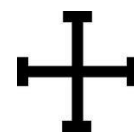




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Lighting the Path

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



It seems very fitting that in this very cold weather our thoughts have been turning to Advent and Christmas this week. Rehearsals have started for the Infant Nativity play and KS2 have started singing carols for their service at the end of term. We have been thinking about the meaning of Advent, looking at our Advent wreath

and each class has excitedly started to open up their Advent calendar. Father Paul started our week with collective worship about the importance of putting on the right attitude under our theme of Compassion which is part of our value of Love. "Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3.12.

Advent Wreath in Oak Class



Miss Berry talked to the children about an Advent Wreath and the meaning of the candles when to the children's amazement they found out that an actual Advent wreath had

appeared in their classroom! They were very keen to show it to me and to tell me that the first candle is about Hope. They then did some activities about the wreath.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday which promises to be a fun event for all the family. The children are looking forward to buying and wrapping up gifts for their families and to choosing their Christmas tree. There will be a number of stalls and activities as well as food and drink.

Drama Workshop for Year 4



Becky and Leah from Wet Picnic Drama came in to teach Year 4 a drama lesson. The lesson was based on the class book "The Boy who swam with Piranhas". We had to think whether Stan should stay in

his house or run away to the fair. We had to think about the noises he would hear when he slept in the cupboard. We had to imagine what nightmares Stan might have and performed a scene on the stage in groups. At the end we split in half; one side thought about why he should stay and the other side thought about why he should go to the fair. Each side shouted their ideas and then you could change sides. In the end most people wanted him to run away to the fair for a new start. **By Max and Sophie Y4**

Magistrates visit Beech Class



The magistrates have a very important job because they stop the Crown court from being very busy. They decide if people are guilty or not guilty. When they came in they told us about the different roles in the

court, the prosecutor, the defendant, the legal advisor and

three magistrates. In class some people got a script and a job in the court. Imogen was the legal advisor who sat next to the prosecutor and Faith was one of the magistrates. The defendant had not paid for a cardigan which she said had slipped into her bag. At the end the magistrates decided that the defendant was guilty.

Magistrates are volunteers. If you are ten or older you can be put in prison because you should know what is wrong and what is right by that age. **By Imogen and Faith Y6**



Volcano Parent Outcome for Willow Class



It was great to see so many parents at the parent outcome for Willow Class on Wednesday afternoon. The children shared their topic learning and their volcano projects. Jemima and James had created a quiz about

volcanoes for a group of parents who had to use I pads to select answers which went directly to the big screen! The greatest excitement was when the children poured vinegar onto bicarbonate of soda in their papier mache volcanoes to cause volcanic eruptions! They were really effective! The children managed to contain all of the liquid in the foil which was very impressive. Willow Class have certainly learnt a lot about volcanoes!



Infants have close encounter unusual animals!



On Wednesday afternoon Emily from Zoo Lab brought a variety of animals into school to show the Infants. They had a close look at a milk snake, a rat, African snails, a Gecko and a big spider! The

children were able to ask and answer a wide range of questions about the animals and found out a lot!

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: **Harry and Violet**

Silver Birch: **Esme and Flynn**

Willow: **Wolfie and Sam**

Maple: **Phillip and Tom**

Beech: **Phoebe and Imogen**



St Faith's Crosses

Ella – for enthusiastic singing during rehearsals

Alex – for showing compassion to an injured friend

Polly – for always being helpful

Max – for being consistently polite

Izzy – for consistently showing excellent manners and good listening

Evelyn – for impeccable manners

Sam – for great team spirit

Alicia and Alasdair - for good manners

Imogen – for showing love to others

Matthew – for helpfulness around school

Phoebe – for helpfulness towards others

Cross Country Success at Kings

Forty two of Mrs Hanson's cross country runners entered the Kings' Cross Country event on Thursday afternoon. They did extremely well in spite of the cold and showed great courage and determination! A special mention must go to Emma in Y6 who came first out of over one hundred runners. Hal came 9th and is also through to the county finals. Sasha and Alex also came in the top ten for their age group. Thank you very much to all of the parents who helped and supported the team.

Parent Outcome for Maple Class 7th December

Mrs Landen would like to invite all parents of Maple Class to the parent outcome on Wednesday 7th December at 2.30pm. The children are looking forward to sharing their learning about their Forest topic.

Dawn James

Clubs Stopping Dates for the Term

Gymnastics club – Monday 12th December

Monday Netball club- 5th December

Tuesday Football club – 13th December

Young Voices Choir – Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday football club – 14th December

Karate – Wednesday 7th December

Thursday netball club – 1st December

Orchestra- Thursday 8th December

Open Afternoons - Wednesday 7th for Beaufort and Wykeham and Thursday 8th for Fox and De Blois

3.30-4.30pm All parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to come into the school hall at the above times to look at and talk about the work that has been carried out in Phase One. The children really enjoy sharing their work with their parents and we hope that you will be able to come. Please note that clubs will continue as normal so you may need to change your day to look at the books.

Christmas Decorations for our Tree – Monday 5th



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 5th 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!

Christmas Sports Club at St Faith's!

St Faith's resident sports coaches, Marc and Andy are running their very own St Faith's Christmas Sports Camp! The camp will be held at St Faith's school on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of December with all children from St Faith's welcome. Grab a poster at reception from Mrs Crump for all the details.

Letters sent home this Week

Year 1 and 2 – Visit to the Grange

Willow Class – Visit by Southampton Art Gallery

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Message from The Parish of St. Faith at St. Cross The Real Advent Calendar 2016



The Story of Christmas, day by day throughout Advent, with a Fairtrade Chocolate in every window. On sale in the Porters Lodge Shop St Cross £4

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

6th December – Years 1 and 2 to sing at the Grange

7th December – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

8th Dec – Listen2Me concert Year 4 parents 1.30pm

8th December – Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

13th and 14th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

13th December – Years 5 and 6 to sing at Buttercross

15th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

16th December - End of term **1.15pm**

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017