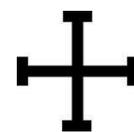




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

This has been a very busy and active half term and I have been delighted by the positive learning attitudes that our children have been displaying. Our focus on the school value of Courage has been explored in many different ways with regard to personal development and resolve. A child the other day came to tell me that they had shown courage by trying a new food at lunchtime and another said that they had shown courage by asking to play with a different group of friends. The main message has been to do with having the courage to have a go in their learning and for some children this has made a real difference to their whole attitude because they have realised that they can do it! We have welcomed a large number of parents into school this week for various parent outcomes and the children have shown courage by standing up and talking to a large audience. This internal courage is a real life skill and certainly builds self esteem. On Monday Father Paul led our collective worship about having the courage to trust in God's promises using the Bible story of Simeon and Anna. The Open the Book team retold the story of the loaves and the fishes *Matthew 14* with the whole school taking part in the action! We will be continuing to

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#### **Year 1 children test chairs in Maple Class!**

The children in Maple Class

have been working in teams of four this half term to design and make a chair which is strong enough for a young child to sit on. The finished chairs were put to the test on Tuesday afternoon when some Year 1 children came to sit on them. There was an air of apprehension as each child sat on a chair but then a sigh of relief as each chair proved to be very sturdy! The teams asked the Year 1 children for feedback which was very positive. Each chair has a special feature such as a secret drawer! On Thursday afternoon Maple Class parents came to see the topic outcome. The children each presented their learning about different inventions and the parents had a close look at the different chairs. Each group explained the processes they had gone through to make the chairs.



#### **Outcome of recent Local Authority monitoring day**

Every year we have a monitoring visit from the local authority to evaluate the progress that has been made in addressing key areas on the school improvement plan. The visit was carried out by the school's Leadership and Learning Partner (LLP). The key findings of the visit are: *The school's accurate self-evaluation informs improvement priorities that are focused on consistently improving outcomes for all pupils. The improvement plan is well focused and demonstrates that the leadership team is ambitious. Teaching and learning has remained strong. Children have positive attitudes to learning and make good progress. Attainment and progress data is very good overall, with attainment well above national average in all areas and progress is significantly better than typical progress nationally in most areas. The capacity to improve is strong, ongoing professional development challenges and supports teachers and leaders to be highly effective.* We are delighted by this outcome and I think it is a real testament to the hard work and commitment given by the staff and governors at St Faith's, the support of the parents and the positive learning attitude of our children.

#### **Parent Outcome for the Infants**

We were delighted to see so many parents and grandparents at the learning outcome for Oak Class and Silver Birch Class on Wednesday afternoon. The children performed some songs with actions and told the story of "This is the Bear" by Jane Hissey (which many children could say off by heart). They also performed some riddles that they had written for the adults to work out about some of the old toys that the children have been looking at this half term. *My fur isn't so soft as I'm made out of metal. I would love to gallop but I can only move one step at a time. I'm only small so enjoy a ride before you get too tall!* **By Year R** *When you touch me I feel cold. I am not a modern toy, I am at least 60 years old. I have a long railing. I can be played with in the bath and my propeller moves me. Four cylinders are on top of me! What am I?* **by Year 1** *I am as hard as solid rock. If you pick me up your arms might ache. My material is rigid and sharp. When you touch me, I might be cold. Nowadays you can't buy me. Long ago I was used to play battle games and some of my screws are rusty. I am made of green metal.* **By Year 2** **Parent evenings March 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>** The booking system for the above meetings will open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. See separate letter for further information.



### Message from Miss Berry and School Councillors

*Books please for Book Sale in aid of Mukono School, Rwanda on March 2nd*



On Thursday 2nd March we will be hosting a second hand book sale in the school hall at 3.30pm. This has been organised by the School Council to raise money for the Mukono school in Rwanda. All books will be sold at 50p each. To make this sale possible, we are asking you to send in donations of children's books in a reasonable condition to sell on. We will set up a table near to the office to collect donations ahead of the date. This is a great way of recycling books between our children and raising money to help others across the world. It would be great if you could look out books with your child during the half term!

### Dressing up for World Book Day! March 10th

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day will be taking place in March and we will be celebrating this in school on March 10<sup>th</sup>. ***We would like all of the children to dress up as a book character*** and wanted to give you notice of this. We are not looking for shop bought costumes, just clues as to which book character the children have come as. There are a lot of good ideas on the World Book Day website

[www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) under *Primary Resources*.

There will be prizes for the most creative book characters! During the day we will be carrying out book related activities and Wells Book Fair will be coming into school in the afternoon giving children a chance to use their World Book Day tokens to buy books. The book fair will be open to parents after school.

### House Cup Winners of the Half term

Congratulations to all of the children in ***De Blois House*** for gaining the most House Points this half term! The non-uniform day prize for De Blois children will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Lucas and Harry**

Silver Birch: **Wilbur and William**

Willow: **Elspeth and Hal**

Maple: **Ben and Sienna**

Beech: **Imogen and Hal**

### St Faith's Crosses

**Albie** – for always working well in a team

**Zac** – for excellent teamwork in science

**Harry and Alfie** – for consistently saying “Thank you”.

**Heidi and Ava** – for being super cloakroom monitors!

**Molly and Kate** – for helpfulness in the classroom

**Dylan** – for helpfulness in the classroom

**Imogen** – for always being happy and cheerful!



### Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 6th March 2017    Friday 26th May 2017

**Dawn James**

### Cross Country Success!

Congratulations to Emma who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the area cross country competition on Thursday afternoon. She will now run in the District trials.

### Names on Everything – Please!!

Please could you use the half term break to check that everything has a name on it. We have a large number of items in lost property which are not named – particularly water bottles and jumpers. There will be spot name checks after half-term! It does save a lot of time when things are named!

### Parent workshops run by Lorraine Lee

The Kings' cluster Primary schools have arranged for Lorraine Lee to present another set of workshops for parents at Kings' after the very positive response from parents who attended the talks last year. These workshops are aimed at all parents and each talk will have a different focus – The role of parents in homework, Helping children with worry and anxiety and Helping children manage their friendships. You can book for these online. Please see the separate flyer for more information which can be found on the school website under Parent News.

### Message from the School Association

#### Save the Date!!!

St Faith's Quiz Night on **Friday 17th March**. Tickets will be £12.50 each and on sale from Monday 27th February.

### Letters sent out this Week

**Whole School** – Parent Evening information

**Whole School** – Pancake Breakfast club

*Please let the office know if you have not received these*

### Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February**– Holiday Camp On Your Marks

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Book Sale in aid of Mukono School 3.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> March** – Inset day

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day and Wells Book Shop

**13<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 trip to Natural History Museum

**14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Evenings

**24<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**27<sup>th</sup> March** – Zoo Lab visit to Willow Class

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – KS2 to see Young Shakespeare Company

**6<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Service and Beech Class Café 2pm

**7<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term

**24<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Summer term

### Community News

COW Fest (Children of Winchester Festival)

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Tower, Kings' School

Free crafts, music, drama for all ages.

For information and tickets see [www.cowfest.org.uk](http://www.cowfest.org.uk)

### February Half-term Sports Camp

On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. See flyer for more details.