



# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



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

We have been continuing to develop our school environment recently. The Eco Committee have helped Mr Crump to plant some hedging behind the new benches on the field and the House Captains and Vice House Captains have been selecting new playground markings for the main playground.

We started our week with collective worship run by the Christchurch schools team who retold the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem with the message that Christians believe that Jesus cares about fairness, so we should be fair to others. On Tuesday the Open the Book team acted out Jesus being baptised with the help of a number of children - *Matthew 3*.

#### Eco Committee plant hedging with Mr Crump



The school has been donated a number of hedging saplings by the Woodland Trust which Mr Crump and the Eco Committee have planted in the field behind the new seating which was donated

by the Leavers of 2018. The children were shown how to plant the sapling carefully and then cover it with a protective tube without knocking off the buds. The children were very pleased with their gardening and are looking forward to watching the hedge grow!



#### Playground project for the House and Vice Captains

The House and Vice House Captains were given a catalogue of playground markings and a budget of £2000 from the sports funding grant with the challenge of choosing markings which would encourage children to be active at playtimes. They took the challenge very seriously and put forward their ideas having consulted other children to see which markings were the most popular. The Captains then met with a representative from the playground company and explained what they had come up with. They were very interested when a drone was sent up into the sky to take photos of the dimensions of the playground! We are hoping that the new markings will go down in February.

#### Infants learn about Paul Klee

As part of their topic on colour the Infants are learning about the abstract artist Paul Klee who inspired David McKee to write Elmer. The children have learnt to draw a continuous line with their pencil to create shapes and to then fill in the shapes using crayon and pastels. The results are very effective!



#### Bird Watch for Whole School Next Week!

We are taking part again in the annual Big Schools Bird Watch next week when each class will be going over to Lockburn to record the birds they see with Mr Crump and Mr Maundrell. **The children will need warm coats, hats and wellington boots or a change of shoes.** The Juniors will be going over on Tuesday and the Infants on Thursday. We are hoping to see a lot of different birds over there!



#### Willow learn about the counties of England



As part of their learning about the United Kingdom, Willow Class have been learning how to use atlases to find out the names of the counties of southern England and to locate and record them onto a

blank map. This involved quite a lot of different skills! They then had the challenge of finding which counties were to the north or south etc of a given county. It is a really good to point out different counties if you travel around the country.

#### Inventor inspires Maple Class

The children in Maple Class were very interested to learn about a modern day inventor and chemist called Jamie Garcia who has managed to create a strong recyclable plastic as a result of her experiments. She tried many times to create a plastic which would break down and succeeded as a result of an error. This has been a very good lesson for the children to learn and it has inspired them to draw their own inventions to help to save the environment. Many decided to focus on a machine to extract plastic from the sea.

#### Test Pilot comes to talk to Willow Class!



Mr Amdal, one of our parents, came in to talk to Willow Class about his life as a test pilot. He showed them his special clothes and helmet. He explained how you cannot hear anything other than

air control when the helmet is on and the significance of this. He talked about his job in different countries and showed clips of flying a plane at an air show. The children were captivated by the talk and we are very grateful to Mr Amdal for finding the time to come in.

#### Sewing Slippers in Beech Class

Year 6 are very busy sewing their slippers together for their forthcoming fashion show! They have been very inventive and are adding on all sorts of details!



## Recommended Reading Lists from the Library



The School Library Service have put out recommended reading lists for each year group which may be of interest to parents. These reading lists are now on the class pages on the school website.

### Year R enjoy time outside!

The children in Year R have been continuing to enjoy their outside learning in spite of the colder weather!



They have been experiencing Winter by breaking up ice and have been making a snowmobile out of the large construction!



### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **de Blois House** for gaining the most achievement points this week.

### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Elsie and Lorienne**

Silver Birch: **Sophia and Arthur**

Willow: **Zac and Agatha**

Maple: **Elsbeth and Lila**

Beech: **Tuelle and Max**

### St Faith's Crosses

**Ava** – for showing patience and care

**Georgia** – for persevering with tricky reading

**Henry** – for being continuously polite and helpful

**Florence** – for being polite and holding the door for others

**Bea** – for always giving an enthusiastic and cheery good morning

**Livia** – for always offering to help others

**Clara** – for always being a helpful and friendly member of Maple

**Magnus** – for always being polite to both children and adults

**Sasha and Isla** – for helping others with their work

### St Faith's Extended School Provision

#### Holiday Club News

The next Holiday Club will be during the week of **February half term**. £20 per day or £85 for 5 days

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per booked session and £5 on the day.

**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. **Dawn James**

## Mini Medics



We are offering a recommended Mini Medics course to the children in **Year 5 and 6** on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February from 3.30-5pm. Please let the office know if you are interested in this useful course. £10 which includes a workbook, an information book, a pen and a certificate

### Agility, Balance and Co-ordination Club for Years 1-4

Marc will be running an A, B and C club on Mondays for the last four weeks of the term – 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25 March and 1<sup>st</sup> April at a cost of £16 Please sign up at the office if you are interested.

### Message from Mrs Hanson for Beech Class parents

Year 6 parents are invited to the Beech Class Slipper Fashion Show at 2.40pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall. The children are looking forward to showing you their designs!

### Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you to everyone involved in the successful film night last week.

**Friday February 1st:** SFPA school disco.

Infants 5:30-6:30 and Juniors 6:45-8. Tickets on sale from **Monday 28th January**.

**15<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3 Cake Sale

### Emails/letters sent home this week

**Whole school** – SFSA School Disco

**Whole school** – February Half term Holiday Camp

**Whole school** – E Library Platform

### Spring Term 2019

**29<sup>th</sup> January** – Big School Bird Watch Key stage 2

**31<sup>st</sup> January** – Big School Bird Watch Infants

**6<sup>th</sup> February** – Beech Class Slipper Fashion Show 2.40pm

**13<sup>th</sup> February** – E-safety day Parent talk 6pm

**15<sup>th</sup> February** – Willow Class Great British Tea Party 2pm

**18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February**– Half term

**27<sup>th</sup> February** – Royal Marine Activity Day for whole school

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – Author day for whole school with Anne Wan

**5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent evenings

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Wells Book Shop

**13<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS1 3.30 -4.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 -4.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 to Natural History Museum

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Willow and Maple trip to Roman forest

**20<sup>th</sup> March** – KS2 football tournament

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Young Shakespeare Company for KS2

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Infant Parent Outcome 9.00am

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Easter Service for whole school 2.00pm and Beech café 3.00pm

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 1.15pm

### Summer Term 2019

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term starts

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term

**18<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers’ Service 9.10am

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term 1.15pm

**Inset days for 2018-2019**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**