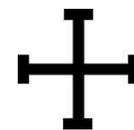




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

We have been thinking very much about Harvest this week. As a church school we feel that it is really important that we place emphasis on celebrating produce from the land and thinking about the work that farmers do both locally and across the world.

The Christ Church school's team led our whole school worship on Monday and retold the story of Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus with the message that Christians believe that everyone is special. This fits in very well with our focus on the value of Love this half term. The Open the Book team acted out the story of Abraham and Sarah *Genesis 5* with the theme of trusting others.

#### Winchester Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

St Faith's is taking part in the Rotary Shoe box appeal again this year for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. We have sent home leaflets in case

you should wish to make up a shoebox as a family. Completed shoe boxes need to be sent into school no later than **Thursday 18th October**.

#### Would you prefer to donate items for a shoebox?

This year we are suggesting that people may like to send in one or two items for a shoe box rather than filling up a whole box. The School Council will then make up shoe boxes in school with the donated items. Please send in your items by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** so that we have time to make up the boxes.

#### School Council Elections

Miss Berry leads our School Council and she has organised the year group School Council elections this week. Many children put themselves forward and gave a speech to their year group saying what they would do if they were elected. Each child from Year 1 to Year 5 had a vote and the results were very close!

#### Congratulations to the following children:

- Year 1: **Maddie and Henry**
- Year 2: **Maisie and Freddie**
- Year 3: **Noah and Cosima**
- Year 4: **Esme and Leo**
- Year 5: **Arlo and Megan**
- Year 6: **Euan and Lara - Leaders**

#### Parent Governor Election

The ballot for our new parent governor will run until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. There are two candidates and every parent should have received a ballot paper to complete and an envelope to seal it in. This sealed envelope must then be returned in an envelope with the parent's name on it. The sealed envelopes will be opened for counting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Harvest Festival

The whole school walked up to St Cross for Harvest Festival on Thursday afternoon. It was great to see so many parents at the service. The Infants retold the story of the Little Red Hen and the Juniors took the words Eat, Starve and Share from the word Harvest with each class doing a presentation on their part. We have been thinking about ways in which we can support those in need and are very grateful for all the contributions which have been sent in for the Winchester Basics Bank and the Winchester Night Shelter. The congregation were then invited back into school to have a drink and biscuit at the Beech Class café where they were served by our Year 6 children.



#### Mind Up Review Day

We were very pleased to welcome Rachel from the Mind Up Foundation back to St Faith's on Wednesday. She led our introduction to Mind Up day with staff and governors last Spring and had come in to review how we are progressing with the strategy within the school. She led a workshop for parents and governors which was well attended and very positively received. Rachel and Mrs Buchanan, our PSHE leader, watched Mind Up lessons in each class and carried out pupil conferencing with children in every year group. They were really impressed by the way our children are able to talk about the parts of the brain and explain how this knowledge helps them with mindful behaviour and their learning. They were also pleased to see the amount of resources that there are in each classroom and how children are using them. The staff, governors and children are fully committed to the Mind Up strategy and we will be moving forward with the programme throughout the year. We will look forward to seeing Rachel again in the Spring term.



#### St Cross Flower Competition Winners

The children in Years 1-6 created flower pictures at the end of last term for the St Cross Garden Show. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Year 1: **1<sup>st</sup> Maddie 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Finlay**
- Years 2 and 3: **1<sup>st</sup> Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Max, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sienna**
- Years 4 and 5: **1<sup>st</sup> William, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flynn 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily**
- Year 6: **1<sup>st</sup> Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuelle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Max**



### **The Infants write stories based on Farmer Duck!**

As part of their topic on food and farming the Infants have been listening to the story of Farmer Duck and thinking about the vocabulary that the author uses. They have then written their own stories in the same style and I have been very pleased that a lot of children have come to read me their stories! It is lovely to see how proud the children are of their writing.

*The duck couldn't do a thing because he was so sleepy from all the work. So all of the other animals at the dead silent night decided to make a secret plan. At dawn the animals stole in to the farmer's bedroom. Each animal squeezed under the farmer's bed and they lifted the farmer's bed and at that second the farmer woke and called "How goes the work?" Then the farmer got knocked out of bed and the animals started chasing the farmer over the hills, past the rivers and into the meadows. The next morning the cow told duck about the whole thing. Duck was so overjoyed the rake he was holding flew up into the sky!*

**By Mario Y2**

### **House Cup Winners of the Week**

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham 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: **Hetty and Elsie**

Silver Birch: **Jamie and Edward**

Willow: **Max and Elyse**

Maple: **Freddie and Ava**

Beech: **Aarica and James**

### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Poppy** – for showing care for her body and her belongings

**Georgia**– for being helpful and trustworthy

**Sophia and Jamie** – for demonstrating mindful behaviour by their excellent listening

**Ava** – for supporting and encouraging her friends

**Harry** – for always being polite and kind

**Hal** – for being kind and considerate when walking with Year R to the church

**Henry** – for showing kindness around the school to both staff and pupils

**Poppy and Findlay**– for always being kind and helpful towards others.

### **St Faith's Holiday Club – October 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>**

Please ask at the office for further details

### **St Faith's Extended School Provision**

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per session. **Please note that from 29<sup>th</sup> October coming to Breakfast Club without a booking will be £5.**

**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.

### **Outcome of Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you very much for all of the returned parent questionnaires. We received questionnaires for 76 children, exactly half the number of children on roll and just over half of our families. The outcome for the whole school is attached for your information. We acknowledge that the timing was early for our new parents which naturally resulted a number of "Don't know" responses. As ever the Homework question received a varied response but we were really pleased by the positive comments given about the homework given now and the recognition of the work carried out by the Parent Voice group last year to clarify the homework timetables and routines. We received a number of very constructive comments on the questionnaires which governors and the staff are in the process of looking at to see how we can respond as a school.

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

Year 6 cake sale- 5<sup>th</sup> October

Film and Pyjama Night – 12<sup>th</sup> October

Tickets will be on sale on the playground from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **Autumn Term 2018**

**10<sup>th</sup> October** – Maple Class to New Forest

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – Open morning for YR 2019 9.30am

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – Coding Club parents invited to come into club 3.30 – 4.30

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Y4 Minstead Parent Outcome 9.15am

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Y6 Beaulieu Parent Outcome 9.10am

**22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Y6 Bikeability

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – YR parents to join children in class

**27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent evenings

**28<sup>th</sup> November** – Willow Class Outcome for parents 2.30pm

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Be Bright Be Seen day

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Wells Book Shop in school pm

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Open afternoon for KS1 parents 3.30-4.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> December** Open afternoon for KS2 parents 3.30-4.30pm

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity plays 2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross **5.30pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – End of term 1.15pm

### **Inset days for 2018-2019**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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

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

### **48 hours away from school after sickness**

If your child is sick, please ensure that your child is kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness. This is the directive from Public Health and it is really important that this is adhered to so that spread of sickness is limited.