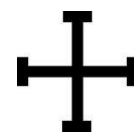




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NEWSLETTER



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 started our week with our annual tradition of each child hanging a decoration on our school Christmas tree. Many of the



decorations were home made making our tree unique! There was a very special atmosphere in the school hall as each class came up. Our collective worship on Monday was led by the Christchurch team who retold the Bible story of the arrival of the Wise Men with the

theme that thinking about the birth of Jesus is very important for Christians. The Open the Book team retold the story of the First Christmas - Luke 2

Years 1 and 2 sing at the Grange

All of the children in Years 1 and 2 went to sing to the residents at the Grange on Tuesday morning. They sang a selection of songs from their Nativity production "A Christmas Recipe". The residents were particularly appreciative and Mrs Matcham and Miss Croker were delighted by the way in which the children spoke so happily and clearly to the residents after the performance.

Special Presentation for Dan



We were delighted to welcome Steve Brine MP and Prof Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of Winchester University to our Achievement assembly on

Friday morning when they came to St Faith's to present Dan Y2 with his winning Christmas card design and certificate in a special frame. We were really pleased that Dan's mother could join us



for the occasion as well. Everyone gave Dan a loud round of applause! We learnt that Steve Brine will be writing and sending around one thousand of these cards! After the presentation, Steve answered a number of questions about being an MP. We found out that



although there are a lot of serious moments in the House of Commons there are also a lot of fun times as well and that one of the best parts of the job for Steve is being able to help people.

School Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who bought trees and attended the fun event last Saturday. It raised an incredible £3100! Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising the event in some way with particular thanks to Emma Gibbs and Judith McHardy for all their hard work to make it such a success. I am so grateful to the School Association and to everyone who has supported the various fundraising events this year. It really does make an incredible difference to the school as our school budget gets tighter and tighter.



Christmas Card School Postal Service

The Christmas letter box will be outside the office from Monday 12th December. All Christmas cards must have both names of the child on the front and the class name to ensure delivery!



Maple Class Parent Outcome

A large number of parents came to watch the Maple Class parent outcome on Wednesday afternoon. Each member of the class gave facts about forests and rainforests and then contributed their own



rhythmic verse to the Rainforest Rap. The range of animal sounds at the end was very realistic! The whole class performed a very effective dance about the destruction of the rain forest. The parents then had the opportunity to share the topic work with the children.



Wire sculpture workshop in Willow Class

Jo Bressloff from Southampton Art Gallery came to lead a very interesting wire sculpture workshop with Willow Class using St Catherine's Hill for inspiration. They created their frames from wire and used coloured wires to make the hill and add the details such as grass and frost. They were shown how to coil wire around a knitting



needle to create different effects. Many also chose to put a bird in their landscape. The results were really effective and are now on display in Willow Class for all to see. Thank you very much to all of the parents who came in to help.



Dress for Christmas on Friday 16th December!

Emma and the House Captains in Year 6 would like everyone to dress in a Christmas jumper or Christmas type clothes and hat on the last day of term and to bring in **£1** for the local **Joe Glover Trust**. It would be great if the children could contribute towards this with their own money as a way of showing Love to others at this Christmas time. (Please note that all clothes need to be suitable to run around in outside at playtime!) There will be a competition for the best KS2 Christmas jumper!



Brass Concert for Parents

On Thursday afternoon Year 4 performed their new brass playing skills in front of their parents and Years R, 1 and 3. It was a very lively concert and certainly a very impressive standard after only twelve lessons! We are really hoping that some of the children will continue to learn a brass instrument. Thank you to Mr Walker.

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: **Agatha and Jamie**

Silver Birch: **Elana and Max**

Willow: **Edward and Evie**

Maple: **Sophie and James**

Beech: **Poppy and Matthew**

St Faith's Crosses

Sienna - for great understanding of our values

Zac - for thinking carefully about compassion

Livia - for being cheerful and polite

Magnus - for being well mannered

Theo - for his determination with spelling

Thea - for consistently displaying excellent manners and engagement

Ben and Gabe - for kindness to peers

Phoebe and Maddie - for always displaying excellent manners

Staffing Update

We have been very pleased to welcome a number of students from Winchester University this term.

Supporting the training of our future teachers is a very important role for St Faith's. Mrs Buchanan, who is training with us for the year, will be going to St Bede for the half term after Christmas as she has to undertake a placement in two different schools in order to attain her qualified teacher status. In turn we will welcome Miss McKeever into Willow Class for half a term under the tuition of Miss Whiteman. Miss McKeever is currently training at St Bede and has already been to visit the school on a number of occasions. We wish Mrs Buchanan all the very best as she undertakes her second placement and look forward to her return after the Spring half-term. **Dawn James**

End of term arrangements- early finish!

A reminder that we finish term after lunch on Friday 16th December at **1.15pm**



Message from The Parish of St. Faith at St. Cross

We wish you well in all your preparations for Christmas and warmly invite you to St Cross to celebrate this festive season

Sunday 11th December 9.30am **Christingle Service**

Sunday 18th December 5.30pm **Carol Service**

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 4.00pm

Children's Crib Service

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

9.30am **Sung Eucharist with Carols**

Letters sent home this Week

Infants - letter about Nativity performances and tickets

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

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**

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January - Start of term

19th January - Young Voices concert at O2

20th - 24th February - Half term

14th and 16th March - Parent Evenings

7th April - End of term

Clubs for Spring Term 2017

Please sign up for clubs at the office. All clubs requiring payment must be paid for before the child can start the club.

Gymnastic Club - On Your Marks Sport - Mondays 3.30-4.30 Years 2-4 Start date 9th January £48

Young Voices Club - Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-5pm

3rd, 10th and 17th January **Musical Theatre Club** from 28th Feb

Netball Club - Mrs Landen -Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 9th January

Football Club - Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 3rd January

Karate Club - Wednesdays - Years 1-6 3.30-4.30pm pay direct to the club Start date: 11th January

Football Club - Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 4th January

Netball Club - Mrs Hodgkinson - Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3 and 4 Start date: tbc

Orchestra - Mrs Harding -Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 12th January

Recorder Clubs and Cross Country Club will continue during school time.

On Your Marks Sports to take over our Breakfast Club in January 2017

We are delighted that Marc and Andy, our resident sports coaches, are going to take over our Breakfast Club from January. They know all the children very well and will run a number of sports activities for the children before school and provide breakfast. The club is open to all children with a drop off from any time after 7.30am. More details will follow very shortly.

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