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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 this opportunity to thank you for a great first full term of the school year. It's amazing to think that a third of the school has been and gone, already. There is much to look forward to in 2020 at St. Faith's and, on behalf of all here at the school, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas time. Do encourage your children to continue reading over the holiday, so that they can hit the ground running in the new calendar year. Thank-you cards are a wonderful opportunity to keep handwriting ticking over, and helping prepare food is a super practical application for maths – Brussels sprouts or mince pie array, anyone?

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Fountain

A special visitor...



The children received a special visitor this week, who delivered a gift for each class. Thank you to those who made this possible (you know who you are!). The children were very excited – but well-behaved - and the class gifts gratefully received.

Staff news

We are delighted to welcome back Ms. McGoff, in January, who will be returning from maternity leave. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Cannings and Mrs. Pickance who have ensured continuity for the children in her absence. Whilst Mrs. Cannings continues at the school, we say goodbye to Mrs. Pickance who is stepping down to focus on her studies – we wish you all the best. Joining the staff team in January is Mrs. Perkins, who will be a lunchtime supervisor on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs. Perkins takes over from Mrs. Wallace, who remains at the school in her capacity as a Learning Support Assistant. We also say goodbye (for now) to our student teachers, Mrs. Chasey and Miss. Langrish, who have been a wonderful asset to the infant team in their time with us. The children will miss them, until they return for a further three weeks later in the school year.

Workers of the week & St. Faith's crosses

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

George and Teddy	Oak
Eleanor and Harley	Silver Birch
Ella and Sienna	Willow
Sophia and Zac	Maple
Emily and Freddie	Beech

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

For always trying her best	Ella
For using lovely manners	Marlowe
For always being polite and well-mannered	Alexander
For always being polite and well-mannered	Arthur
For being helpful members of Willow class	Albie
For being helpful members of Willow class	Violet
For showing courage when reading in the Christmas Carol Service	Thomas
For showing courage when reading in the Christmas Carol Service	Polly
For showing politeness and kindness to others	Emily
For showing politeness and kindness to others	Tom

Outstanding Achievement



Outstanding Achievement certificates have been awarded by teachers for children – one from each year group - demonstrating outstanding achievement and/or progress this Autumn Term. This term we have chosen to award them for Musical Performance (Infants) and Artistic Creativity (Juniors).

Congratulations to:

Year R	Margot
Year 1	Skye
Year 2	Annabelle
Year 3	Annabel
Year 4	Claudia
Year 5	George
Year 6	Carolina

The Donkey Seller, our Infant nativity



There was not a wonky donkey in sight this week as the infants put on a wonderful set of performances for us all. With some lovely characterisation on display, and fantastic singing throughout, audience members were treated to a lovely interpretation of the traditional nativity story. Many thanks to those who were able to attend – an appreciative audience always lifts a performance. Your kind

donations have been a significant contribution towards covering the costs of the production, including all the licenses, props and costumes, for which we are most grateful. Whilst thanks also go to the staff team for all their hard work, teaching and preparing the children – no mean feat – our infants were the stars of the show. Well done children!



SFSA Christmas Fair

Thank you to those who were able to attend and spend at this year's Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful occasion with a great Christmas atmosphere.

Approximately **£2500** was raised, a tremendous total, for which we are extremely grateful, especially to those on the committee who put all their time and effort into organising and running the day. The SFSA have recently funded 16 new iPads for the children to use in school, which now means that whole classes can access resources and learning experiences simultaneously.



Juniors' Carol Service, 2019

What a special occasion this was! The children performed admirably their poems, readings, songs and musical ensemble pieces to a packed St. Cross church. A lot of hard work goes in to the rehearsal and preparation for the service, and we are grateful to all those who were able to come and support the children in leading us through this year's service. Our children get so much from their engagement with an event like this: commitment to learning words (which is great for academic learning, as well as developing personal confidence), the rehearsal and refining process (again, a real transferrable skill), the element of public performance, as well as the wider engagement with the community in which they live.

Safeguarding during holiday periods

As you will be aware, the safeguarding of children is our number one priority, above all else. We work constantly throughout the school year to ensure that we are safeguarding our children effectively, continually refining our practice as we go. We have three fully trained DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads), another soon to undergo enhanced training, as well as all-year-round training for all the school's staff members. As a school community we value your close partnership in keeping our children safe. **If you have any concerns during the school holidays**, which cannot wait until the recommencement of the school term, please use the following contacts:

- If it's an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, call 999
- For reporting concerns and general guidance, please ring Hampshire Children's Services at 0300 555 1384 (or 0300 555 1373 outside office hours), or email them at childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

If you have any questions about our safeguarding provision, which aren't covered in our policies on the school website, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Dates for your diary

- 6th Jan.** School reopens for the Spring term
- 6th Jan.** Clubs start this week, apart from netball
- 13th Jan.** Netball starts
- 14th Jan.** Lexia restarting, 8:30am



Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

- Friday 31st January 2020
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Friday 19th June 2020