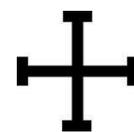




ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Lighting the Path

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Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care



This has been an exciting week to end our half term with trips for Mercury and Saturn, an Infant visit to Lockburn, the Big School Bird Watch in our Hide and a visit from the Daily Echo! Father Paul led our assembly on

Monday with a theme of honesty and integrity which comes under our school value of Care. He talked about John the Baptist and the important message that we should only do to others what we would want others to do to us. This fits very well with our Talking School focus. Molly and Flynn both read their prayers to the whole school. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the story of the rich man and the party *Matthew 22* and how we should include all others. Elsa and Tommy, our Year 6 school councillors talked to the rest of the school about the Talking School boxes that they have set up. Please ask your child to explain what the boxes are for! They are already being used well.



St Faith's in 1895

We recently discovered some photos of St Faith's dated 1895. We have now framed them and put them on display.

The children have been fascinated by the clothes that the pupils were wearing and the photos have raised some interesting discussions.

Roman Trip to the City Museum

Mercury and Saturn class walked to the City Museum on separate afternoons this week to carry out workshops to extend their Roman topic. Mrs Landen and Miss Whiteman were really pleased with the children's behaviour and their enthusiastic responses.

Report by Aarica and Robert

We walked to the City Museum and we were split into 3 groups. Two groups went upstairs and one stayed downstairs. Upstairs we had to search for a picture of a lead coffin and a skeleton. The lead coffin was damaged by diggers when it was uncovered in Winchester. Downstairs we looked at a Roman pot with Robin. We sat in a circle and we all held the pot. We shared our ideas. It dated back 1700 years. Then we swapped over. We had to draw mosaics and coins and complete some sheets. The mosaic we looked at was discovered behind the Brooks Centre. We learnt that the coins had two faces and enjoyed learning Roman facts.

Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied the children on the visit.

Big School Bird Watch

We are very grateful to Mr Crump and Mr Maundrell for leading our Big School Bird Watch survey again this year. Small groups of children went to the Hide to spot birds and to record their sightings on the sheets. They were excited to use the new binoculars and saw many birds on the birdfeeders and in the nearby trees. They were



particularly interested to see two woodpeckers. Mr Maundrell also identified a Water Rail which apparently is not seen very often. We have now sent the information off to be part of the national data

collection for the Bird Watch.

Venus and Neptune's visit to Lockburn



On Thursday morning all of the Infants went to spend some time in Lockburn, our conservation area. They are reading a book called the *Colour Thief* by Gabriel Alborozo and went over there to be nature colour

detectives to see how many different colours they could find. They were fascinated by the experience and could also see the seasonal changes that are happening. They were excited to spot the outline of birds' feet in the frost and the ice on the water.

Visit from the Daily Echo

Rachel from the Daily Echo came to school on Wednesday afternoon to write a report about St Faith's as part of their feature on local schools. She talked to many of the children and took photos of various activities. She also went over to see the Bird Watch taking place. The four House Captains gave a tour and spent time talking to her. We will let you know when it is going to be published.

E-Safety update

You will probably have heard the concerns in recent news reports about the number of children who have got Face Book or Instagram accounts under the official age. No child in a Primary school should have such an account. As we approach the half term holiday please can you ensure that you know exactly what children are accessing on the Internet and that as advised they are not able to go on the Internet when out of sight of adults. Surveys are showing that most problems occur when children are accessing the Internet in their bedrooms.

Changing back into uniform after football and netball clubs and names in clothes

This is a reminder that we are asking for all children to change back into their school uniform after they have been to football or netball club. This has already resulted in far less uniform being left behind and the rooms are being left much tidier. PE kits are also staying in school! On a different note, when washing PE kits etc over half term please could you check that all clothing that children wear in school – uniform and PE kits- are named. Thank you for your support in this.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Foxe House** for working hard and for gaining the most Achievement Points this week!



House Cup Winners for Spring 1

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois House** for gaining the most Achievement Points this half term. **All children in De Blois can wear non-uniform on Friday 26th February.**

Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Victoria and Ava**

Neptune: **Freddie and Bethany**

Mercury: **Gabriel and Alasdair**

Saturn: **Daisy and Matthew**

Jupiter: **Alyshia and Tess**



St Faith's Crosses

Hamish – for being a determined writer

Claudia – for excellent manners

Flynn – for helpful tidying in class

Arlo and Zac – for tidying up the room

Aarica and Rosie – for being super efficient chair monitors.

Jonas – for helpfulness at lunchtime

Anna and Thomas – for holding doors for the class

Tommy and Yasmin – for helping others with maths work

Orchestra

Our school orchestra is steadily growing and we now have a very committed group of instrumentalists from Year 4 to Year 6 who meet every Thursday after school. They are enjoying learning “Meet the Flintstones” at the moment and will perform to the rest of the school soon.



Home learning

We are very aware that the amount of coverage required to meet the expectations of the new national curriculum has had a direct impact on the expectations of home learning, particularly in Year 2 and Year 6. Thank you very much for all you are doing to support your child. It really does make a difference! Do come and speak to us if you ever have any questions about the home learning. **Dawn James**

Maths Packs for Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you for all of the positive feedback we have received about the maths packs that we have provided for home learning. We are really pleased that you feel that the packs are helpful.

Letters sent home this week

Whole school – Attendance policy

Whole school – Disco ticket letter

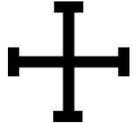
Year 6 – Natural History Museum visit

Please ask at the office if you require copies of any letters

PH Sports Holiday Club – Our Breakfast Club providers will be running a Holiday Club at St Faith's on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February 8am-4pm

Message from St Cross

The all age service is on Sunday 14th February. The whole service is designed to involve the children and all families are very welcome.



Message from St Faith's School Association

Please note the date change for the Quiz Night & Summer Hoedown.

26th February - Year 3 cake sale.

26th February - Children's school disco.

11th March - Quiz Night *** Date Change**

18th March - Year 2 cake sale.

24th March - Easter Egg Hunt.

9th July - Summer Hoedown ** Date Change**

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2016

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February - Half term

Monday 22nd February – Fire Engine visit for the Infants

Wednesday 24th February- Y3,4,5 visit to Fishbourne

Monday 7th March – Jupiter to Natural History Museum

Thursday 10th March – Year 3 Pizza Express workshop

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March – Parent evenings

Wednesday 16th March– Open afternoon for Beaufort and De Blois 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 17th March – Open afternoon for Foxe and Wykeham 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 23rd March – Easter Service 2pm

Thursday 24th March – End of term **1.15pm**

Summer Term 2016

11th April – Term starts

9th to 13th May – SATs week for Year 6

30th May to 3rd June – Half term

Wednesday 20th July – End of term at 1.15pm

Inset Days

Friday 24th June 2016