



# ST. FAITH'S

Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



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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,

It's been another busy week here at St. Faith's, with a second residential adventure – this time for Year 4 – as well as lots of visits to Lockburn, making the most of the weather before it gets too Autumnal. Please make sure you have the date of our Harvest Festival (**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.** Harvest festival at St Cross, 2pm) in your diaries; we do hope that you will be able to join us. Beech Class Café will be open in the school hall from 2:45pm after the service, and keep an eye out for a school letter outlining harvest festival donations for this year. Don't forget that Parents' Information Evening is this Wednesday at 6:00pm.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Fountain

### St. Cross Michaelmas Fair

Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is traditionally celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. St. Cross will be holding their Michaelmas fair on Saturday 28th September 2019, from 10.00am to 4.30am at the Hospital of St Cross. Adults £3.00 Children under 16 free. There will be free parking and refreshments will be available too. They are expecting around 20 craft stalls and Falcon High birds of prey on display as well as performances from The Madding Crowd.

### Parents Prayer Group

For many years there has been a parents prayer group here at St. Faith's, praying for the school and its pupils. Parents meet in the staff room after drop-off for approximately 20 minutes every Monday. All are welcome, whether you would like to pray out loud or be quiet for the duration.

### Y6 Girls' Football tournament

Y6 girls, sporting their brand new football kit, headed out for their first event of the school year on Thursday. Keep an eye out for the full match report in next week's newsletter.

### Workers of the week & St. Faith's crosses

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

<b>William and Abe</b>	Oak
<b>Lorienne and Alexander</b>	Silver Birch
<b>Annabel and Zak</b>	Willow
<b>Lilly-Mae and Leo</b>	Maple
<b>Arlo and Elspeth</b>	Beech

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

For much improved lesson focus	<b>Romola</b>
For always being well-mannered	<b>Georgia</b>
For super focus and positive attitude	<b>Harley</b>
For helping a child who was upset	<b>Tommi</b>
For independence and perseverance	<b>Maisie</b>
For independence and perseverance	<b>Jamie</b>
For showing excellent teamwork skills	<b>Henry</b>
For being encouraging of others	<b>Jasper</b>
For an excellent, positive attitude	<b>Edward</b>
For an excellent, positive attitude	<b>Hector</b>

### Cake Sales

Across the year the School Association has booked dates for cake sales. Each year group will be invited to bring in cakes of all and any description to sell from 3:15pm on the playground. This year, I have asked that funds from each sale go directly to the year group hosting, so that children can see, and contribute to deciding, where the fruits of their labours have gone. Year 6 are kicking off the year with a sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – ready, steady, bake!



## Y4 at Minstead Study Centre, Minstead



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> we said goodbye to our year 4 children as they headed off to Minstead Study Centre for their three day residential. When I joined them on Thursday morning, it had been a very early start for many (we call it “stupid o’clock” in our house!) but the children were buzzing and excited for the day ahead. After making their own lunches ready for later, we headed out to feed the chickens and the sheep. Our guide, Jane, gave the children some on-depth insight into the lives of the different livestock, considering what we do for them, and what they do for us. Who knew that lanolin was used in so many different products! Before lunch the children had the chance to try their hand at felting using wool and Lush soap, producing some wonderful ‘planets’ with the different coloured wools. The children had a fantastic time away, and we should say a tremendous thanks to Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Choules who accompanied the children, and also to Mrs. Wetherell for teaching the Year 3s in Mrs. Francis’s absence.

### 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.

### Sports Mark Gold Award

We are delighted to receive the highest award for our sports provision here at St. Faith’s. See the full press release below!

## Art by Y3 and Y5



Making use of the extra space, without Y4 in school, Years 3 and 5 teamed up to work in Lockburn, culminating in some fantastic autumnal colour work. The artwork is displayed in the long corridor outside Maple class – make sure you take a look when you come for our parents information evening this Wednesday!

### Dates for your diary

- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Parent information evening, 6pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Year 6 Cake Sale, 3.15pm on the playground
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** School Association Parents Disco, @Cricket Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.** Harvest festival at St Cross, 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.** Kings meeting for Y5/6 parents, 6-7pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Last day of Autumn 1
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.** First day of Autumn 2
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Parents evenings
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** KS2 Carol service at St Cross, 5.30pm



### Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

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

## St Faith's gain highest level sport's award for this last academic year!

# SCHOOL GAMES

We are delighted to announce that St Faith's C of E Primary, has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements last year included:

- Four competitive inter-house sporting events
- A whole school adventurous mini marines day
- A rich physical education curriculum
- Cricket coaching for some KS1 and KS2 children in curriculum time
- Numerous competitive tournaments and matches attended against local schools
- A varied programme of extra-curricular provision and holiday clubs
- A variety of external club links promoting sport.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, and are grateful to the young volunteers and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to the parents who helped supervise and transport the children to local events.

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

