



# 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  
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

We have had the first wet playtime of the term this week and also had to cancel the Inter house netball tournament due to the rain. However it has been a very creative week in school with all of the Infants making bread, Willow Class making volcanoes, Maple Class painting deer pictures and Beech Class carrying out scientific investigations about the preferred habitat of woodlice!

We started our week with collective worship about the importance of sleep and how lack of sleep can affect our brains. This all fits in with our mindfulness approach of looking after our bodies and making sure we have enough sleep, eat well and exercise.

The Open the Book team retold the second part of the story of Joseph and his brothers and how he forgave them when they all met up again. Many children enjoyed being part of the action. *Genesis 37-41*

#### Parent Governor Election Result

Thank you to those who put themselves forward for the role of parent governor and to those who sent in their votes. The votes were counted on Monday morning and I am pleased to announce that Ms Helen Brocklehurst is our new parent governor. The governors and the school would like to welcome Helen onto the governing body and we look forward to working with her in the future.

#### Grow a Pound Initiative

The Grow a Pound initiative run by the School Association over the Summer holidays raised an impressive total of £575. We are going to buy a class set of Blue-Bot Floor Robots with the money which will be used for coding. Thank you to all of the children involved. We are proud of what they have achieved!

#### Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in Shoeboxes for the appeal.



We are delighted to have around 50 boxes to send off to Eastern Europe. The School Councillors had fun making up four boxes with items sent in by



families for the appeal. Your generosity will certainly make a difference to many children.

#### Parent outcomes for Year 4 and Year 6

A large number of parents have been in school this week to see the outcomes for parents about the recent residential trips to Beaulieu and Minstead. The children presented information about their experiences and the parents were also shown photos of the trips. It was very clear that the children had thoroughly enjoyed their time away and benefitted from the activities!

#### KS2 Netball tournament - new date

The Inter House KS2 netball tournament has been rearranged for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The children will need tracksuits etc on that day.

#### Infants plant bulbs for the Spring

The children in Oak Class and Silver Birch Class have been busy planting bulbs in troughs to make a colourful display in the Spring. Thank you to the parents who came in to help.



#### Yeast Investigation and Bread making in the Infants

The infants have been carrying out scientific investigations to do with yeast this week. They observed yeast with sugar, yeast with water and yeast

with sugar and water. They used a magnifying lens to look closely at what was happening and were amazed when the yeast with sugar and water started to bubble up and rise!



Each year group then made bread following talks about hygiene and food preparation. The children mixed and kneaded the dough and then shaped it into rolls. We enjoyed having the smell of freshly baked bread around the school! The children were very proud of the results!

#### Science in KS2

**Year 3** are learning about plants and have been to Lockburn looking at leaves. They are currently doing an investigation to see how water is transported in plants. They have put celery and flowers into blue dye and are watching to see what effect this has. They are also learning about the life cycle of trees using scientific vocabulary

**Year 4** have been learning about classification keys with Mrs Johnson. They went to Lockburn to look for minibeasts and took photos of what they found. They identified the creatures using



identification charts and then made their own branching keys using the creatures they had found in Lockburn.



**Year 5** went pond dipping in Lockburn with Mrs Wetherell as part of their scientific learning about complete and incomplete metamorphosis. They found a number of different creatures in the pond. On their return they drew the stages of the metamorphosis for their creatures using the correct vocabulary.

### **Woodlice Investigation in Beech Class**

Year 6 are focusing on working scientifically and the importance of looking at just changing one variable with ways to measure the outcome. To do this they are carrying out a habitat investigation using woodlice. They observed what was happening at ten minute intervals and concluded that being under damp Autumn leaves is the preferred habitat for woodlice.

### **Response to Parent Questionnaire re Homework**

As a result of comments from parents about homework we are simplifying and reducing the amount of information that goes home for Years 1 and 2 from after half term. We hope that parents will find this helpful.

### **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 half term. Their non-uniform prize day will be on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.



### **Workers of the Week**

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

Oak: **Esther and James**

Silver Birch: **Alice and Violet**

Willow: **Elana and Hamish**

Maple: **Esme and Hal**

Beech: **Gabriel and Al**

### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Magnus** – for being patient and polite

**Hugo** – for walking in to school with a smile

**Ella** – for being a kind, responsible and polite member of team Silver Birch

**Zak** – for super focus during our brain breaks

**Livia and Rebekah** – for always offering to help

**Thea** – for fantastic tidying up after a messy art session!

**Freddie** – for brilliant perseverance and positive learning attitude

**Sophie and Max** – for helpfulness toward others

### **St Faith's Holiday Club – October 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>**

Please ask at the office for further details

### **St Faith's Extended School Provision**

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per session. **Please note that from 29<sup>th</sup> October coming to Breakfast Club without a booking will be £5.**

**The Ark** after school club Years R-6 Every day the school is open 3.30-5.45pm Monday – Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day 3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.

### **Mind Up Resources to use at Home**

Following the recent Mind Up workshop, several parents have requested more information about the Mind Up programme. Leaflet 1 is attached and explains the science behind it all and gives some ideas and resources for families to use at home. We hope that you will find it useful.

### **Film Night at St Faith's**

Around 90 children came to Film and Pyjama night last week with their various cushions and pillows. They had a fun time! Thank you to the organisers and to all the parents who gave up their time to help.

### **Message from the St Faith's School Association**

**Race Night** – 16<sup>th</sup> November – see flyer for more details  
The Year 6 cake sale made an impressive total of £107.50! Thank you to all who contributed to the sale.

### **Message from St Cross – Project for Common Good**

As some of you know the St. Faith's parish congregation at St. Cross are looking for ideas for a project they can work on for the common good of people in the City.

If you have ideas to contribute you can fill in their electronic survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K77MZFO>

Anna-Maria Holt

### **Emails/Letters sent home this week**

**Infants** – change of dates for Nativity Plays

### **Autumn Term 2018**

**22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Y6 Bikeability

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – YR parents to join children in class

**27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent evenings

**28<sup>th</sup> November** – Willow Class Outcome for parents  
2.30pm

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Be Bright Be Seen day

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Wells Book Shop in school pm

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Open afternoon for KS1 parents 3.30-4.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> December** Open afternoon for KS2 parents 3.30-4.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** Listen2Me Concert Year 4 parents  
1.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity play 9.30am

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross **5.30pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity play 2.15pm

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – End of term 1.15pm

### **Spring Term 2019**

**7<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of term

**18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February**– Half term

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 1.15pm

### **Inset days for 2018-2019**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**