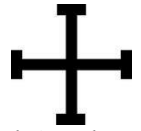




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Lighting the Path

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



We placed our poppy from the Tower of London in the spiritual garden for Remembrance and classes placed their own crosses beside it to

remember those who died in war. Mr Britton led collective worship on the 11th and talked to us about the significance of the poppy. He also brought in a variety of uniforms to demonstrate how many groups of people helped in the war from all over the world. The children have been fascinated by the artefacts from WW1 and WW2 that Mr Britton has loaned us and were particularly interested in the first type of poppies and the poppy snake made by prisoners of war. We would like to thank Mr Britton for sharing so



many artefacts with us to help our understanding. The Open the Book team retold the Bible story of Moses – Exodus 7 and the parting of the sea which the children re-enacted very well!

Learning Council lead collective worship for the whole school

Our three Learning Council teams led our collective worship on Monday with presentations about signs around school which demonstrate we are a church school. They have taken photographs and made powerpoints. The children all spoke clearly and put across their points very well. The winning team who found the most evidence were Charlie, Gabe, Anna and Arlo who have been presented with a special St Cross pen as their prize. Well done to all of the teams who took part! They all demonstrated a really good understanding of our values.

St Faith's take part in National School Science Quiz

We entered a quiz team into the national science quiz for the first time on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Wetherell has been running a lunchtime club for the science team with practice quizzes and has been preparing them well for the occasion. The team comprising of Sam, Phoebe, Tom and Rosie did extremely well and came third. They demonstrated great scientific knowledge! Congratulations to the team!



Dan wins Steve Brine's Christmas Card Competition!

We were delighted to receive a letter from Steve Brine on Tuesday informing us that Dan has won the Christmas card competition and that his painting will be published on the front cover of the card which Steve Brine will be sending to all sorts of people including the Queen and the Prime Minister! Dan has also won tickets for his family to go to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal. Steve Brine and Professor Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of Winchester University will be coming into school in December to present Dan with a framed certificate. Congratulations Dan, well deserved!

Space topic in the Infants



Year R have been thoroughly enjoying their learning about space in their outside area. They have their own space station with controls



which they could tell me all



about! They have been creating their own space rockets out of craft materials and have built

their own rocket in groups out of construction blocks ready to fly to the moon! The amount of learning taking place and the conversations that they have had to work things out has been very impressive!



Volcanoes

Willow Class have been continuing to learn about volcanoes and have been doing some very effective creative writing about a volcano erupting. They have used thought about their senses and have chosen their vocabulary carefully. They then published their writing. *I can see smoke. I can smell gas. I can see fire raining and I am boiling hot like I am in a desert. The lava is flowing like water into a cup...* By Thomas
I can see hot, steaming lava running down the side. I can feel the hotness hitting my face. I can hear the lava bubbling away inside the volcano. I can smell the ash and I can taste the clouds of ash.... by Izzy

Year 5 Publish their retelling of El Caminante



In English for the past few weeks, Year 5 have been retelling the story of El Caminante in their own words. They have spent time editing and redrafting their writing

and have then published their stories on laptops and produced their own front covers. The results are very effective. The booklets are now on display for everyone to look at. Each child has written their own blurb. *One sunny day in a Spanish village, the sun was shining for a dramatic day. A strange traveller had returned for another challenging act. All the children had their eyes glued to the action and the adults were gripping each other in suspense. His secret to the act will never be known. Or will it? Read on to find out the tale of gripping intensity!* **By Jonas**

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort 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: **William and Florence**

Silver Birch: **Heidi and Tom**

Willow: **Jemima and Izzy**

Maple: **Isla and Toby**

Beech: **Grace and Sello**



St Faith's Crosses

Alastair – for always tucking in chairs

Alice - for showing great determination

Claudia – for being polite and well mannered

Louis – for always displaying excellent manners

Evie – for always showing kindness to others

Sam - for helpfulness in the classroom

Kate – for consistent good manners

Gabriel and Sofia – for good attitude to team work

William – for giving up his own time to tidy up

Emma – always being helpful towards others

Parent Voice Group Meeting

The Parent Voice group met on Wednesday afternoon to continue with the development of our core Christian values from a parent's perspective. As a result of this meeting we will shortly be sending out a copy of our value posters for all parents to see which demonstrate how we live by our values in school. Do let us know if you are interested in joining our active Parent Voice group.

Magistrates to visit Beech Class

Two magistrates will be coming into school on Tuesday 29th November to set up the scenario of courtroom with Year 6. This all helps with the understanding of our core British Value of the judicial process.

Dawn James

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.

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

Immunisation against Flu for Years 1,2 and 3

The children in Years 1,2 and 3 are being offered a nasal flu vaccine on Friday 25th November. This vaccine provides protection to the individual child and also reduces the spread of flu.

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 – Outline of parent evenings

Key Stage 2 – local instrumental lessons and hire offer
Please let the office know if you have not received these

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



The Real Advent Calendar 2016

The Story of Christmas, day by day throughout Advent, with a Fairtrade Chocolate in every window. On sale in the Porters Lodge Shop St Cross £4

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!



Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

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**

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

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