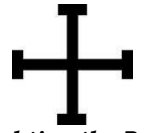




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Lighting the Path

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Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care

Happy New Year to everyone! I am pleased to report that the children have returned to school after the Christmas break with a very positive attitude and have been excited about their new topics. Hopefully you will have recently received your Parent Curriculum Letters outlining the learning which is being covered this term in your child's year group. You can access a copy on the school website.



We started off our term with a very productive Inset day which involved all of our staff

and governors. The focus of the day was to revisit and reaffirm our school vision and values in the light of the new national curriculum. **"Lighting the Path"** and **"Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care"** remain as our vision statements because we believe that they reflect what we stand for at St Faith's. We will be promoting these more overtly with the children alongside our St Faith's Golden Rules. Our assembly this week focused on the meaning of Epiphany and hopes for the new year. *Matthew 2*

Esio Trot Update!

Esio Trot spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs Hanson and her family and by all accounts she was very well behaved! The children are now taking it in turn to feed Esio Trot and to look after her. Annabelle and Arthur weighed and measured her this week and found that she has put on 26g since we got her and now weighs 76g. She is very active during the school day!



Spelling Focus for the Whole School

We are having a big focus on spelling this term and are really encouraging the children to proof read their own work for spelling errors, to act when a word does not look right and to correct it themselves by using a word bank or dictionary. We are also working very hard on the spelling of high frequency words. The national expectations for spelling are now much higher for each year group and it is very important that the children really learn their spellings for homework each week and go back over the words in the following weeks. Thank you for your support at home with our spelling routine.

A very big Thank you!

All of the staff wish to join with me to thank you very much for all the lovely cards and presents that you gave us for Christmas. They were very much appreciated!

Magistrate Court comes to Jupiter

Jupiter Class spent a very interesting morning with two local Magistrates on Thursday. They learnt a great deal of information about their work and were surprised that they do not get paid for the important job that they do for the community. The classroom



was then set for a mock trial where members of the class played different roles within the Magistrate's Court. Three Magistrates decided whether 'beyond reasonable doubt', the defendant was guilty from the evidence put forward. This enjoyable morning contributed well towards our understanding of British Values.

St Faith's is a Talking School!

This week we have been promoting the first two of our Golden Rules – *Stay safe* and *Tell an adult if you are unhappy*. On Thursday afternoon our Year 6 School Councillors, Tommy and Elsa, led an assembly based on the Anti-bullying



conference they attended last term and the messages within it. We followed this up with a House Morning on Friday about the importance of being a **Talking School**. The children worked in their



Houses with all year groups and carried out a variety of activities to discuss ways in which we can speak up to support people and to prevent any forms of bullying. The children discussed different scenarios to understand what bullying actually means and the effect it can have on people. We have adopted the universal school definition of bullying as being when someone does something:-

- *More than once*
- *On purpose*
- *Hurtful*
- *To make the victim feel helpless*
- *Using violence, hurtful words or ganging up*



Each House group has put messages on footprints, created supportive pledges and made a video based on the message of a **Talking School**. *Make some noise and stamp out bullying in schools. Always tell someone!*

Elmer and Colour in the Infants

The children have been reading and retelling the story of Elmer with



stick puppets this week. I



watched the Year 1 children act out the story with enthusiasm! The Year R children were able to retell the story using a story mat and told me all about it with great expression!

Forces in Neptune

The children in Neptune have started their topic on Forces this week. They managed to think of over thirty words to do with the movement of people and things and tried hard to beat Mrs Matcham! They then went around the school looking for items that use a pull or a push to make them work. Mrs Yeomans demonstrated how the paper cutter works which the children found fascinating!



House Cup Winners of the Week -

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort House** for working hard and for gaining the most Achievement Points this week!



Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Magnus and Ava**
Neptune: **Theo and Emily**
Mercury: **James and Gabe**
Saturn: **Faith and Sello**
Jupiter: **Tommy and Millie**



Caring Crosses

Zac - for helping his friends
Elana - for always being polite and caring
Edward - for being caring towards another child
George - for being quick to help with tidying up
Sam - for being a very helpful member of the class
Gabriel - for always being polite
Oscar and Matthew - for showing good manners
Toby and Dylan - for helpfulness and great team spirit.
James - for being a very reliable chair monitor
Evie and Poppy - for being very supportive of others

Inset Days

Friday 29th January 2016 - Common closure day with Kings' cluster schools
Friday 24th June 2016

Fashion Show in Jupiter for Year 6 Parents

The children in Jupiter have just about finished their amazing slippers which are on display along the main corridor. There are many very inventive designs. Mrs Hanson would like to invite all Year 6 parents to a fashion show on



Thursday 28th January at 2.45pm

Sports Breakfast Club and February Holiday Club

Our Breakfast Club is run every morning between 7.30 and 8.45 am by PH Sports. The sessions are £3.50 and include a breakfast and a variety of sports activities. The club is open to all children and sessions can be booked as required. PH Sports are also hoping to run a Holiday Club at St Faith's during the February half-term break. Please see the flier for more information.

Hearing children read

We are very grateful to our band of people who hear the children read in the mornings from 8.55-9.10am. Do let us know if you would like to join the team and come in for a regular session each week

Message from St Faith's School Association

Film and Pyjama Evening - January 15th 5.30-7pm showing **Paddington**. Open to YR-Y6.

School Association Meeting - January 20th 7.30pm at school. New members always welcome!

Letters sent home this week

Whole School - Curriculum letters
Whole School - SFSA letter re film night
Quiz Club - Competition details

Clubs Starting Dates for the Term

Drama Club Y2to Y6 Monday 18th January
Netball club Y5/6- Tuesday 12th January
Musical Theatre KS2- Tuesday 12th January
KS1football club - Tuesday 12th January
Karate YR to Y6 - Wednesday 13th January
KS2 football club - Wednesday 13th January
Netball club Y2,3,4 - Thursday 14th January
Orchestra KS2- Thursday 14th January
Recorder and cross country will continue at lunchtimes

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2016

Thursday 28th January - Year 6 Fashion Show 2.45pm

Friday 29th January - Inset day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - Half term

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March - Parent evenings

Thursday 24th March - End of term 1.15pm

Summer Term 2016

11th April - Term starts

9th to 13th May - SATs week for Year 6

30th May to 3rd June - Half term

Wednesday 20th July - End of term at 1.15pm

