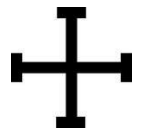




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Lighting the Path

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



This week we have certainly been able to tell that Christmas is on its way! The crib is on display, a beautiful Christmas tree has been put up in the hall, the Infants have been

rehearsing for their Nativity play and the Juniors have been preparing for their Christmas Carol concert next week. We started our week with the children proudly hanging their decorations on our Christmas Tree. Most of the children had made



their own decorations and the tree looks beautiful and unique as a result! This was followed by worship led by the Christchurch schools' team who retold the story of the first Christmas through the wrappings of a box of Celebrations. Each wrapping paper stood for a different part of the story. The children enjoyed unwrapping the

gift and hopefully they will all be able to connect unwrapping gifts at Christmas with the story of the first Christmas.



Maple Class Topic Outcome for Parents

All of Maple Class took part in a presentation for their parents which demonstrated their learning about democracy and parliament. They talked about the

Magna Carta and the various reform acts through the ages which enabled different groups to have a vote. They asked questions for their parents to answer and then re-enacted the opening of the Houses of Parliament with costumes and props. They also talked about their question and answer session with Steve Brine last week. It was clear that they have enjoyed their learning and they were keen to show their parents their topic books. [http://www.stevebrine.com/local-news/steve-brine-](http://www.stevebrine.com/local-news/steve-brine-question-time-at-city-primary-school/2967)

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Message from our Talking Schools Morning



Our recent House morning was all about believing in ourselves. We talked about all being part of St Faith's and all having a lot in common with others but also about the importance of being proud of

who we are. Each child has drawn pictures on a cross which show what is important to them and what their particular interests are. Each cross is surrounded by the child's House colour. These crosses have now been mounted together to show that every one is one important part of St Faith's. The children have been fascinated by the display and eager to look at what others have drawn. It really does show that although we have many similarities and are all part of St Faith's, everyone is different, unique and special!



Year 4 African Drumming Concert



Year 4 performed a very lively and exciting African drumming concert for their parents on Thursday afternoon under the direction of Mr Walker who is our Listen to Me music teacher. Listen to Me is a

Hampshire music service initiative which allows all of the children in Year 4 to learn three instruments in a year and to perform in a concert each term. Year 4 did an African dance, sang an African song and performed a number of African drum rhythms on a number of different instruments. They concentrated really well and managed to stop immediately when the signal was given! The Infants and Year 3 all came to watch as well and were quite surprised about how loud it was!

Sphero Ball in Action

Willow Class were delighted to be the first class to use the new Sphero balls with the new class ipads. They learnt how to direct them using Apps on the ipad and set up various runs and skittle alleys for the Sphero to roll over. They worked in pairs and had to talk things through with each other to work out what to do. It was great to see them using technology in such a constructive way!



Steve Brine Christmas Card competition

We have just received the certificates for the card competition. All of those who reached the shortlist stage have received an Awesome Painting Certificate. Those who reached the final and have their paintings on display at the Discovery Centre have received a Finalist certificate. Then the following five children have had their paintings reproduced on the back of the actual Christmas card which will be sent to many people including those at the Palace and the Houses of Parliament! Tobias, Elyse and Evelyn have all received a certificate of Commendation and Annabelle and Harry have won their year group categories and both have received a prize of a family ticket to Marwell.

Open Afternoons very well attended

It has been great to see so many parents in school for our Open Afternoons. The children really enjoy showing their work to their parents and talking about what they have done. Thank you for your support.

Interschool Football Tournament at Kings



Marc Gillingham, our sports coach took two teams to the football tournament at Kings on Thursday afternoon. The tournament was well organised and the teams had a really

enjoyable time even though they both came in the lower half of the tables out of the seven schools. Marc was really impressed by the commitment and the enthusiasm of the players.



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox 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: **Lorienne and Indigo**

Silver Birch: **Harrison and Matilda**

Willow: **Leo and Edward**

Maple: **Izzy and Arlo**

Beech: **Toby and Elizabeth**

St Faith's Crosses

Ava – for great courage in the Nativity show

Alastair – for great care when decorating his angel

Harry – for being very polite during lunchtimes

Sophia – for being a responsible helper

Zac – for excellent listening and participation

Tom – for always being polite and considerate to his friends and staff

Kate – for her determination to succeed in music

James – for showing courage and helpfulness towards others in music

Jonas – for always being helpful to others

Seb – for showing perseverance in class



Parent Voice Group discuss Parking!

We had a very constructive Parent Voice meeting on Wednesday with parking issues at St Faith's being the main topic. It is very useful to have local residents and parents who drive to school in the group so that all points of view can be discussed. The group have come up with some ideas to try to support people in finding safe places to park and also ways to include the School Council and our Junior Road Safety Officers.

Charity Table Sale Success!

Members of the St Faith's School Association braved the cold recently and spent a day in Winchester selling goods on behalf of the school from the charity tables. They raised an incredible £2000! Particular thanks must go to Bea Carter for all her hard work in setting up the stall and to Jayne Orton and Kerry Jack and their families. Ava and George did a great job on their lantern stall! Thank you very much to all concerned.



Message from St Faith's School Association.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last Saturday and to everyone who helped in some way. It was very busy and had a great atmosphere!



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 – Sign up for Clubs January 2018

Whole school – Online safety

Whole School – Life Education Workshops

Infants – Nativity letter and tickets

Year 1 and 2 – Visit to the Grange

Year 5 and 6 – Singing at the Buttercross

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Autumn term 2017

12th December – Infant Nativity 2.15pm

13th December – Infant Nativity 2.15 pm

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

4th and 5th January – Life Education Workshops

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 23rd July 2018

