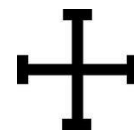




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Lighting the Path

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

Autumn has certainly arrived this week and the children have been having great fun playing with the conkers at breaktimes and making patterns on the playground. It has been



good to see them working together so well to make their patterns! The Christ church school's team led our collective worship on Monday and talked about how we should not judge



people by their looks and how God looks at people's hearts and not their appearance. The Open the Book team retold the story of God's friend, Abraham – 5 Genesis 12 which involved many of the children.



Harvest Festival and Beech Class Café

Our theme of Generosity under our Christian value of Hope fits in very well with Harvest. Thank you for all the donations.



The School Council will be helping to collect everything together for the Winchester Churches Nightshelter. We have been talking to the children about how their generosity will really help children in the locality who do not have enough food. The Harvest Festival service at St Cross was very well attended. The theme of the service was about the importance of looking after our water and our oceans to protect the harvest of the seas in the future. After the service a large number of parents came back to school to be served a drink and a biscuit by Year 6. It was great to see the children in Beech Class serving everyone so confidently!

Father Paul talk to Beech Class



Father Paul came into school last week to work with Year 6 in their religious education lesson to talk to them about the Trinity and how God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The children

were very keen to discuss this and to put forward their opinions and ideas.

Pond dipping at the Water Meadows

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 all took part in pond dipping workshops on the Water Meadows last Monday. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children were very excited to find many different creatures in the water including a number of fish. The children in Year 1 and 2 followed up their visit with written reports.



We went to the stream in the water meadows. We looked for mini-beasts with the net. I was excited. I had a great time seeing the creatures. I saw a stickleback and a fresh water shrimp. Ava Y1

We went stream dipping at the stream. It was fun. When we had a go we caught three fish. We caught a Bull head fish. The Bull head fish was the biggest fish. It was the best trip! Magnus Y2 Thank you very much to all of the parents who came to help.

New Forest Topic in Maple Class

Marion from the New Forest Centre Outreach team came into school on Tuesday morning to talk to the class about the history and organisation of the New Forest in preparation for their trip to Lyndhurst and the New Forest next week.

The children have been learning about the meaning of scale when reading maps and have been working out what the scales actually mean in their maths lesson. They have also been enlarging to scale by copying a photo using a grid for guidance. The finished paintings are very effective and the children have really looked at the detail and the colour very carefully.



Measuring topic in Year 2

Mrs Bradbury kindly brought baby Caspian into school for Year 2 to measure as part of their maths topic on measuring. Earlier in the week they had all measured their own height, circumference of their head, their wrist measurement and the length of their feet. They had to consider what equipment would be best to measure the different parts. They then measured baby Caspian, who was very happy to have all of the attention! The children were amazed to see how tiny his feet and hands were but surprised to find out that his head circumference was not very different to theirs!

Plant Science in Willow Class

Willow Class have been learning about the parts of a plant in science. They have been working in groups to plan their investigation to see what plants must have in order to grow. They have decided to put one plant on the window sill, another group has taken the leaves off the plant but left the flowers on and another group has put their plant in a dark cupboard. They are going to carry out frequent observations to see if their predictions are correct!



Parent Voice Group

The Parent Voice group met in the school hall last week and we discussed a number of items relating to the school's Christian values. The Book of names of children who have been noted for demonstrating our values is being used and children mentioned have been given certificates. We are now looking at ways to further raise awareness with our children that some children are not as fortunate as they are and do not have some of the things they take for granted.

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **Wykeham 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: **Freya and Zak**
 Silver Birch: **Leo and Zoe**
 Willow: **Evelyn and Rory**
 Maple: **Daisy and Tom**
 Beech: **Lauren and Dylan**



St Faith's Crosses

Agatha – for always thinking of others
Harry – for being generous in his play with others
Annabelle and Victoria – for tidying up Acorn room without being asked
Yasmine – for being a reliable helper in class
Megan and Theo – for kindly helping a friend with maths.
Jonas, Elizabeth and Sasha – for being extra helpful with class tidying
Sello and Blair – for helpfulness towards others

Times Tables at Home – Please!

As you are aware, children now need to know their times tables fluently by the end of Year 4. We are noticing a real difference in the children who regularly practice their tables at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to practice tables at home little and often.

Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016
 Friday 27th January 2017
 Monday 6th March 2017
 Friday 26th May 2017

Dawn James



ROTARY SHOE BOXES for Albania, Montenegro Moldova and Romania

We are supporting the Shoebox Appeal again this year. It would be great if the children could find something of their own to put in the box to send to another child. This would fit in very well with our Generosity focus. The following items would be very



much appreciated. NEW OR NEARLY NEW toys and games, pencils, paper, geometry set, small clothing (hats, scarves, gloves), educational books - toothpaste, toothbrush,

soap. These are some of the children who received boxes last year. All boxes need to be in school by Friday 21st October. Thank you!

A message from St Faith's Parent Prayer Group

Did you know that a small group of parents meet every week to pray for our school community? If you would like to be a part of the group feel free to drop in – (no special praying technique required – silent prayer is equally valid!) We'd love to see you. We meet every Monday morning in the Staff room immediately after drop off for 10 minutes.



Message from St Faith's School Association

Don't forget to order your Christmas Tree!

Letters/Emails sent home this week

Whole school – Booking form for Breakfast Club

Please let Mrs Crump know if you have missed this

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

13th October – Maple trip to New Forest
19th October – Kings' talk at St Faith's for Y5 and 6 6pm
24th -28th October – Half term
31st October – 3rd November – Bikeability for Year 6
9th Nov – Parent outcome for YR,1 and 2 parents 3pm
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 – 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**