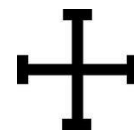




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Lighting the Path

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Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care

This has been quite a challenging week in many ways but the children (and staff) have coped admirably! Year 6 have enjoyed their special start to each day with Mrs Hanson's breakfast club held prior to the SATs tests each day. We have been really impressed by the positive attitude of every child in Year 6 and the way in which they have tackled the new style test papers. It is important to note that these tests only form part of the overall picture of the child and that our robust teacher assessment will give an accurate picture of attainment whatever the outcome of these tests. We started the week with an assembly led by Father Paul on our school value of "Practise Christian values in all we do". The children were given different examples of people who lead their lives in this way and were given time to reflect whilst listening to music. The Open the Book team continued with the same theme through their retelling of the Bible story about two sons who were asked to do some work on the land. One said yes but chose to stop and the other said no but then chose to carry out the work and follow the Christian way. (*Matthew 21*)



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Greek Masks in Jupiter

Year 6 have had a fun week carrying out creative activities once the tests had been completed. They have all completed their papier mache Greek masks which look really



effective now that the detail has been added.

Outside activities for Year R

The canopy has really come into its own in recent weeks as both a sun shade and a rain shelter! The canopy allows for continuous learning provision for Year R and enables them to carry out all sorts of different problem solving child initiated activities. The new grass area is great for setting up obstacle courses and the bikes and trikes have been in use on the track in the adjoining playground.



Parent Voice Group Meeting

We had our first Parent Voice meeting in school on Wednesday. The group met with myself and Ed Francis, our chair of governors. We looked at the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural policy for the school which underpins almost everything that we do and talked about our recent review of the school values. This led to a very productive discussion with the parents and some very good ways in which we can further develop our practice. Some of these ideas will form part of the school's strategic plan for next year. There will be another meeting next half term. Please ask for a form at the office if you would like to join the group.

Music in Key Stage 2

Year 3 learn the Recorder

Mrs Harding is teaching all of Year 3 to play the recorder this term and they are enjoying playing along to lively backing tracks. They will be performing a concert for their parents towards the end of term.



Year 4 Singing



This term in their Listen2Me music lessons, the children are learning to use their voice with Kerry Kenwood. The Year 4 children learn three different instruments each year in lessons run by Hampshire County Music

Service. Our parent association fund-raising enables the children to have these lessons when they are in Year 4. They have been learning a variety of different songs and singing techniques and are looking forward to performing to their parents in July.

Spanish Music in Year 5

Report by Emma and Lauren

Our music lessons are very lively at the moment because we are learning about Spanish music and rhythms. We are learning a song called Sambelele about a monkey learning to dance! We listened to it in Spanish and then in English. We can bring in our instruments if we learn one and we all play together. Mrs Landen writes the notes up on the board and it all seems to fit in very well. We have also been singing and dancing to the music. It's good fun!

Song writing in Year 6

Year 6 are working in small groups to write their own songs and an accompaniment to go with them as part of their Song writer unit. They are having fun rehearsing their songs.

Walk to School Week - May 16th -20th



It is Walk to School week next week. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to walk to school during the week. If you live too far away for your child to walk; you could park further away from school than normal and walk from there to get the sticker.

Lost property and naming items. Spot checks!

A large number of un-named items are appearing at the office each week – drinks bottles, food containers, items of clothing. Please could parents ensure that *everything* is named – teachers will be carrying out spot checks next week! Table Points will be given out!! (Or taken away!)



Coats in school at all times

Several children have been coming to school without a coat this week and have been caught out by the changeable weather. We do like to let the children go out for play as much as we can. Please ensure that the children have a lightweight coat with them at all times – some are finding their thicker coats are too warm.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Foxe House** for working hard and for gaining the most Achievement Points this week!



Congratulations to the following Year R children who have learnt to read all of their high frequency words:

Yasmine

Workers of the Week

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

Venus: **Livia and Ava**

Neptune: **Leo and Alayna**

Mercury: **Tom and Sebastian**

Saturn: **William and Elizabeth**

Jupiter: **All of Year 6 for their excellent attitude**



St Faith's Crosses

Harry – taking time to tidy with care

Max –for being a hard worker

Freddie – for seeing a need to tidy up

Theo – for being polite and cheerful

Euan – for always having a positive attitude

Isla – for showing perseverance and resilience

Oscar and Toby – for being polite and helpful

Evie and Phoebe – for great team effort

All of Year 6 – for showing courage and perseverance during SATS and for supporting each other so well!

Inset Days

Friday 24th June 2016

Letters sent home this week

PH Camps Holiday Club at St Faith's 31st May – 3rd June

Years 1 and 2 – maths pack evaluation

Year 3 – Science trip to Search

Please ask at the office if you need a copy of any of the above.

Message from St Faith's School Association

Summer Fete : 17th June

Summer HoeDown : 9th July

School Association Coffee Morning

We are looking for more parents to join us on the School Association & would like to invite you to a coffee morning, where you can find out a bit more about whats involved & share some of your ideas.

We are always looking for new events to host & we need your help for both the ideas & organising to make things happen. The School Association plays a big role in raising vital funds for all the children & is also important in making the school a more sociable place. If you have enjoyed one of our previous events or feel that you can spare us some time & energy then please do come along.

Date: Wednesday 18th May

Venue: 20 Edgar Road Time: After morning drop off.

Little siblings welcome

Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 2016

9th to 13th May – SATs week for Year 6

Friday 20th May – Y6 Fairthorne Manor

Monday 23rd May - Year 3 to Search Museum

Wednesday 25th May – Y6 trip to Mayflower

Thurs 26th May – Beaulieu Information Eve Y5 6pm

30th May to 3rd June – Half term

Wednesday 8th June – New Yr R (Sept 16) meeting 6.30

Friday 10th June – Queen's 90th Picnic on the field

Wednesday 22nd June- Sports Day 9.15am

Wednesday 22nd June - Minstead Information Y3 6pm

Thursday 23rd June- Y6 Cathedral Day

Wednesday 27th June – Lorraine Lee talk at Kings

Monday 4th July – African workshops for the Infants

Tuesday 5th July – Class photographs

Monday 11th July – Spanish Fiesta day – Saturn

Tuesday 12th July - End of year performance 7pm

Note change of date due to clash with meeting at Kings' for Year 6

Weds 13th July- End of year performance 2pm

Thurs 14th July – End of year performance 7pm

Thurs 14th July – Year 5 Taster day at Kings'

Wednesday 20th July – End of term at 1.15pm

Club News –

Musical Theatre

There will be no Musical Theatre on Tuesday 18th May as Miss Whiteman is performing at the Theatre Royal on that evening.

Summer Sports

Our Sports leaders will be on a training course for the week after half term. Therefore there will be **no** Summer Sports Clubs on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June.