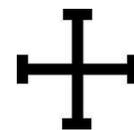




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Lighting the Path

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



The focus has been much more on the creative elements of the curriculum this week after the national tests of last week. Many of the classes have been over to Lockburn and different art

projects have been taking place in school. Our Monday worship was run by the school's team from Christchurch who talked about ways in which people are called to follow Jesus. The Open the Book team told a Bible story about the child Jannai who led a good example to those around him and was noticed by Jesus *Matthew 18*.

Outcome of our External Moderation for Year R

In line with the county moderation cycle we have been externally moderated this year for our Early Years provision. The outcome was extremely positive about our practice in Year R and the progress that the children are making. All of our judgements were agreed and the report is very complimentary about the Year R provision. Congratulations to Miss Berry, all of the Year R team and of course to the children who are all displaying such a good attitude towards their learning!



A Vet visits the Infants

As part of the topic about pets, Betty Chadwick, a vet from Petersfield, came in to school on Monday morning to talk to Year R, 1 and 2 in turn. Each child had prepared a question to ask. The questions were very varied and some certainly made the vet think such as - Why do rabbits have floppy ears? When asked about the most unusual pet she had treated, she told them how she had looked after a Cheetah when she worked abroad. The children were fascinated by the session and followed up the talk by writing down the answer that they were given to their question.

Digital Leaders talk about E-Safety

Our digital leaders talked to the rest of the school about E-safety on Tuesday and presented a variety of posters they have designed with Miss Whiteman which give our children important messages about managing the Internet safely.



Walk to School Week

Congratulations to all of the children who walked to school this week or walked part of the way. We have noticed a difference in the school traffic and are really hoping that children will continue to walk or scooter whenever they can. Parking further away and walking also helps.

Map skills in Mercury Class

Mercury class are studying maps as part of their topic about Winchester. They have been learning how to use Digi-maps on the computers and have also been learning to identify a number of different map symbols.



Clay models in the style of Gaudi



As part of their project on Spain, Saturn Class have been studying the work of the architect Gaudi. They have used different plants as inspiration for their own

chimney designs. They then spent Tuesday afternoon using their sketch to create a clay model. The children were surprised by how much they had to manipulate the clay to make the shapes and then to ensure that all of their joins were carefully done. Finally they added the detail. The results are very creative and they are now waiting for them to dry out.



Greek Pots in Jupiter

Jupiter Class have been carrying out historical research to find out about pots used in Ancient Greece and the type of decoration they had on them. They then designed their own pots and patterns based on their findings. They learnt how to make coil pots and then followed their designs to add on the details and to decorate them. The finished pots are very effective.



Lockburn Environmental Area

Mr Crump has now cleared the final parts of the area and put up the final gate! This means that the whole area can now be used by classes; much to the delight of the children and staff! The gardening club sowed some Wild



Flower seeds in a newly created section under the direction of Mrs Landen on Tuesday. We are planning to invite parents to come and have a look around Lockburn after half term.

Maths Pack Evaluations for Years 1 and 2

Mrs Matcham is in the process of setting up Maths Packs for the new Year 1 children but would like feedback from parents before she completes them. Please could you return your evaluation forms on Monday. It would also be really helpful if you could send Mrs Matcham some photos of the Maths Packs being used at home.



Lost property and naming items. Spot checks!

Thank you for your support in this. All of the teachers have been carrying out spot name checks this week and already there has been far less lost property taken to the office. Please check that water bottles, coats, school uniform and PE kit are all named in obvious places. We are having a real push on children taking more responsibility for their own property – an important life lesson!

House Cup Winners of the Week

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



Congratulations to the following Year R children who have learnt to read all of their high frequency words:
Elana

Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Jasper and Henry**

Neptune: **Edward and Alfie**

Mercury: **Morgan and James**

Saturn: **Imogen and Toby**

Jupiter: **Anya and Jasmine**



St Faith's Crosses

Cameron - for showing great concentration

Zoe - for writing a thoughtful prayer

Emily - for consistent good manners

Ava - for being polite and well mannered

Kainoah - for a good working attitude

Tom - for always being sensible

Blair - for greater concentration and commitment

Charlie - for showing good manners

Matthew - for helpfulness in school

Tom - for always being polite to adults

Trips

There are many exciting trips arranged for this term and those in Year 3 and Year 5 will have recently received information about the residential trips booked for September. Whilst I am convinced that every trip will be a valuable experience and will enhance the learning for the children, I am well aware that there is a necessary cost to all of these. The residential trips can be paid in instalments. Please do come in and see me if you have any concerns regarding the payment of trips.

Inset Days

Friday 24th June 2016

Den Day for Venus and Neptune

Message from Mrs Moretti and Mrs Brannigan

On Thursday 23rd June the Infants will join Save the Children for their national  Den Day in aid of children who have not got a safe place to sleep at night. It should prove a fun and creative challenge as well as highlighting important issues. We will be asking for a £2 donation on the day for this cause. As you can imagine we will need plenty of "building" material for this day and we would be extremely grateful if you could please hold on to any large cardboard boxes and bring them into school nearer to the time. We could also use any large pieces of material, rope, pegs, tarpaulin, blankets and other things. Finally, if you would like to take part in the fun as a parent helper please speak to your child's teacher.

Letters sent home this week

PH Sports Breakfast Club booking forms for Summer 2
PH Sports Holiday Club for May Half term
Please ask at the office if you need a copy of any of the above.

Message from St Faith's School Association

Summer Fete : 17th June

Summer HoeDown : 9th July

Dates for Your Diary Summer Term 2016

Monday 23rd May - Year 3 to Search Museum

Wednesday 25th May - Y6 trip to Mayflower

Thurs 26th May - Beaulieu Information Eve Y5 6pm

30th May to 3rd June - Half term

Wednesday 8th June - New Yr R (Sept 16) meeting 6.30

Friday 10th June - Queen's 90th Picnic on the field

Thursday 16th June - Flute concert for parents

Monday 20th June - Infant trip to Marwell

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day 9.15am

Wednesday 22nd June - Minstead Information Y3 6pm

Thurs 23rd June - Den building day for the Infants

Thursday 23rd June - Y6 Cathedral Day

Wednesday 27th June - Lorraine Lee talk at Kings

Friday 1st July - Saturn Class to Hat Fair

Friday 1st July - Kings' Induction day

Monday 4th July - African workshops for the Infants

Tuesday 5th July - Class photographs

Wednesday 6th July - Parent Voice group

Monday 11th July - Spanish Fiesta day - Saturn

Tuesday 12th July - End of year performance 7pm

Weds 13th July - End of year performance 2pm

Thurs 14th July - Listen2Me Voice concert Y4 parents 1.30pm

Thurs 14th July - End of year performance 7pm

Thurs 14th July - Year 5 Taster day at Kings'

Wednesday 20th July - End of term at **1.15pm**

Club News -

Summer Sports

Our Sports leaders will be on a training course for the week after half term. Therefore there will be no Summer Sports Clubs on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June.