



# ST. FAITH'S

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## NEWSLETTER



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### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to all those who have been preparing for this year's **SFSA Christmas Fayre, this Saturday, 12:00-2:00pm**. It promises to be a wonderful community occasion and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. We are mindful that the children are getting tired as we head into week 6 of the half-term and we are still hard at work with their curriculum learning as well as preparing for our Christmas celebrations. Please do allow the children plenty of sleep and good rest as we push on to the end of term.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr. Fountain

### Christmas decorations for the school tree



In keeping with the school tradition, we would like every child to bring in a decoration to put on our school Christmas tree **on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. It would be great if these could be homemade, but please ensure that the loops are big enough to hang on the branches. **Do name the decoration if you would like it returned!**

### A message from St. Cross

You are warmly invited to the Christingle Service at St. Cross Church on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**. It's a family friendly service with a Christingle for every child.



### St. Faith's 'Around the World' board



Year 6 are keen to repopulate our St. Faith's 'Around the World' board with news and events you've noticed from around the world, be they newspaper cuttings or online print-outs. Bring them in and they will put them up with a link to the relevant country.

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

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

<b>Jack and Margot</b>	Oak
<b>Nina and Tess</b>	Silver Birch
<b>Alice and Arlo</b>	Willow
<b>Elana and Livia</b>	Maple
<b>Edward and Rory</b>	Beech

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

For being incredibly helpful tidying up after 'Dell Time'	<b>Abe</b>
For trying his best at all times	<b>Ethan</b>
For being consistently polite	<b>Arthur</b>
For being caring towards others	<b>Skye</b>
For always being extremely polite	<b>Noah</b>
For showing kindness towards others	<b>Sienna</b>
For super effort and learning attitude this week	<b>Harrison</b>
For always offering to tidy up	<b>Rebekah</b>
For always being polite and well-mannered	<b>Emily</b>
For always being polite and well-mannered	<b>Tom</b>

### Lexia users

Those children who take part in the early morning Lexia programme to let you know that it will be finishing on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and restarting in the New Year on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.



### Christmas card postal service



The Christmas letter box will be outside the office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All Christmas cards must have both names of the child on the front and the class name to ensure delivery

### Year 4 Listen2Me brass concert for parents

Mr Walker, our Listen2Me teacher, would like to invite all Year 4 parents to the Brass concert next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. The children have been practicing really hard and are looking forward to showing off their new-found skills.

## Maple class' flamenco experience



Maple class had a wonderful time with the flamboyant but highly demanding flamenco instructor Señora Allan. They, alongside Miss. Philips, Miss. Maddison and Mr. Regan, were put through their paces in a 90-minute session, exploring the steps and style of the powerful Spanish Romani dance. Señora Allan was thoroughly impressed with the children's energy, enthusiasm and engagement commenting positively on the pupil's mental stamina in maintaining focus for the duration of the session – she said that she wouldn't have been able to do such a lengthy in-depth session with most children their age, so well done Maple. The children really benefited from the exposure to a dance style which, whilst also being a wonderful curriculum link to their Spain topic, is unusual in the fact that there isn't a male dominant lead, as in many other formal dance styles.

## The Donkey Seller, our Infant nativity



Rehearsals are well under way for this year's Infant nativity, *The Donkey Seller*. The singing is sounding great, and the children are busy learning lines in order to put on some stellar performances on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. Their first public performance will, in fact, be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December when Years 1 and 2 will visit the St. Cross Grange care home to sing some of the songs from their nativity, before talking briefly with the residents. It is a wonderful event which benefits both our children and the residents of the home.

## Juniors' Carol Service, 2019

The KS2 children have been busy learning two new songs for their carol service at St. Cross, 5:30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. They have brought home with them the lyrics to practice in order to perform to their very best abilities on the night. The first song is *Mary Did you Know?*, a wonderful piece made famous by the Pentatonix where the angel Gabriel tells Mary of all the wonderful things Jesus would go on to do. The second song is *Immanuel*, a powerful song by Christian composer Stuart Townend, which charts Jesus' life from birth to ascension.

## Extra-curricular clubs for spring 2020

Please sign up now if you wish your child to join one of these clubs. Numbers are limited for some clubs. Siblings of those in clubs can go to the Ark for the hour for £4.

All clubs must be paid for prior to the child starting.

**Paper-Craft Workshop Y1-Y6** with Tracy McDonnell from Papercraft Studio, 6th Jan. - 10th Feb. Children learn paper-craft skills and take home a project each week. Contact Tracy McDonnell on 07984 420315 or at [admin@thepapercraftstudio.co.uk](mailto:admin@thepapercraftstudio.co.uk)

**Netball Club Y5/6** with Mrs. Duke, Mondays 3.30-4.30pm, 13th Jan. – 30th March.

**Infants Football Club** with Marc, Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm £48 per term to the school, 7th Jan. – 31st March.

**Juniors Football Club** with Marc, Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm, Years 3-6, £48 per term to the school, 8th Jan. – 1st April. No club on 22nd January.

**Street Dance** with Integr8dance, Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm, 9th Jan. – 2nd April, contact [info@integr8dance.com](mailto:info@integr8dance.com) for booking.

**Cross Country Club** with Mrs. Hanson at lunchtimes.

**Advanced Recorder Club** with Mrs. Choules at lunchtimes.

## Dates for your diary

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Christingle Service at St. Cross, 9:30am

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Y4 Listen2Me Concert, 1:30pm

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** KS2 Carol service at St. Cross, 5.30pm

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Infant Nativity, 9.30am

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Infant Nativity, 2.15pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Christmas Dinner day

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec.** School closes for Christmas, 1:15pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan.** School reopens for the Spring term



## Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

Friday 31st January 2020

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 19th June 2020