



ST. FAITH'S

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Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care with **Courage, Trust, Love and Hope**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

May I take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher here at St. Faith's. I consider it a great privilege to be given the stewardship of leading St. Faith's and am very honoured to have the role. Thank you so much for the warm welcome that I have received from so many of you, I look forward to meeting many more and to working in partnership with you in securing the best possible primary school experience for your children. I would like to extend my thanks to the Parish of St. Faiths, who welcomed me into the community last Sunday; it is wonderful to have the prayerful support and active engagement of the parish behind the school.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs. James for her outstanding leadership of the school over the last six years, and for ensuring a smooth transition – we wish her well for the years ahead. The staff here at St. Faith's have made me feel very welcome and we are excited to be striding forward into the new school year together.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Richard Fountain

Celebrating John Keats

This year The Hospital of St Cross and Winchester City are Celebrating the poet John Keats' stay in Winchester 200 years ago. From his walks along the meadows John Keats wrote the poem To Autumn. To join in with the celebrations, between 22 and 27 September The Hospital of St Cross will host a poetry trail featuring poems composed by local residents and students.

The Children from Willow, Maple and Beech Class have written poems about the Hundred Men's Hall and its history. Their poems will be on display in and around the Hundred Men's Hall in September, as part of the poetry trail.

Start of the school day

When dropping your children off at the start of the school day, please remain with your children until the bell goes (8:50am) and you see them enter the school building. The exception to this is if the children are attending Breakfast club, where they will the responsibility of the school staff member on the playground.

Workers of the week & St. Faith's crosses

Well done to our **workers of the week!**

Georgia and Poppy	Oak
Elsie and Annabelle	Silver Birch
Simao and William	Willow
Clara and Agatha	Maple

Well done to our **St. Faith's cross** recipients!

For being an excellent role model	Delilah
For being helpful and always persevering	George
For a positive and enthusiastic approach	Arthur
For a positive and enthusiastic approach	Finlay
For a fantastic attitude to learning in Y3	Mario
For a fantastic attitude to learning in Y3	Thor
For helping her classmates in art	Esme
For consistently excellent end-of-day tidying	William

Allergy Alert

To reiterate from my later dated 12th September 2019, whilst we are not a 'nut-free school', we would be grateful if you could avoid sending children with nut/sesame based products as snacks or as part of packed lunches. This is in order to minimize the risk to members of the school who are highly allergic. Whilst first aid trained staff are trained to administer epi-pens in the event of an emergency, we hope never to have to put this training to the test. Please refer to my letter for further details.

Reading with your children

Daily reading with your children at home, from YR – Y6, is vital part of their development. Please do ask class teachers for guidance over reading choices if you need.

WHY CAN'T WE SKIP READING TONIGHT?

Student A reads 20 minutes each day. This equals 3600 minutes a school year. Student A will read approximately 1,800,000 words.

Student B reads 5 minutes each day. This equals 900 minutes in a school year. Student B will read approximately 282,000 words.

Student C reads 1 minute each day. This equals 180 minutes a school year. Student C will read approximately 8,000 words.



By the end of the school year, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read only 12 school days. Which student do you expect to be the better reader? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Y6 at Home Farm, Beaulieu

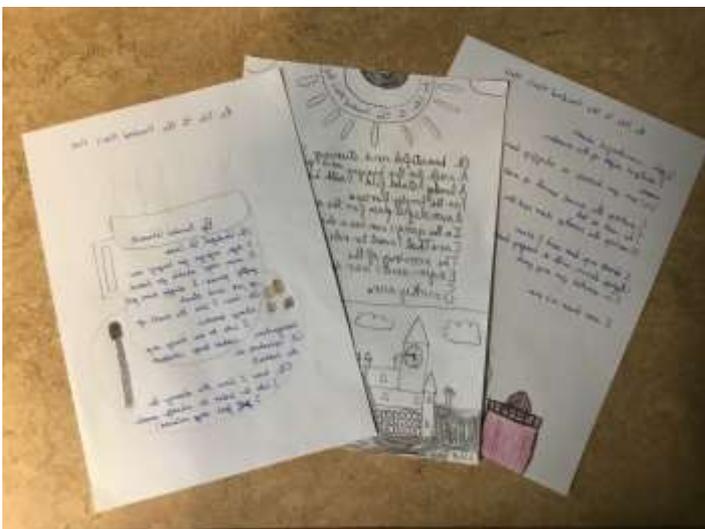
It was a great pleasure to join with the Y6s on their week long residential to The Countryside Education Trust's Home Farm, Beaulieu. Each day the children had a series of chores to complete around the farm before their daily activities began.



Hearding the goats from A to B was just one of the many chores, along with feeding the host of farm animals and ensuring that all were safe, well and accounted for. The day I joined them we covered 10,000+ steps so I expect that they will come back rather tired. A tremendous thanks go to Mrs. Hanson, Miss. John, Mrs. Wetherell, Mrs. Trentham and Mrs. Moretti for taking the children away, and to Mrs. Amey for helping in KS1 whilst staff were away.

Pupils' visit to St. Cross Hospital

Pupils in KS2 were visited by St. Cross Porter Catherine Secker this week. She talked in each class about the history of the Hundred Men's Hall at St. Cross hospital to help the children understand what life was like there many years ago. The following day, the children were met at St. Cross hospital where the children used the grounds to think about the sights, sounds and smells to help them write their own poetry. It was a tremendous challenge and one which the children rose to well.



Year R and KS1

This week, the children have been enjoying the classic children's story/rhyme *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. Michael Rosen performs this brilliantly for Walker Books on YouTube, if you're not familiar with the story.



They made their own maps with all of the key phrases using different materials to represent the areas in the book. The children were then challenged to write their own versions. I read some fantastic *Going on a Bear Hunt*s which showed a great understanding of the adjectives used to bring the adventures to life.

A message from Mrs. Crump

Please be aware that school lunch money is now due (KS2) only. If you are unsure of how to pay, please contact the school office using the contact details at the top of the page.

Our new arrivals

Please may we take this opportunity to say a big "well done" to the Year R children, James, Annabel, Hector and Miss. Thorpe who have completed their first full week here with us at St. Faith's. Year R will be staying for lunchtime next week, many of whom will stay for the whole day!

Dates for your diary

3rd Oct. Kings meeting for Y5/6 parents, 6-7pm
19th Sept. Y6 Beaulieu parents outcomes, 3pm
25th Sept. Parent information evening, 6pm
27th Sept. School Association Parents Disco, @Cricket Club
25th Oct. Last day of Autumn 1
4th Nov. First day of Autumn 2
26th & 28th Nov. Parents evenings



Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

Friday 22nd November 2019
Friday 31st January 2020
Monday 24th February 2020
Friday 19th June 2020