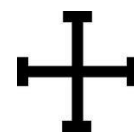




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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*

Every child in the school has been involved in a Christmas performance this week either in the Infant Nativity or in the Junior Carol Service at St Cross. The children have really demonstrated our school values of Courage, Trust, Love and Hope through the teachings of Jesus Christ. We have been delighted to see so many parents and grandparents in school and at the church during the week. We are very grateful for all your support.

We have some fun activities lined up for our final week of the long Autumn term! I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year!

We have continued to talk about the Advent wreath this



week and how the circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. We have lit the candle of Peace as well as the candle of Hope and

thought about how Christians celebrate the peace they find in Jesus Christ.

#### **Prickly Hay Performances**

The Infants retold the story of the first Christmas beautifully through a Nativity play called Prickly Hay. They performed with great confidence in all of their performances and really enjoyed being on the stage! Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal and the audiences for the two afternoons were really appreciative of what they saw. Every spoken word could be heard and the singing and dancing was very enthusiastic! Each child had a part to play and they all looked great in their costumes. Thank you parents! The hall was full for each performance and many people stayed afterwards for a drink and a mince pie. Special thanks must go to the whole of the Infant team at St Faith's for all of their hard work towards this production. It really was a good way to start the festive celebrations!



#### **Christmas Carol Service at St Cross**



The church of St Cross was very full on Thursday evening for Key Stage 2 Carol Service. We were very grateful that Rev Philip Krinks was able to be in attendance and that Derek Beck, the organist at St Cross, was able to play the

organ for our service. Children representing each year group read out a Bible reading and a poem about the first Christmas. All of the children performed "The Star" by Joyce Dunbar through confident choral speaking and lively actions! They also sang a selection of Christmas songs to the congregation. There were performances from our different musical groups; the brass, recorder and flute ensembles. Year 5 performed We Three Kings brilliantly on a wide range of percussion instruments and the school Christmas orchestra accompanied everyone for O Come All Ye Faithful very well. Special thanks must go to the Key stage 2 team at St Faith's for preparing such a full and enjoyable service.

The service collection raised £224.60 which will be shared between the Joe Glover Trust and St Cross.

#### **Year 1 and 2 Visit to the Grange**

Year 1 and 2 will be going to visit The Grange next Tuesday morning to sing songs from their play to the residents as well some traditional Christmas songs for the audience to join in with as well. We consider this visit to be a really important part of our calendar as we know how much the residents enjoy seeing and listening to the children at Christmas time.

#### **Year 5 and 6 Singing at the Buttercross**

Mrs Hanson, Mrs Landen and Mrs Choules will be taking the Year 5 and 6 children up to the Buttercross in Winchester on Tuesday morning to sing to the passers by and hopefully put people in the Christmas mood as they do their shopping! They will sing a range of Christmas carols and songs accompanied by our recorder group. All Year 5 and 6 will need warm coats etc.

#### **All classes to Lockburn next Wednesday**

Each class will be going over to Lockburn next Wednesday for a fun activity. We will go whatever the weather so all children need warm coats and wellington boots.

#### **First two days of Spring term 2018 - Art shirts!**

All classes will be taking part in a Life Education workshop on either Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. They will also be doing an art project to decorate our sheep which shows we are part of a flock of Church schools. Everyone needs to have an **art shirt** in school!

### Street Dance workshops for the Infants

Louise and Christine from Integrate Dance came into school on Friday afternoon to lead a Street Dance workshop with Oak Class and Silver Birch Class. The children joined in very enthusiastically and clearly enjoyed the experience! Christine will be leading the new Street Dance Club for Year 1 and 2 on Thursdays after school from 11<sup>th</sup> January .

### Football tournament at Kings – Match report from Marc Gillingham

On 7th December 17 lucky years 5&6 children were chosen to take part in the Kings School football tournament. It was a rather rainy and horrible Thursday afternoon on a very slippery Astroturf pitch, but the weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits. St Faith's took 2 teams, taking part in a 14 team tournament with each team playing 6 matches hoping to win as many games as possible to progress to the finals. Both St Faiths teams played some great football at the tournament, showing good skills, real determination and most importantly team work. Both teams played all 6 of their matches with 14 goals being scored throughout the day by 8 different people, and one of our St Faiths teams managing to finish 7th overall. All 17 children that took part had a great time and it was a brilliant day out. Bring on next year!

### House Cup winners for the Half term

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort House** for gaining the most points this half term. The non-uniform prize day will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**.

### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort 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: **All of the Class for an excellent performance**

Silver Birch: **All of the Class for an excellent performance**

Willow: **Rose and Freddie**

Maple: **Thomas and Sofia**

Beech: **Dylan and Seb**

### St Faith's Crosses



**Arthur** – for being so kind and honest

**Nina** – for determination to write cursively

**Cosima** – for being caring towards younger pupils

**Zoe** – for always being polite and helpful

**George and Victoria** – for making a big effort with their homework

**Kainoah** – for showing courage

**Lara** – for diligently working in her own time to achieve a musical challenge

**Imogen and Tobias** – for consistently displaying excellent manners

### Christmas Dinner at St Faith's!

The children are looking forward to their special Christmas dinner on Tuesday when they sit at long tables and are served by the staff!



### Message from St Faith's School Association.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the recent Christmas Fair. The total raised was just over £2570 which is a magnificent amount!

### Message from St Cross

We warmly invite to St Cross to celebrate the festive season

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service 5.30pm

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Crib Service 4pm

**Christmas Day** – Sung Eucharist with carols –all ages 9.30am

### Autumn term 2017

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5 and 6 singing at the Buttercross

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Infants to sing at the Grange

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – class visits to Lockburn

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

### Spring Term 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> January** – start of term

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Life Education Workshops

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Sheep art project – **art shirts needed**

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term

**6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' evenings

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Open afternoon for De Blois and Fox

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykham

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – End of term 1.15pm

### Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### Clubs for Spring 2018

Clubs operate on a first come first served basis including the payment where relevant. Please note that all clubs that require payment must be paid for before the child can start the club. Cheques made payable to Hampshire County Council.

### All clubs, apart from the Ark, run from 3.30-4.30pm.

**Mondays** – ABC Club (gymnastics) Years 1-4 Marc Gillingham 8th Jan to 26th March £44

**Mondays** – Netball Club Years 5-6 Mrs Landen 8th Jan to 26th March **Full**

**Tuesdays** – Football Club Years R-2 Marc Gillingham 9th Jan to 27th March £44

**Tuesdays** – Musical Theatre KS2 Miss Whiteman 9th Jan to 27th March

**Wednesdays** - Football Club Years 3-6 Marc Gillingham 10th Jan to 28th March £44 **Very limited space**

**Thursdays** – Netball Club Years 3-4 Winchester City coach 11th Jan to 8<sup>th</sup> Feb £20 **Half a term only**

**Thursdays** – Street Dance with Integrate Dance Years 1-2 11th Jan to 22nd March £5 per session (payment direct to Integrate Dance- details to follow later)

**Monday – Friday** – 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.

KS2 recorder club (Mrs Choules) and KS2 cross country club (Mrs Hanson) will continue during lunchtimes

Sign up lists can be found at the school office.