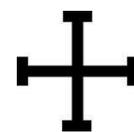




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Lighting the Path

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

We have been very pleased to receive a number of visitors into school this week to enhance some of our topic learning. On Friday morning Steve Brine MP came to hold a workshop with Year 4 and 5 following their visit to the Houses of Parliament in September, the daughter of a survivor from the Titanic talked to Willow Class and a bee keeper came in to show Year 3 how honey is made as part of their science topic on plants.



Philip, the priest in charge at St Cross, led our worship on Monday and talked to the children about the Bible story of the Good Samaritan which is one of the stories which supports our school value of

Love. The Open the Book team retold the miracle of Jesus walking on water with the theme that Christians should always put their trust in God. *Mark 6*

Academic success at St Faith's!

We have recently received a progress summary of our data from July 2017. "**Progress in reading, writing and mathematics was significantly above average and in the highest 10%**" of schools nationally. This report shows the progress that all of our Y6 children made against national comparators. We are delighted that the progress made by our children was significant and puts the school in the top 3% nationally for writing, the top 10% nationally for reading and the top 6% nationally for maths. This is a real achievement in times of change for both the national curriculum and the assessment. It really does demonstrate how well the children and the staff are doing! We are always looking for ways to move forward which is why our focus this year is so much on the learning of times tables both at home and at school!

Switch off Fortnight led by the Eco Committee



Our Eco-committee leaders talked to the rest of the school about EDF Energy's Switch off Fortnight campaign. They asked each class to have at least one session without electricity during

the next two weeks and also set up a lunchtime treasure hunt quiz about electricity around the school. The children have really enjoyed taking part and reading the clues for information. The lucky winners will receive a Pod keyring! *It was quite dark in our classroom but we could see what we were doing and we didn't have computers on or the whiteboard or the lights. We should turn our lights off more and save our electricity.* **Mario, Freddy, Bea and Reuben**

Question time with Steve Brine MP



Steve Brine MP came to St Faith's this week as a follow up to Year 4 and 5's visit to the Houses of Parliament in September. Mrs Landen had borrowed a box from the Parliament Education Centre containing key

backgrounds and props which were put to good use in the session. The classroom was organised as the House of Commons and the stage was set for Question Time at St Faith's. Alex

was a very efficient Speaker who selected various members of class table groups to put forward their questions! Steve answered each question fully and in doing so educated the children about the democratic way in which parliament runs and about the wider role of an MP. Questions were asked about life as an MP and working in the Houses of Parliament as well as questions based around needs in Winchester and in school. We really appreciate Steve Brine taking the time to lead this session. The children were all really engaged! Alex has now decided he would like to be an MP!



Daughter of Titanic survivor talks to Willow Class

Jean Legg kindly came in to talk to Willow Class about her father's experience on the Titanic when it sank. The children were captivated by the account and it was a really interesting culmination of their project about the Titanic.

Mrs Legg came into school to speak to Willow Class because she was the daughter of a crew member of the Titanic. Her father's name was Sid and he looked after third class passengers. On that night a man knocked on the door and Sid thought it was a practice and he thought it was a silly time for a practice because it was the middle of the night! However when they lowered the lifeboats he realised it wasn't a practice. Sid had to tell everyone to get out and come on deck. It took about half an hour and the ship was already going down. He looked



after 20 people. It was too icy to untie the lifeboat so Sid used a penknife to set the lifeboat free but it rolled away. He jumped in with another man and they found the upside down lifeboat with people on it and he managed to climb on

with the other person. Finally they were rescued by The Carpathia after two hours. Sid went on to fight in WW1 and was injured but he didn't die. **By Freddie Y4**

A bee keeper visits Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about pollination in their Science topic about plants. On Wednesday morning we were really pleased that Mrs Baldwin was able to come in to talk to the children about the way in which bees use flowers and help with pollination. The children found it fascinating and were keen to try the honey!



Mrs Baldwin showed us her beehive. She told us that the bees can make honey if they get pollen from flowers. The worker bees take the nectar and make it into honey. She told us that the bees don't like it when she takes the roof off. She wears a white suit so

that she is protected. She uses a smoker to put the bees to sleep so that she can collect the honey. We saw a photo of the queen bee. She showed us a honey comb and how she can get honey off it. At the end we got to taste some of her honey. It was a bit drippy and it tasted sweet. **By Victoria Y3**

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: **Monty and Reuben**
Silver Birch: **Elana and Agatha**
Willow: **Victoria and Clara**
Maple: **Tom and Tuelle**
Beech: **Sam and Rosie**



St Faith's Crosses

Tess – for improved listening skills
Harry – for thinking carefully before he acts
Claudia and Livia I – for always being kind and helpful
Henry – for helping without being asked
Aarica– for showing courage and consistent effort in all areas of the curriculum
Max – for excellent contributions to class discussions
Anna and Robert – for kindness towards others

Christmas Decorations for our Tree

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 4th 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!

St Faith's Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal raised the grand total of £201.32. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

Maple parents invited to Rule Britannia topic outcome Tuesday 5th December at 2.30

Mrs Landen would like to invite parents to the Maple Class outcome of their Rule Britannia topic on the above date and time.

Bike Rack for St Faith's is approved by Governors

In response to requests from parents and with our aim to promote healthy living, the governors have agreed to a bike rack being installed in the school grounds. We are hopeful that this will be in place and ready for action by half term in the Spring term.

Governor visit about Science Learning

Four of our governors came into school on Monday afternoon for a visit based on Science which is one of our focus subjects this year. Mrs Matcham our science leader talked to them about our science curriculum and the progression of skills. The governors spent time in science lessons and talked to the children about their scientific learning. The outcome was really positive. We are very lucky to have such interested and active governors.



Message from St Faith's School Association. Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December

12-2 pm Stalls, wreaths, carol singing and refreshments. Do come along and support us.



Message from St Cross

We warmly invite to St Cross to celebrate the festive season

Sunday 10th December – Christingle Service 9.30pm
Sunday 17th December – Carol Service 5.30pm
Sunday 24th December – Children's Crib Service 4pm
Christmas Day – Sung Eucharist with carols –all ages 9.30am

Emails/Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Ark information and booking form
Whole school – Christmas dinner and booking form
Please let the office know if you have not received these

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5th December – Maple parent outcome 2.30pm
6th Dec – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham
7th December – Y4 African drumming concert 1.30
7th Dec – Open afternoon for Fox and De Blois 3.30-4.30
12th December – Infant Nativity 2pm
13th December – Infant Nativity 2pm
14th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross 6pm
19th December – Y5 and 6 singing at the Buttercross
19th December – Infants to sing at the Grange
21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Spring Term 2018

4th January – start of term
12th-16th February – Half term
6th and 8th March - Parents' evenings
29th March – End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th January 2018

	Monday 4th June 2018 Monday 23 rd July 2018
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