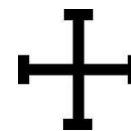




# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



*Lighting the Path*

No.1

Autumn Term 1

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

A big welcome to all of our new families and children as they start their journey at St Faith's and a big welcome back to everyone else! I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer break. We have been delighted by the way in which the children have started the new term and the new Reception children seem to have settled in very quickly!



In collective worship we are focusing on our school values and on Tuesday we talked about the value of love and thinking about others. We thought about the meaning behind the story of the Good Samaritan and ways in

which we can include others into our friendships.

#### **Information Evening for All Parents and vacancy for a new parent governor**

It was great to see so many parents at the curriculum information evening on Wednesday. Ed Francis, our chair of governors opened the evening and thanked Chloe Wheywell on behalf of the governors and the school for all that she has done as an active parent governor during the past four years. As Chloe's term of office has now drawn to a close we are looking for a new parent governor. A letter will be coming out shortly. Please let the office know if you have the interest and time to join our committed board of governors.

I talked through our staffing, our results for 2017-2018 with comparative data and our key targets for this year on top of our main objective which is to ensure that every child makes progress.

Kerry Jack and Jayne Orton, chairs of the St Faith's School Association, talked through the very successful year of fundraising, the way in which the money has been spent and about the forthcoming events. They are keen to welcome new members and would appreciate any offers of help.

The PowerPoints of the talks are available on the school website under Parent News.

#### **Year Overviews and Curriculum Letters for Parents**

Hopefully you have now received your Year Overview which outlines the topics for the year and the homework expectations and also the Autumn curriculum information letter (via email). These will help you to know how you can support your child with their learning at home and give you information specific to the class.

#### **Key Stage 2 Poetry Competition**



All of the children in Key Stage 2 were asked to learn a poem to recite over the Summer holidays. Each child recited their poem in their year group heats on Thursday and the staff were really impressed by the high

standard of delivery. Well done to all!

On Friday morning seven finalists from Years 3,4,5 and 6 performed their poems on the stage in front of the rest of Key Stage 2. They were judged by Mr Francis and myself for their clarity and performance and after some very difficult decisions the following children were announced as the winners and were presented with a poetry book. Congratulations to the winners and all of the children who reached the final. All of them demonstrated our school value of Courage!



#### **Year Group Winners**

**Year 3** – Livia **Year 4** – Elyse  
**Year 5** – Rory **Year 6** – Heidi

#### **KS2 Sphero House Challenge and E-safety**

All of the children in KS2 were divided into their Houses on Wednesday afternoon to carry out a number of IT based activities organised by Miss Whiteman. Each group had a session about the importance of privacy settings on devices and sorted a number of scenarios into suitability for Public and Private sharing online. They also carried out a survey about their use of IT. Each House was also divided into teams of different ages to carry out the Sphero Ball Challenge which involved programming the ball on an i-pad to move it accurately around a maze. This involved a lot of thought and trial and error! The children did extremely well and showed determination to succeed!



#### **Silver Games Mark**

We are delighted to have again been awarded the Silver Games Mark. This is recognition of the amount of sport that the children do within school and in matches and tournaments. This is a real achievement in a school the size of St Faith's. Thank you very much to Mrs Hanson, our Sports leader, for overseeing it all.

### **Severe nut allergy**

This is a reminder that we have children in school who have a severe reaction to nuts; therefore we request that **no** food is bought into school which contains nuts.

### **Thank you message from Mrs Landen**

I would like to say a huge thank you for my fabulous last day at St Faith's. I had a brilliant day, full of fun surprises! I really appreciate all the time and effort the children and staff took to prepare my entertainment and their special cards mean so much. I would like to thank all the parents for their very kind messages, good wishes and amazing generosity. I have visited several places already with the English Heritage pass and enjoyed spending the JL vouchers. My garden is looking great with my new rose and I will have a very good display of spring flowers with all the new bulbs I have bought. Best wishes and good luck to everyone at the start of another exciting year at St. Faith's.

### **Workers of the Week**

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

Oak: **Lucy and Harry**

Silver Birch: **Harry and Freya**

Willow: **Zoe and Thor**

Maple: **Carolina and Wolfie**

Beech: **Sophie and Heidi**

### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Lorienne** – for encouraging the new Year R

**Annabelle** – for paying kind compliments

**Florence** – for always saying "Thank you!"

**Evelyn** – for helping to set up Acorn room for Miss Croker

**Max and Zac** – for showing courage and stepping out of their comfort zone!

**Elsbeth** - for being a kind and caring member of Maple

**Dan** – for being kind and inclusive during playtimes

**Thomas and Gabriel** – for demonstrating an excellent positive attitude at the start of the year

### **Street Dance Club Y1-3**

We still have some spaces for this club run by Integr8dance on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm. Please see separate letter for more information.

### **St Faith's Extended School Provision**

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per session

**The Ark** after school club Years R-6 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.

### **Grub Club**

On Wednesday Mary Needham came to talk to the children about the amount of food waste in England and gave examples of food that is thrown away on a daily basis. She talked about how best before dates are a guide and that food past that date is usually fine to eat. The charity uses food left over from local supermarkets for good causes and part of what they do is to inform and teach children and their families about nutrition and how to cook. Mary and her team will be running a Grub Club at St Faith's on Mondays for this half term.

### **KS1 Curriculum Evening**


#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6pm**

Miss Croker and Mrs Matcham will be holding a curriculum evening for parents of children in Years 1 and 2. This will be followed by talk about Year 1 maths packs. Please see the letter for more information.

### **Names in and on everything please!**

Thank you to all of those who have obviously spent ages sewing on and writing on names. It really does make a difference. Please could you double check that everything has a name – especially jumpers etc!

### **Message from St Cross**

Michaelmas Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018   
10.00am to 4.30am at the Hospital of St Cross. Adults £3.00 Children under 16 free. Free parking. Refreshments available. Around 20 craft stalls and Falconhigh birds of prey on display as well as performances from The Madding Crowd.

### **Letters/emails sent out this week**

**Whole School** – Year Overviews and Autumn Curriculum letters

**Whole School** – Grub Club

**Y1 and Y2** – Curriculum evening and Y1 maths packs

**Y1,2,3** – Street Dance Club

**Y6** - Stream dipping

Please let the office know if you have missed any of these

### **Autumn Term 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Curriculum Evening Y1 and 2 6pm

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 Stream dipping

**19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> September** – Year 4 to Minstead

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – Curriculum Evening for YR 6pm

**24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 to Beaulieu

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Mind Up Parent workshop

**10<sup>th</sup> October** – Maple Class to New Forest

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – Open morning for YR 2019

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Y4 Minstead Parent Outcome 9.15am

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Y6 Beaulieu Parent Outcome

**22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Y6 Bikeability

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** – YR parents to join child in class

**27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent evenings

**28<sup>th</sup> November** – Willow Class Outcome for parents

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity plays 2pm

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – End of term 1.15pm

	<p><b>Inset days for 2018-2019</b> <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018</b> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019</b> <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019</b></p>
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