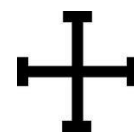




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Lighting the Path

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

What a wet week! The mud on the field and the large amount of standing water in the playground have led to the cancellation of many of our clubs. The interschools netball tournament at Kings was also postponed. We started our week with Father Paul who continued with our theme of courage and talked about ways of



overcoming fear. "Perfect love overcomes all fear." 1 John 4.18 The Open the Book team retold the story of the man who came through the roof with the help of a number of children. Luke 5



Beech Class learn about the Mayans
The children in Year 6 have been finding out about the Mayan civilisation this term. They have summarised the key points from a passage of information and found out facts including that the Mayans made chocolate but it was very bitter! They also learnt that the Mayans were advanced in maths and science and used astronomy to invent very accurate calendars. Year 6 are now carrying out research to find out more information and are particularly interested in the more gruesome facts!

Year 4 Samba Drumming
Greg Walker, our Listen2Me music teacher from the Hampshire music service is teaching all of the children in Year 4 how to play Samba rhythms on drums and a number of percussion instruments. The children are getting very good at keeping in time and playing their part with others. They have to watch Mr Walker very carefully to see when to start and stop. Certainly the rest of the school knows when it is Samba drumming time!! The Year 4 children will perform a concert for parents at the end of the term.



Book Audit by Hampshire Library Service

As part of our revamp of our class libraries we invited Anne Stevens from the Hampshire Library Service to come into school on Wednesday morning to audit all of our books. She advised us on books to remove and update and ensured that there are a wide variety of authors for the children to read. We will now be looking to further develop these areas following Anne's suggestions.



Science in the Infants

Oak Class have been talking about the different properties of materials and why we use items for certain things. They decided that a paper hat in the rain would not be helpful! They have been thinking carefully about vocabulary to use when describing the different materials. Silver Birch Class have been comparing the stretch of different elastic bands. They have been working in small groups to test out the bands and to record their answers. They suggested that all of the bands should be cut to the same length to make it a fair test. The children had to use their maths skills to work out how much each band had stretched. They were able to explain their investigations very clearly to me and worked very well in their groups.



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Light Display by Willow Class

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*Light is... Flickering candles in church
A beach full of joyful people
Happy endings of stories
Like fluorescent colours shimmering everywhere
Dark isa gigantic shadow covering the whole world
A gloomy shadow of a fox
Something mysterious tapping on my shoulder
A cold bucket of freezing water by Izzy Firth Y3*



Class Visits to the Fire pit in Lockburn

We are very excited that weather permitting, all classes will go over to Lockburn next week to see the new fire pit in action. Mr Crump will talk to everyone about the safety aspect before they start. **All children will need wellington boots and coats for their session.**

Mon 6th February – Oak Class and Silver Birch Class
Weds 8th February – Maple Class and Beech Class
Fri 10th February – Willow Class

**E-safety Talks for children, staff and parents
Tuesday 7th February**

Nick Edwards the E-safety trainer from Harrap, our IT providers, is going to come into school on Tuesday 7th February. All classes will have a talk in the afternoon. There will be a talk for parents in the evening at 6pm which is open to all.

Toys from the Past in the Infants



The Infants have been bringing in a range of toys that their families have played with in the past which have caused a great deal of discussion – especially the rocking horse! Oak Class and

Silver Birch Class are looking forward to their visit to Milestones next week as part of their topic on toys.

Safeguarding training for all staff

Last Friday morning the staff attended a variety of professional development workshops run by the Winchester Teaching School Alliance. In the afternoon the whole staff and many governors attended the statutory safeguarding training update. As ever there were very important messages for everyone.

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: **Sophia and Jamie**

Silver Birch: **Flynn and Zoe**

Willow: **Emily and Morgan**

Maple: **Sebastian and Anna**

Beech: **Oscar and Maddie**

St Faith's Crosses

Mimi – for showing great honesty and courage

Zak – for challenging himself and trying his best

Jasper – for being an enthusiastic team member in science

William – for being an enthusiastic team member

Alex – for good effort and participation in lessons

Wolfie – for giving up some of his playtimes to help Miss Whiteman

Rosie and Isla for helpfulness in the classroom

Gabe, Tom, Toby and Imogen – for great team co-operation

Evie – for being caring towards others

Emma – for always being helpful

Road safety after school

We have had a report from a concerned parent that some of our children have been running across the road and crossing between parked cars after school. Please ensure that children are supervised at all times. Let us know if you see any unsafe behaviour from our children by the road.

Digital Leaders to lead on E-safety



Miss Whiteman's digital leaders have been having fun adapting their photos using photo grid. They are also learning how to use a comic creator app to put across e-safety messages for the rest of the school.

A Visit from the Southern Evening Echo

A journalist from the Echo came into school on Wednesday morning to gain information about the school for an article in the paper. The children rose to the occasion and the House Captains and the different pupil voice groups spent time talking to her. We are now looking forward to seeing the printed article which should be in the Echo on a Thursday in the coming weeks! We will keep you posted.

Message from the St Faith's Community

FITNESS ON THE FIELD

Cardio combined with conditioning workouts in a fun, friendly group environment.

All levels of fitness and abilities welcome. Babies and little ones too.

Every MONDAY & FRIDAY 9am - 10am

£7 (a donation goes to the school)

Pop along or for more details contact - Helen Duke 07407 213047
helsbellsduke@gmail.com

Letters sent home this Week

Whole school – reminder re E-Safety talk

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

7th February – E-safety day and talk for parents 6pm

8th February – Infant trip to Milestones

15th Feb – Oak and Silver Birch Parent Outcome 3pm

16th February – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

17th February – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2pm

20th – 24th February – Half term

20th -22nd – Holiday Camp On Your Marks Sports

10th March – World Book Day and Wells Book Shop

14th and 16th March – Parent Evenings

7th April – End of term

February Half-term Sports Camp

On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 20th, 21st and 22nd February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. See flyer for more details.

Musical Theatre Club

Miss Whiteman's Musical Theatre Club for Y3-Y6 will start again on Tuesday 28th February 3.30-4.30pm. Please sign up at the office

Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017