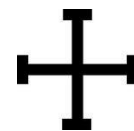




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Lighting the Path

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

Happy New Year to all of our families! We have had a fun and very positive start to the new year. We spent the first two days of the term off timetable doing various art based activities and carrying out workshops in the Life Education Tent. This gave the children (and staff!) a chance to settle back in after the festivities and to talk about what they had been doing in the holidays. This week has been back to normal and the children are displaying a great attitude towards their learning. Our first collective worship last week was about the meaning of Epiphany. The theme for our worship this term is Perseverance. Philip led our worship on Monday and told the children about the famous Derek Redmond story from the Barcelona Olympics when he was determined to finish the race in the face of adversity. The Open the Book team retold the story of the king who would not listen – *Jeremiah 36*.

amous Derek a Olympics story

Diocesan Sheep Project – Introducing Faith!



We have a fibreglass sheep to show that we are part of the flock of church schools in Hampshire. The idea is for schools to decorate the sheep in a way which displays the school's values.

We decided to do this by depicting the four Bible stories that we have chosen to represent our school values. Every class painted or coloured something to do with their story and groups from Year 4,5 and 6 painted on the background of sea on one side and land on the other.



The classes created the following scenes on the sheep.

- Willow Class – David and Goliath for Courage**
- Maple Class – The Storm on the Lake for Trust**
- Beech Class – The Good Samaritan for Love**
- Oak Class and Silver Birch Class – Noah's Ark for Hope.**

We have named the sheep Faith and she will be on display around the school very soon! We are very proud of her!

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a certificates for Outstanding achievement at the end of last term:-

For outstanding performance skills

Year R: Harry

Year 1: Harry

Year 2: Bea

For outstanding creativity

Year 3: Leo

Year 4: Oliver

Year 5: Tuelle

Year 6: Dylan

Activities in Lockburn at the end of last term



Each class had a fun session in Lockburn at the end of last term. The elves had got in a muddle when they put up pictures for the Twelve Days of Christmas and put up the wrong numbers for the days!

The children had to hunt around the whole of Lockburn to sort it all out! Their observational skills were really put to the test! They then visited the beautifully decorated grotto where they were given a present for their class. It was all very magical and exciting!



Curriculum Letters for Spring Term

You should now have received the curriculum letter for the Spring term for your child's year group. This outlines the topics being covered this term and additional information about homework etc. This may also give you ideas about things you can talk about or places you could visit to further your child's learning about their topic.

Healthy snacks

In the light of the recently published concerns from Public Health about children having too many unhealthy snacks and following on from the Life Education talks last week, the teachers have been talking to their classes about the importance of having healthy snacks in school at breaktimes. We feel that the majority of children do have healthy snacks and that they are aware of the reasons. As always we are saying no crisps and no chocolate. Thank you for your support.

Life Education Tent

The Life Education team arrived on Thursday with a special tent to put up in the hall. Each class had a session in the tent about different aspects of keeping healthy with messages about eating well and sleeping well. They were particularly interested in the T-shirt which lit up and showed the inside of a body! The team were really impressed by the knowledge and behaviour of the children. The School Association paid a large part of the cost for this venture.



Slippers in Beech Class and Fashion Show!

The children in Year 6 have been busy designing and making their own slippers which has been quite a challenge! They each have a theme for their slipper design ranging from tractors to leopards! They are now constructing their slippers using a variety of stitches. Mrs Hanson would like to invite all Year 6 parents to the slipper fashion show on Wednesday 31st January at 2.45pm. Hopefully they will all be finished by then!



Message from Mrs Wetherell about our Panda!

Generously, the year 5 children and parents have donated more than £40 to enable us to adopt a giant panda. We have been learning about conservation in science and by adopting an endangered species we are playing an important part in helping to protect their future. Thank you

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **de Blois House** for working hard and for gaining the most House Points this week!

Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Olivia and Arthur**

Silver Birch: **Noah and Bea**

Willow: **Max and George**

Maple: **Sam and Wolfie**

Beech: **Ben and Finn**



St Faith's Crosses

Annabelle - showing great care towards Oak classroom

Alexander - for great teamwork in activity time

Mario - for always being polite

Mimi - for always being quick to help with classroom jobs

Tom -for being a responsible and trustworthy member of Willow

Heidi - for her kind and caring attitude towards a younger child

Arthur -for good partner work in geography

Heidi - for helpfulness in the classroom

Elizabeth - for helpfulness in the classroom

Myla - for helping others with their work

Drinks bottles - names please!

We are very keen that the children have enough to drink through the school day and all children should have a bottle in school. Please could you ensure that all drinks bottles are small, see-through and **named**. You can purchase water bottles from the school office and replacement tops if you wish to.

Message from St Faith's School Association.

Friday 2nd February - School Disco

Friday 23rd February - Film Night

Friday 9th March - Quiz night



Message from St Cross

You are warmly invited to the all ages service on Sunday 14th January at 9.30am

Letters sent out this week

Whole school - Curriculum letters for Spring term

Spring Term 2018

31st January -Year 6 Fashion Show 2.45pm

7th February - Iron Age Man visit for Willow and Maple

12th-16th February - Half term

26th February - Risen the Musical for KS2

27th February - Butser Hill trip for Willow and Maple

2nd March - Skipping workshop for whole school

5th March - Year 6 to Natural History Museum

6th March - Year 3 to Pizza Express

6th and 8th March - Parents' evenings

14th March - The Tempest for KS2

14th March - Infants to Southampton Art Gallery

15th March - Willow Class to Winchester Cathedral

16th March - Maple Class to Winchester Cathedral

16th March - Wells Book shop pm

21st March - Open afternoon for de Blois and Fox

22nd March - Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykham

29th March - End of term 1.15pm

Forthcoming Inset days

Friday 26th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Most of our after school clubs are now full. There are still some spaces for:-

Tuesdays - Football Club Years R-2 Marc Gillingham
9th Jan to 27th March £44

Thursdays - Netball Club Years 3-4 Winchester City coach
11th Jan to 8th Feb £20 **Half a term only**

Thursdays - Orchestra KS2 Thursdays 23rd Feb to 22nd March £20 (**after half term**)

The Ark After School Club Years R-6

Monday - Friday -Runs every day the school is open
3.30-5.45pm Monday - Thursday £12 per session or £15 on the day.
3.30-5pm Friday £8 per session or £10 on the day.