gave a very creditable performance and should be proud of their efforts. Well done teams!

Eco committee members carry out a Litter Pick

The Eco -Committee are carrying out regular litter picks around the school grounds to reduce the amount of litter. Zac asked if some of the committee could do a litter pick around the local area. Mrs Dolman kindly offered to take four of the members on a litter pick on Monday lunchtime around the school neighbourhood where they picked up a substantial amount of rubbish. It is very pleasing to see our children looking after their environment.



St Faith's v Chilterns School
Our school football team played their rescheduled football match on Wednesday against Chilterns. After a strong first half and a very competitive second half St Faith's won 4-0. Marc, our football coach, praised the school team for their much improved team work.

Zoolab visits Year 3 Science Lesson



Emily from Zoolab brought a variety of creatures to a Year 3 science lesson on Monday afternoon



as part of the Science topic about animals. The children were fascinated to learn different facts about the characteristics of a variety of animals and were particularly intrigued by the Skink!

Interhouse Football Tournament for Key Stage 2

The annual interhouse football tournament took place on Tuesday afternoon in bright sunshine. Every child in Key Stage 2 played in a match for their House cheered on by those watching. The House Captains and Vice House



Captains organised their teams extremely well and every single match was played with great spirit. Each House managed to get a team through to the semi-finals with De Blois B and Beaufort A reaching the finals.

In the end, the final had to be decided by penalties and after some great goals and energetic saves the Beaufort team was victorious! Thank you to Mrs Hanson for organising the event and to Mrs Maundrell for refereeing the matches. Throughout the tournament the children really demonstrated the school values of courage, trust, love and hope!

Observational drawing in the Infants

The children in Year 1 and 2 brought in a lovely selection of Spring flowers to draw and paint using a variety of different media. They concentrated really hard on the detail of the different parts of the flower and mixed their colours carefully. They were very pleased with their results!



Samba Concert

The children in Year 4 performed a very effective Samba drumming concert for their parents. They concentrated brilliantly on a variety of rhythms under the guidance of Mr Walker and showed off their skills

Easter Service at St Cross

A reminder that we are holding our Easter Service at St Cross on Thursday 6th April at 2pm. You are then invited to come to the Beech Class café for a drink and a biscuit.

Exciting Invaders Day for Willow and Maple



All of the children in Willow and Maple came to school dressed as people from Anglo Saxon and Viking times. They spent the whole day carrying out four

different activities. Mrs Buchanan taught groups to make and cook oaty type biscuits made from ingredients of the time including Cinammon. The biscuits were then cooked on the fire pit whilst



they listened to a story. They constructed Viking Longboats out of paper which required precision and dexterity and they made clay



lucky charms with Miss Hampton. The final activity was an energetic battle war dance with a variety of facial expressions. It was a fun and memorable experience for the children.

Fox House Win Half term Cup!

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox House** for gaining the most House Points for this half term. Their non-uniform prize day is **Friday 7th April**.



Congratulations also 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: **Florence and Harrison**
Silver Birch: **Harry and Clara**
Willow: **Theo and Megan**
Maple: **Kate and Alicia**
Beech: **Imogen and Grace**



St Faith's Crosses

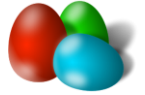
Ella – for putting her hand up to share ideas
Alex – for showing improved concentration
Livia – for always being joyful!
Zac – for helpful tidying up
Lara – for thinking of others and showing appreciation for something she enjoyed
Elsbeth – for being a supportive and enthusiastic spectator during the football tournament
Daisy – for supporting the Year 3 and 4 netball club
Poppy – for being a reliable library monitor
Evie – for being supportive to younger children

St Faith's Easter Sports Camps

Marc and Andy from On Your Marks Sports will be leading a 3 day Holiday Camp at the school from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th April 9am-3pm. You can book 1 or 2 days at £20 per day or £50 for all 3. See flyer for more details.

Announcement of New Chair and Treasurer of SFSA!

Jayne Orton and Kerry Jack have very kindly offered to take over the chair of the St Faith's School Association from Judith McHardy and Emma Gibbs and Steph Keenan has volunteered to take over from Georgina Crooks as Treasurer. We are really grateful to these three parents for volunteering and look forward to the continuing success of the School Association which is such an important part of St Faith's and its community.



Message from the School Association - Easter Egg Hunt

Come and join us in the school field, at 1.15pm on Friday 7th April, the last day of term! Find the clues and win an egg! £1 per child (all monies raised will be donated to the school's chosen charity for this year)

Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Where's Wonky Leaflet

Year 5 – Meeting re Beaulieu residential trip

Year 6 – arrangements for SATs week

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

6th April – Easter Service and Beech Class Café 2pm

7th April – End of term **1.15pm** PTA Easter Egg Hunt

10th – 12th April – On Your Marks Holiday Club

24th April – Start of Summer term

24th April – Beaulieu Information evening for **Y5 parents**

25th April – Y2 parents drop in session re SATS with Miss Croker

25th April – Y6 parents drop in session re SATS with Mrs Hanson

26th April – Swimming lessons for Y3/ 4 commence (7 wks)

8th-12th May – SATS week for Year 6

29th May – 2nd June – Half term

14th June – Year 6 Cathedral Day

23rd June – Sports Day

25th July – End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th May 2017

Clubs for Spring Term 2017

Please sign up for clubs at the office. All clubs requiring payment must be paid for before the child can start the club.

Agility, Balance & Co-ordination (was Gymnastics) Club – On Your Marks Sports – Mondays 3.30-4.30 Years 2-4 Start date 24th April – 24th July £48 per term to the school

Musical Theatre Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 Start date 25th April

Gardening Club – Mrs Landen – Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 4,5 and 6 (limited numbers) Start date: *Tuesday* 2nd May then Mondays from 8th May

Summer Sports Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 25th April – 18th July

Summer Sports Club – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 26th April – 19th July

Orchestra – Mrs Harding – Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 4th May

Recorder Clubs and Athletics Club will continue during school time.

Dawn James