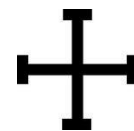




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Lighting the Path

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

This has been an exciting and active week with four performances of our Key Stage 2 production, trips to the water meadows, a racket festival, philosophy sessions, a ukulele concert and trips to Kings for Years 4 and 5! We started our week with a visit from the school library service who were promoting their Summer Reading Challenge called Animal Agents. We are hoping that as many children as possible will take part in the challenge which involves at least two visits to the Discovery Centre and reading at least six books over the holidays. On Tuesday the Open the Book team led their final collective worship for the year with the message that God has no favourites – *Acts 10*. We are really grateful to all of the Open the Book team for giving up their time to lead our worship every Tuesday. It is great to have such a positive link with St Cross.

The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!



All of the children in Key Stage 2 were involved in the productions this week and they performed brilliantly! Years 3,4 and 5 performed dances and sang songs with great confidence – there were

Minions and Superheroes everywhere! Under the skilful direction of Mrs Hanson, all of the Year 6 children performed enthusiastically on stage each having many lines to say. It was a complicated production with many different roles and props which the children managed with superb timing! There are definitely some budding actors in the class and we are hoping that they will continue with their drama when they move onto their secondary schools. The audiences were really appreciative of it all. The children clearly enjoyed performing and I am sure



that it is something that they will always remember about St Faith's! Thank you very much to all who supported this production in some way!



SATS Success 2017!

We are delighted with our Year 6 SATS results for 2017. Every single child in Beech should be congratulated for the progress that they have made and the results they have achieved. 100% achieved age related expectations (ARE) or above in writing, 96% achieved ARE or above in maths, 96% achieved ARE or above in reading and 100% achieved ARE or above in grammar and spelling. 91% of our children achieved ARE or above in reading, writing and maths combined compared to 65% in Hampshire and 61% nationally. Well done to everyone!

Willow Class go to Racket Festival at Kings'



We were put into groups of eight and there were lots of different activities to do. It was really hot! We had five minutes on each activity. There were different races with a ball. In one you had to bounce it along and in another if

you missed the ball you had to go down. There was badminton and one game when you had to volley the ball. We also played table tennis and we played battle ships by hitting cones. It was all on Kings' playing field and some past pupils of St Faith's helped to run the event. It was really good fun. By Evelyn and Ollie Y3

Beech and Silver Birch visit the Water Meadows

On Monday we went to the Water meadows and met three leaders; two helped with stream dipping and one worked with a group on the meadow. We last worked with them in October.



We found some mini-beasts in the meadows. We found soldier beetles on leaves and a few grasshopper and crickets. There were also frog hoppers and dragon flies. We were given pots to look at them closely. Susan told us all about the different creatures. When we went to the stream they explained how to find creatures in the water. The technique we used was called kick sample when one person kicks the mud at the bottom and the other holds



the net. We put our creatures into a tray. We found a lot of shrimps, may fly nymphs and water snails. We found out that a may fly only lives for

one day! We also found a few little fish! We enjoyed looking for the mini beasts and we have learnt a lot about them. **Report by Sello and Poppy**

Philosophy session led by Dr MacIntosh

We are very grateful to Dr Elizabeth MacIntosh for leading philosophy sessions with Maple, Willow and Silver Birch this week. The children really enjoy these sessions and always have plenty to contribute!

Outline of the sessions

We started the session by reading a book called Frederick about a family of field mice. The story beautifully raises questions about what constitutes work and whether some forms of work are more important than others, whether Frederick was pulling his weight in the family, and what responsibilities family members have to each other. We went on to consider what work is hard, what work is valued more by society and if this correct or needs altering. The students offered fantastic reflections and we were able to make some important observations and work on some key definitions.

Dr MacIntosh

Year 4 perform a Ukulele concert for parents



Greg Walker, our Listen2Me teacher, has been teaching the Year 4 children how to play the ukulele this term. On Thursday they performed an exciting and varied concert playing the ukulele

and singing which went from nursery rhymes to rock with Status Quo! It was impressive to see how much they had learnt in the term!

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox House** 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 Harry**

Silver Birch: **Lila, Henry and Tom**

Willow: **Tom and Freddie**

Maple: **Finn and Elizabeth**

Beech: **Evie and Grace**



St Faith's Crosses

Bea – for showing care to her brother

Violet– for great enthusiasm for books

Flynn and Noah – for consistent good manners

Heidi – for looking after her friends

Ava – for excellent listening and effort

Alicia – for helpfulness and politeness

Sophie – for helping others with their learning

Blair and Matthew – for helpfulness with props

Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 26th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Dawn James

Lunchtime staffing update

We have recently been holding interviews for lunchtime supervisory assistants and I am delighted to welcome Charlotte Pickance and Jenny Wright onto our staff. They will both be taking up their posts in September.

Parent Outcomes for Willow and Maple

Willow Class are looking forward to their Egyptian day next Tuesday and will hold their parent outcome at 2.30pm. Maple Class will be presenting their parent outcome on Wednesday at 2.30pm.

Shoes for bare feet? Collection for Sal's Shoes at St Faith's – final day 17th July

Thank you so much to all those who have contributed shoes for this worthy cause. Please bring in all shoes by the end of school on Monday 17th July.



Message from St Faith's School Association

Mrs Jack talked to all of the children about the Grow a £1 initiative on Monday. We are really pleased that so many children wish to take part. Please hand in forms for the £1 as soon as possible.

Shakespeare in the Bishop's Garden

Pocket Theatre (with Miss Whiteman) are performing The Tempest this Friday 7pm and Sat 2pm & 7pm in the beautiful Bishop's garden. Bring a picnic! Tickets available on the door!

Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Take one picture exhibition

Whole school – Grow a £1 information

Whole school – Box for change for Esio Trot

Whole school – Parking problems – please note!

KS2 – Talent show next week

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

14th and 17th July – Take One Picture Exhibition 3.30pm

18th July - Parent Outcome for Willow Class 2.30pm

19th July – Parent Outcome for Maple Class 2.30pm

25th July – Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents 9.10am

25th July - End of term 1.15pm

Autumn term 2017

5th September – start of term

6th September – Curriculum Evening for **all** parents 6pm

23rd-27th October – Half term

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

After school clubs for the Autumn Term

We are putting out information now about our after school clubs so that parents can book our new after school care club – The Ark - for siblings if they so wish.

Please sign up if you wish your child to join one of these clubs. Numbers are limited for some clubs

Young Voices Club – Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 12th September

Netball Club – Mrs Landen -Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 18th September

Football Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 12th September

Football Club – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 13th September

The Ark - £12 per session 3.30pm-5.45pm