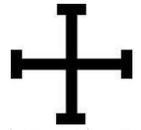




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NEWSLETTER



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*

We had an exciting start to our week when we received a letter from the Department of Education telling us that the amount of progress that our children made last year puts us in the top 2% of schools in England. Well done all! We believe our rich wider curriculum really helps!

Thank you very much to the St Faith's School Association and all who have supported the events!

We are now the very proud owners of a bank of 16 Ipads in their own storage box which can be wheeled from class to class! This is a fantastic resource which we



would certainly not have been able to afford without the funding from the St Faith's School Association. We will now be able to teach much more of the ICT national curriculum through a huge

number of educational apps which also support all subjects. We are extremely grateful to Kerry Jack and Jayne Orton, the chairs of our School Association and to everyone else on the committee for the sterling work they are doing in organising so

many different events and running so many different fundraising activities. We are very privileged to have such a thriving association! We are also



extremely grateful to everyone who has supported the events. These new Ipads will open up a whole new world for the children in their learning!



We started off our week with collective worship led by Phillip who introduced our new theme for this half term which is Justice. He talked about Lent

and the painting "Temptation of Christ" by Botticelli looking at the three different parts of the picture. The children contributed really well showing a depth of understanding. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the story of Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat. The children are looking forward to part two next week! *Genesis 37-41*

Interschool Hockey Tournament – James Y6

The school hockey team went up to Kings' for the interschool hockey tournament on Thursday. We had a very even game against Oliver's Battery and we took our chances. We won 2-1



which means we now go forward to the Hampshire games! Daisy was really good at attacking and scored both of our goals and Sam was a consistent defender who was there to block shots. Well done team! Thank you to Mrs Wetherell and Mrs de Bono for

accompanying the team.

Mindfulness in the Classroom

The teachers have been carrying out mindfulness lessons with their classes following up our training day on the MindUp programme. The children have been



learning about the three main parts of the brain and the function of these parts. The aim is for children to be able to self regulate behaviour using core breathing practice and to develop mindful awareness and focus to help them learn. The children have been fascinated by their learning including our very youngest children. They have been introduced to our



glitter bottles, liquid timers and expanding balls! We are hoping to get a bank of mindfulness resources for each classroom in the future. Hopefully the children will be able to tell you about some of the things

they have been learning about the brain.

Bike rack is ready for use!



We are very grateful to Mr Crump for all the hard work he has done in order to create a space at the front of the school for our new bike rack which holds 16 bikes.

Children can park their bikes in the rack at their own risk. The responsibility of a child cycling to and from school sits entirely with the parent. The bikes cannot be left overnight in the rack. Please let Mrs Crump know if you would like to **book a space** for a bike on a particular day.

School Orchestra starts again



Jo Johnson, from Hampshire Music Service is now leading our school orchestra which has had a break since Mrs Harding retired last Summer. The orchestra meets on Thursdays after school and

will be playing at our services and other events. It is open to children in KS2 who learn an instrument. It was great to see so many there for the first rehearsal.

Street Dance Club for the Infants



The twenty children in the club are really enjoying their Street Dance sessions under the enthusiastic teaching of Louise! They are learning lots of different routines. They will be performing later in the year.

Fire Pit Experience in Lockburn for all classes!

Mr Crump has been busy preparing the Lockburn area for all of the classes to have a Fire pit experience in the next couple of weeks.



Wednesday 28th February – Oak, Silver Birch and Beech

Wednesday 7th March – Willow and Maple

Mr Crump, our Health and Safety officer will be in attendance at all times. The children will be reminded of all the safety procedures prior to their slot. All children will need to wear warm socks in wellington boots and a warm coat and preferably a hat.

Butser Hill trip for Willow and Maple

Please ensure that all of the children in Willow and Maple come to school with layers of clothing, coats, hats and gloves for their trip to Butser Hill on Tuesday 27th February. The weather forecast suggests it will be cold!



House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Fox 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: **Blythe and Jamie**

Silver Birch: **Sienna and Harry**

Willow: **Freddie and Clara**

Maple: **Gabriel and Kainoah**

Beech: **Sam and Myla**



St Faith's Crosses

Annabelle – for patience and care when writing

Maddie – for spreading happiness

Zac – for a positive approach to all his learning

Violet for super participation in all lessons!

Charlie – for outstanding determination and perseverance

Elyse – for outstanding effort in the assessments

Poppy – for thoughtfulness in team work

Thomas – great reliability with classroom jobs

Rosie and James – for showing excellent perseverance with all of their work

World Book Day – Bring in a favourite book

National World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March and to celebrate this we are asking every child to bring in and talk about their favourite book on that day. We are not asking the children to dress up this year.

Wells Book shop will be running a Book

Fair in school on Friday 16th March where children will be able to spend their World Book Day tokens if they wish.



Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Risen the Musical for Key Stage 2

We are looking forward to a production of “Risen” performed by a theatre company next Monday. The musical tells the story of Easter. This will be followed by theatrical workshops for Willow and Maple.

Skipping Workshops for the whole school

The whole school will be taking part in skipping workshops on Friday which should be great fun and inspire the children with all sorts of skipping activities. **The children will need to wear trainers.**

Signing up Online for Parents Evening

The end of Phase 2 parents’ evenings will be held on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th March. You can now book online. You will need to make an appointment with your child’s year group teacher. Do ask at the office if you have any questions.

Message from St Faith’s School Association Quiz Night!

SOLD OUT!! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday March 9th SFSA School Quiz.

Message from Cath Secker, the porter at St Cross

I am looking for acts for this year’s Friends Concert .My idea is to have as many acts from people or children associated with the Hospital as possible.

I was wondering if any of the children at St Faith’s would like to perform?

Any act will do singing, playing an instrument, dancing, juggling even magic!

The Concert is on 3rd November and we have a theme about food as we are incorporating a harvest supper. The children could open the show and then go home. Please could you contact me if you know of a child or a group of children who would like to perform at the concert. porter@hospitalofstcross.co.uk

Letters/emails sent out this week

Whole school – Letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Whole school – World Book Day and Wells Book Fair

Key Stage 2 – Risen and the Tempest productions

Willow and Maple Class- visits to Winchester Cathedral
Please ask at the office if you have not received these

Spring Term 2018

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

15th 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 – Parent outcome for Maple and Willow
9.15am

22nd March – Brass concert for Year 4 parents

22nd March – Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

28th March – Easter Service at St Cross 2pm

29th March – End of term 1.15pm

<p>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.</p>	
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