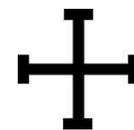




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NEWSLETTER



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*

This week has been very much focused on outdoor learning with Years 1,2 and 6 going stream dipping at the Water Meadows, Year 3 and 5 spending time in Lockburn and on the field and Year 4 going on their two night residential trip to Minstead Study Centre. Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their week away at Beaulieu Countryside Centre next week.

We continued with our theme of Love on Monday and thought about ways in which we could show love to ourselves by eating sensibly. We looked at the Eat Well diagram of the main food groups and discussed the importance of eating a balanced diet. We then thought about foods which grow on the land and are being harvested at this time. The Open the Book team retold the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve *Genesis 3*.

Science in Years 3 and 4



Year 3 are learning about plants and their leaves this term with Miss Whiteman. They had a science lesson in Lockburn looking very closely at different leaves. They spotted similarities and differences and placed them

on square grids before taking photos on the Ipads so that they could work out the sizes of the leaves when they got back to the classroom. Mrs Johnson is teaching Year 4 about identification keys and they had fun working out which animal was which by answering the Yes/No questions. The children will be creating their own classification keys using their scientific knowledge and their understanding about keys.

Poets in Beech Class

Year 6 have been reading a variety of poems in their English lessons and looking closely at a wide range of vocabulary used in the poems to put across ideas in a succinct way. They were then challenged to use effective vocabulary in their own Autumn poems to help the reader to visualise their images.

Autumn is Beginning

*From the mesmerising sun beaming down to the earth below,
The wispy streaks of cloud against the sapphire blue sky,
To the thick blanket of stratus – a duvet, except that the heat was not provided.*

*From the sweet smell of fragrance filling the air,
To the damp, moist smell of rotting leaves,
From the emerald green, bushy trees to a canopy,
Sheltering understorey from violent winds.*

*From the dew on spider webs, glistening in the shine of the smiling sun,
To cobwebs hardly visible in early Autumn darkness,
From the lush grass blowing gently in the soft breeze,
To a leafy rainbow of red, brown, orange and yellow- crunching like crisps under dancing feet.*

Summer is ending, Autumn is beginning.

By Kate Y6

Stream Dipping at the Water Meadows



The children in Years 1,2 and 6 had a great opportunity to explore the local habitats at St Cross

Nature Reserve this week

with Education Officers from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight



Wildlife Trust.

Year 6 walked there on Monday and Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday.

The children all took part in stream dipping and explored the different habitats linked to their science topics. They were excited to find a wide range of

creatures to look at. Thank you to all of the staff involved and the parent helpers.



St Cross Meadows Trip by Lucas Y2

First we met Susan and Sarah and walked to the stream. Then Susan showed us how to do a kick sample. After that it was our turn so we did try it. We caught a baby fish in the stream! Next we needed to find some woolly caterpillars. Finally we had to find some real animals and one of those animals was a toad! We found the toad in long wet grass. I had a good morning because I found loads of animals in the stream.

Outdoor Learning for Year 3 and Year 5



Year 3 and 5 had an exciting day of outdoor learning on Wednesday when they carried out a range of activities to learn more about the natural areas around our school. They spent time identifying trees in

the playground, on the field and in Lockburn by looking closely at the leaves and the trunks. They also used their senses of smell in Lockburn and were surprised to smell lemon and curry around them! They worked in groups to create art pictures out of natural materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and they made their own sketch

books to record items that they had found. They were excited to discover that they could use the dye from some flowers and plants to make colour on their sketches! On Thursday they carried out a circuit of different sports activities in small groups led by Mrs Maundrell.



Year 4 trip to Minstead



Miss Whiteman, Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Choules took all of Year 4 to Minstead Study Centre from Wednesday to Friday. They stopped at Moors Valley on the way and arrived at the Centre after lunch. They

carried out a range of activities led by Chris and Jane, including a long Forest walk, orienteering and camp fires. They thoroughly enjoyed the wholesome meals and time in their lounge and dormitories! The children behaved in the St Faith's way and were a credit to the school! Thank you very much to all of the staff involved who made it such a successful and memorable trip for Year 4.

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: **Maddie and Harley**

Silver Birch: **Maisie and William**

Willow: **Agatha and Wilf**

Maple: **Arlo and Emily**

Beech: **Kate and Max**

St Faith's Crosses

Romola – for coming into school with a smile

Thomasina – putting her hand up

Alex – for helping another child

Sophia – always trying her best to follow our school values

Claudia – super tidying up

Yasmine – taking care with class equipment

Evie – for showing kindness and love to her classmates

Rose – for being a positive and friendly member of

Maple Class

Tom – always there to help others

Heidi – offering to help others

Parent questionnaire

Thank you very much to everyone who has completed the questionnaire. Your views about St Faith's school are very important to us. Please could you complete your form and send it to the office by Friday 28th September. We will inform you of the outcome of the survey and use the feedback to identify and implement improvement actions where we can.

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. **Please note that from 29th October coming to Breakfast Club without a booking will be £5.**

Be Grape Aware! Choking Hazard

We are often advised as a school that whole grapes and cherry tomatoes can pose a choking hazard to younger children. Please ensure that grapes and small tomatoes are cut up for snacks for your child's safety.

Macmillan coffee morning at St Cross Garage

Tim will be holding a coffee morning to raise money for those affected by cancer. All welcome!
Friday 28th September at St Cross Garage from 9am- 4pm

Message from St Cross

Michaelmas Fair – Saturday 29th 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.



Message from the St Faith's School Association

Year 6 cake sale- 5th October

Film and Pyjama Night – 12th October

Monster Dash at North Walls recreation centre

28th October 12-4pm in aid of the Wessex Cancer Trust
Our Halloween Monster Dash is a 3km fear-filled inflatable obstacle course perfect for runners, friends and families. There are ten immense inflatables for you to bounce over, squeeze through, slip and slide around but be careful you never know which monster might be just around the next turn! For more details <https://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/Event/monster-dash-2018>

Autumn Term 2018

25th September – Curriculum Evening for YR 6pm

24th -28th September – Year 6 to Beaulieu

3rd October – Mind Up Parent workshop 9-10am

4th October – Harvest Festival and Beech café 2.00pm

10th October – Maple Class to New Forest

16th October – Open morning for YR 2019 9.30am

17th October – Y4 Minstead Parent Outcome 9.15am

18th October – Y6 Beaulieu Parent Outcome 9.10am

22nd -26th October – Half term

29th October to 1st November – Y6 Bikeability

13th November – Individual photos

22nd November – YR parents to join children in class

27th and 29th November – Parent evenings

28th November – Willow Class Outcome for parents 2.30pm

11th and 12th December – Infant Nativity plays 2pm

18th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Cross 5.30pm

21st December – End of term 1.15pm

Inset days for 2018-2019

Friday 23rd November 2018

Monday 25th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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.

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!

