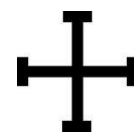




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Lighting the Path

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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 a fun and productive half-term. We have focused on the theme of Generosity under our Christian value of Care throughout the half term and the children have responded very

positively to this in all sorts of ways. We started this week with collective worship led by Father Paul who talked about the ways in which we can be generous with our time. This is such an important message for us all. The children have been putting messages on our Generositree stating ways in which they are going to be generous to others. On Tuesday the Open the Book team continued with the story of Joseph and how he told people what their dreams meant by listening to God *Genesis 37*.

Philosophy Session with Year 6

On Monday Dr Elizabeth Mackintosh, one of our governors, came in to carry out a philosophical discussion with Year 6.

Year 6 read a challenging bit of text from the Philosopher Plato on the purpose of school and education. The students considered what they would do if they had the challenge of setting up a school and what the goal of school was. We considered the case of Mr Slughorne a teacher who has favourites and Debby and Tom the aspiring model and footballer. We also considered religion in school and the role of a church school.

We played some old favourites too such as organic sitting and the talk ball. I am looking forward to coming back soon and running a philosophy game with points next time. Great thinking year 6!

Sainsbury's Games Netball Tournament for KS2



Every child in KS2 played in a match for their House in the annual netball tournament on Wednesday afternoon. The sun shone and every match was played in the best spirit.

It was great to see the teams have a competitive spirit whilst encouraging each other. A special mention must go to Mrs Hanson and Mrs Landen for running the event and to all of Year 6 who helped to run it so smoothly. The House Captains were very pleased that each House got a team through to the semi-final. The final was between Wykeham A team and de Blois B team with Wykeham scoring 2 goals to become the tournament winners! Congratulations to Wykeham!



Your Time to Shine Day

Maddie and Ben, our Junior Road Safety Officers, organised a very successful day in school on Thursday when everyone wore High Vis jackets in school



to raise awareness about the importance of being seen in the dark. We are encouraging the children to wear their high-vis clothing on the darker evenings.

Thank you very much to all of those

who supported this cause.

Rotary Club Shoeboxes

Thank you so much for all of the shoeboxes that have been sent in to send to children in eastern Europe. We are delighted that we have received over 60 boxes – a huge contribution from a small school! This will make such a difference to the children who receive them this Christmas.



Infants learn about Sukkot in Religious Education



Two thirds of our religious education teaching is based on Christianity and the remaining third is based on teaching about another world religion. The Infants study Judaism, Years 3,4 and 5 study

Hinduism and Year 6 study Islam. This week the children in the Infants have been learning about Sukkot. Sukkot commemorates the years the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and celebrates the way in which God protected them under difficult desert conditions. The word Sukkot means huts and the children in Year 1 and 2 have been creating their own



Sukkahs to create an understanding of how Jewish children celebrate the festival. The children in Year R created a Sukkah in their outside area. The children explained to me

that the Sukkah should have a roof of branches and leaves so that people inside can see the sky and the stars. They have learnt that Jewish children spend time in a Sukkah to experience what it is like to live without having a nice, comfy house around them.



Football Tournament at Kings'

There were two different pools, Year 6 were in pool 1 and Year 5 were in pool 2. We played six matches against the other

Kings' cluster schools. Year 5 came 4th in their group and Year 6 came 3rd. Finn was the top goal scorer for Year 5 and Hal for Year 6. We did really good team work and Dylan was great in defence! Everyone had a great time!
Reported by Hal Y6 and Robert Y5

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!



House Cup Winners of the Half Term

Congratulations to **Wykeham House** for gaining the most House Points for this half term. Their non-uniform prize day will be on **Friday 4th November**.

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Sienna and Alex**

Silver Birch: **Noah and Harry**

Willow: **Arlo and Zac**

Maple: **Finn and Alasdair**

Beech: **Faith and Thomas**



St Faith's Crosses

Monty – for thinking about others at Sukkot

Violet – for always thinking of others

Cameron – for helping to set up the classroom

Henry – for saying happy "Good morning!"

James – for standing back to let adults through

Aarica – for being a responsible helper

Seb, Sienna, Anna and Imogen – for consistent good manners

Sam and Ava – for being helpful towards others

Talk from Matthew Leeming about Kings'

We are very proud of our close links with Kings' secondary school and it was good to see so many parents at the talk about Kings' on Thursday evening. Mr Leeming and the Head boy and girl gave information and then answered a number of questions.

Gymnastics Club after half term for Years 2,3 and 4

We are very pleased to let you know that Marc Gillingham, our sports coach, will be running a Gymnastics Club after school on Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm. The club will cost £28 for the half term paid in advance. Please sign up at the office if you are interested.



Wells Book Fair

Wells Book Shop will be holding a book fair in the school hall on Friday 4th November. The children will all have a chance to browse or buy a book during the afternoon and parents will be able to shop from 3.30-4pm.

Dawn James

Message from St Cross



In synergy with our theme of generosity this term, the Parish of St. Faith with St. Cross is running a

Giving in Grace campaign. Starting on Sunday 23rd October, the campaign is designed to help the Parish meet its vision of growing in numbers, in faith and in social outreach, so that in 2018 it's able to:

- employ a part-time youth worker
- continue to invest in our church community, looking after young and old
- cover our bills and obligations

As part of the campaign, the church community is asked to think about what money they give, or what they might give, on a regular basis. For more information, please ask Mrs Crump for a Parish Giving Scheme pack, a simple scheme that allows individuals and families to make regular donations to the church. No more frantic searching for loose change and cash during the service!

Message from St Faith's School Association



School Christmas Cards 2016 – You should have received information about creating a Christmas card which can be printed for you to send out at Christmas. All orders have to

be made online by Wednesday 2nd November and all artwork has to be back in school by Thursday 3rd November. It's a great thing to do over half term and a fun way to raise money for the school!

Letters/Emails sent home this week

Whole School – School Christmas card details

Please let Mrs Crump know if you have missed this

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

24th -28th October – Half term

31st October – 3rd November – Bikeability for Year 6

4th November – Wells Book Fair

9th Nov – Parent outcome for YR,1 and 2 parents 3pm

23rd November – Stay and play morning for YR parents

25th November - Individual photos

29th November and 1st December – Parent Evenings

30th November – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham
Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

8th December – Listen2Me concert Year 4 parents

8th December – Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-
Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

13th and 14th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

15th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

16th December - End of term **1.15pm**

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017