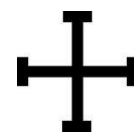




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NEWSLETTER



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

During the past two weeks we have been focusing on our theme of Compassion which comes under our school Christian value of Love. We have had a Talking Schools House morning where we thought about ways in which we treat others and we have also had our Remembrance service to think about those who died in the wars. We are now thinking about Children in Need. We started our week with collective worship led by the Christchurch team based on the ten commandments with the theme that Christians believe that God's rules help us live life to the full. The Open the Book team acted out the Bible story of Moses found in the bulrushes. *Exodus 1-2*



Parent Outcome for the Infants Reported by Alfie and Polly Y2



Yesterday lots of parents came to the hall so see what we had learnt about space. We sang "Three little men in a flying saucer" and then we sang "I'm a space man." We told our parents about the rockets. We showed our parents the rockets. Some of us made our rockets in pairs. We took our rockets home. If we made them in a group we chose who would take the rocket home first.

On Wednesday morning Miss Croker dressed up as Neil Armstrong. She told us that when she sat down she would be someone else! She put a space helmet on and she told us about the life of Neil Armstrong. He learnt to fly before he could drive a car! He used to make paper aeroplanes when he was a boy and pretended he was going into space. He became an astronaut because he was a test pilot for the fastest jet planes. He was the first man to walk on the moon with Buzz Aldrin.

Children's Author talks to Year 3 and 4

Anne Wan came back in to school to talk to Year 3 and 4 about her writing journey from thinking of an idea for her book to having her book "Secret's of the Snow



Globe" published. She explained that it took her six weeks to write the book but another year to edit it. This is a really important message for our children to hear as we are focusing very much on the

importance of editing written work to look at spelling and punctuation but also to further develop the vocabulary and structure of their writing.

Children in Need Appeal Friday 18th November

We are asking the children to come in non-uniform on the above date and to bring in £1 for the charity. (Please note that this is the same day that the PTA are asking children to bring in something for the stall at the



Christmas Fayre.) The School Council

will be selling festival style Children in Need wrist bands for £1 and key ring Pudsey Bears for £3 before school next week.



Power for Good

On Friday, all of the children went into their House groups for the morning in aid of national Anti-bullying week. They learnt about how to use their 'POWER FOR GOOD' and how to make a positive change in other people's lives.



They also looked at the difference between mean and rude behaviour and how this differs to bullying. The morning was very successful. Everyone thought about ways in which they are special and unique and wrote these thoughts on coloured hands, which have been made into a school tree to celebrate our diversity. It was a great link to our current theme of COMPASSION and gave us all plenty to think about.



Compassion Poster for talking about at Home

We are sending out the Home School Values sheet about Compassion which comes under our school value of Love. There are a range of activities on the poster for you to do at home and there is the Story of the good Samaritan for you to read together. This Bible story is the story that we are using in school to demonstrate love for others. Please find time to look at this poster together.

Netball Match against Twyford St Mary Primary

On Monday after school a team of our Year 6 netballers went to play their first match of the season against Twyford. The final score was 20 - 2 to St Faith's! We played really well as a team and scored a lot of goals. The other team kept going even when we scored. Emma, Maddie and Hal were our star players! Reported by the Y6 team

Reminder - Inset Day Monday 21st November

The school will be closed on the above date. The focus of the day for staff will be assessment and pupil progress.

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: **Florence and Ella**

Silver Birch: **Henry and Annabelle**

Willow: **Hal and Emily**

Maple: **Jonas and Alicia**

Beech: **Flora and Sam**



St Faith's Crosses

Freddie – for excellent listening skills

Sienna – for always being kind and helpful

Max – for good manners and always having a cheery smile

Dan – for always being polite and for always saying “Hello!” in the mornings

Arthur – for kindly supporting his class mates

Elsbeth – for being thoughtful and considerate towards others

Tom – for consistent good manners

Isla – for helpfulness with tidying the classroom

Evie and Imogen – for always being polite and helpful

School Blog

Miss Whiteman has been busy updating our School Blog. Do take some time to look at the blog with your family as it really does show many of the different things that have been happening in recent weeks. We do encourage children to leave a comment on the blogs and to get involved in the discussions.

Year 6 attend Winchester College Concert

On Monday afternoon all of Year 6 walked to New Hall at Winchester College for a lovely concert performed by the Quiristers of Winchester College and a vocal group of older boys and a member of staff. The two groups performed a range of songs which really showed off their voices and their musicality. It must have inspired our children because two of them said they wanted to start singing as we left!

Head Lice – Check please!

We have recently been made aware of head lice issues, particularly in Key Stage 2. Please could you check your child's hair very carefully and treat if necessary.

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

Dawn James

Signing up Online for Parents Evening

The end of Phase 1 parents' evenings will be held on **29th November and 1st December**. You will be able to book online as before from 9am on Tuesday 15th November. You will need to make an appointment with your child's **year group** teacher. Those who are new to the school will soon be receiving a letter from the office about the booking process. Do ask at the office if you have any questions.

Individual photographs Friday 25th November

Our school photographer Alex Guy will be in school to take individual photographs of the children on Friday 25th November. He will be in school to take photos of younger siblings from 8.30am

Stay and Play for Year R Parents

All Year R parents are invited to come into Oak class on Wednesday 23rd November from 9.30 – 10.30am to spend time with their child carrying out a variety of activities both in and out of the class.

Letters sent home this Week

Whole School Children's Secret Present Stall (SFSA)

Whole School – School fund letter from the governors
Please let the office know if you have not received these

Message from The Parish of St. Faith at St. Cross

You are all warmly invited to the 9:30am All Ages Service at The Parish of St. Faith this Sunday 16th November for Remembrance Day. We will be joined by Scout and Cub members for this special service. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.

Message from St Faith's School Association

Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December We are looking for a number of helpers to run stalls etc on the day for one hour at a time. Let us know if you are able and willing to help!



Donations required for the Secret Present Stall – please see separate letter

Message from the Community

Young Mother's Bible Study – 2.15pm on Tuesdays Nov 1,8,15,22,29 and Dec 6 with Grace Martin at St Faith Parish Hall.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

16th November – Parent Voice Group

18th November – Children in Need non-uniform day

23rd November – Stay and play morning for YR parents

25th November – Individual photos

29th November and 1st December – Parent Evenings

30th November – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

7th December – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

8th December – Listen2Me concert Year 4 parents

8th December – Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

13th and 14th December – Infant Nativity 2pm

15th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

16th December – End of term **1.15pm**