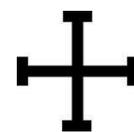




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Lighting the Path

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*Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

Everyone is looking very refreshed after such a good Easter break and have started off the term in a positive way. We had an interesting start to the Summer term



when a swarm of bees descended on a tree in the school field on Monday afternoon; luckily when the field was not in use! The



Hampshire Bee Keeping society came to the rescue and managed to move what was predicted to be around fifteen thousand bees after the Queen bee was caught! The bees are now in a new hive.

Our collective worship theme for this half term is friendship and we started our week thinking about how Christians believe that Jesus is always there as a friend. We made a big friendship bracelet to show that the strands of friendship are intertwined. **"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."** Proverbs 18-24

- Finding things to do together
- Relying on each other
- Impossible on your own
- Enjoying being together
- Never selfish
- Depending on someone else
- Sharing hopes and dreams
- Happiness and laughter
- Including others
- Precious

The Open the Book team retold the story of the Resurrection on Tuesday and the opening of the empty tomb. **Luke 24**

New traverse wall in Year R

A parent kindly donated funds for a new traverse wall at our recent quiz night. Mr Crump erected the wall for our Year R children over Easter and the risk assessment has taken place! The idea is for the children to travel along the wall rather than up. It is proving to be quite a challenge which the children are enjoying!



New carpet for Maple Class



The carpet in Maple Class was the oldest carpet in the school which never really recovered from a flood a couple of years ago! We are really pleased that the carpet has now been replaced making the

classroom look much brighter and smell better! The funds for this have come from the buildings budget.

Parent Curriculum letters for the Summer Term

Everyone should have received the parent curriculum letters for this term outlining what each year group is covering in the different subjects so that you can support at home as you wish. The Seaside, Ancient Egyptians, Explorers and Ancient Greeks are the main topics for this term and all of the year groups will be going on relevant trips at some point to further their learning.

Information meetings for parents

We have had a number of information evenings for parents this week re the forthcoming KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs and the September residential visits to Minstead (Y4) and Beaulieu (Y6). The teachers are happy to answer any further questions that you may have about these.

Seaside Topic



Miss Berry has created a seaside environment with the Reception children based on their ideas for their learning about the seaside.



There is an icecream van in the outside area which sells all sorts of flavours of icecream and a beach area in the role play area of the classroom!

Tadpole request from Mrs Matcham

The Infants are hoping to study the life cycle of frogs in their Science this term and need some frogspawn in order to do this. Unfortunately we do not seem to have any in our Lockburn ponds this year. Please could you let Mrs Matcham know if you are able to give us any frogspawn - (please do not just send any in as we would need to prepare the tanks beforehand and we only need a certain amount.)

Swimming lessons for Year 3 and Year 4

On Wednesday excited children from Year 3 and 4 went on a coach to Kings' swimming pool for the first of their seven lessons this term. The children are divided into three groups according to their swimming ability and all groups are learning how to develop their swimming strokes with the swimming teachers. Miss Whiteman and Mrs Buchanan were very impressed by the behaviour of the children. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to accompany the group for their lessons.

Holiday Club

Marc and Andy from On Your Marks Sport delivered a very successful Holiday Club for three days during the Easter holidays. The next club will be held at half-term.

Tri-golf Interschools Tournament

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Hanson took four teams of ten children on a coach to participate in the interschools Tri Golf tournament at the Royal Winchester Golf Academy in Headbourne



Worthy. The event was really well organised and the children had a great time. Ten schools took part and each of our teams demonstrated great team spirit and represented St Faith's really well. Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 team who came 2nd overall in their league with Wolfie, Theo, Max, Sam, Gabriel, Elspeth, Emily, Thea, Heidi and Sofia and also to our Year 6 team who came 2nd overall in their league with Phoebe, Lauren, Emma, Evie, Flora, Matthew, Blair, Hal, Oscar and William. Thank you to Mrs Maundrell, Mrs Moretti and Mrs Hodgkinson for accompanying the teams for the whole afternoon.

Chamber concert at Theatre Royal

Year 5 walked up to the Theatre Royal on Friday morning to attend a concert which was part of the Winchester Chamber Festival. The performance for children was based around a story about "The king who had donkey ears". The impressive quartet was made up of two violins, a viola and a cello. The children joined in with clapping rhythms and songs which kept them active and attentive. Alicia was selected to go on stage to conduct the quartet which she did very well! It is a real privilege for the children to see live performances of such a high standard. Thank you to our helpers.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in *De Blois House* for gaining the most House Points this week!

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Edward Marsden and Alastair Boulter**

Silver Birch: **Jasper Burrows and Livia Wheywell**

Willow: **Oliver Corrie and Ava Orton**

Maple: **Molly Phelan and Poppy Burrows**

Beech: **Oscar Crooks and William Hart**

St Faith's Crosses



Monty Holloway – for great care when counting objects

Jamie Gardner – for awareness of safety on the climbing wall

Zac Duke – for being kind and helpful

William Boulter – for waiting for an adult to come through the door

Gabriel Hargreaves and Thomas Allen – for an enthusiastic attitude in our swimming sessions

Imogen Millar – for giving her own time to encourage another child with her learning

Sasha Rich – for enthusiasm for learning and excellent manners

Sello Mtshweni – for letting adults through the door

Faith Britton – for helpfulness in the classroom

Dawn James

Take One Picture – Message from Mrs Landen Are you artistic? Can you help us? Do you have any resources for us?

The whole school is taking part in an art project called "Take One Picture". This project, run by The National Gallery, focuses on one picture from their collection and encourages schools to plan creative art and cross curricular activities from this starting point. This is an exciting new venture for our school and we are hoping to involve parents and our wider community. We know that many of our parents have interests in different aspects of the creative arts (drawings, clay, painting, collage, photography etc.) and Mrs Landen would very much like to hear from you if you would like to be involved. Listed below are some resources which we will need for the project.

- pieces of fabric that can be cut into strips for weaving
- left over tins of emulsion paint
- left over rolls of wall paper
- newspaper
- buttons, beads
- wool
- thick string
- sample patterned ceramic kitchen and bathroom tiles

Letters sent out this Week

Whole school – Parent Curriculum Letters

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

3rd May – whole school photo

8th-12th May – SATS week for Year 6

10th May – Maple visit to Greenwich

18th May – Beech visit to London

24th May – Beech Class to Greek workshop

29th May – 2nd June – Half term

9th June – Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor

14th June – Year 6 Cathedral Day

15th June - Willow Class to Highclere Castle

23rd June – Sports Day

30th June – Infants to Lepe Beach

25th July – Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents

25th July - End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th May 2017

Clubs for Summer Term 2017

Please sign up for clubs at the office. All clubs requiring payment must be paid for before the child can start the club.

Agility, Balance & Co-ordination Club Mondays 3.30-4.30 Years 2-4 Start date 24th April – 24th July £48 per term to the school

Musical Theatre Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 Start date 25th April

Gardening Club – Mrs Landen – Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 4,5 and 6 (limited numbers) Start date: *Tuesday* 2nd May then Mondays from 8th May

Summer Sports Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 25th April – 18th July

Summer Sports Club – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm **Full**

Orchestra – Mrs Harding -Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 4th May

Recorder Clubs and Athletics Club will continue during school time.

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