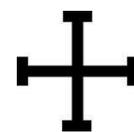




# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



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 have been enjoying the weather this week and many classes have been using the outside environment to enhance their learning. We started our week with collective worship based on Pentecost with the theme of knowing God's presence. We focused on the Bible story of the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and finding they could talk in different languages to spread the word. We thought about how Christians believe that God sent the Holy Spirit to be their friend and counsellor *Acts 2*. On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the Bible story of Zacchaeus the tax collector and how Jesus treated him as a friend which made Zacchaeus change how he treated others *Luke 19*. It has been interesting to explore the theme of friendship with the children and to see that the school values of courage, trust, love and hope can all be demonstrated under the Friendship.

#### Beech Class visit London

Last Thursday Year 6 went by coach to London for the day. They went to the National Gallery where they had a very interesting talk about specific paintings including The Judgement of Paris by Rubens which depicted one of the scenes which led to the Trojan War. The children were able to answer the questions from knowledge they had gained in their study of the ancient Greeks. They also saw the painting which they have been studying as part of their Take One Picture project. The next stop was Covent Garden where they watched a magic show and ate lunch before walking to the Prince Edward Theatre to watch Aladdin. The show was very energetic and colourful and the children really enjoyed the experience! It was a very special day out and one that I am sure the children will remember.

#### Oak Class visit their Oak Tree!

Oak Class went over to the field on Wednesday to have a close look at their special Oak tree which was planted in the field last year. They looked carefully at the leaves and were excited to spot a spider!



#### Observational drawing in Silver Birch Class

The children in Silver Birch Class went outside on Wednesday to do some observational drawing using our new pens. As a school we are focusing on drawing skills and one technique is to use a pen rather than a pencil so that lines cannot be rubbed out and the focus is on the detail. The children produced some very effective results and they were proud of their drawings.



#### Inset Training Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

The staff of St Faith's will be receiving training on the Inset day on speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy by visiting therapists.

#### Walk to School Week



Congratulations to all of those families who walked to school and back last week, especially to those who do not usually walk. Make sure that the completed booklets are given to the

office for certificates. The knock on effect of less traffic around the school at drop off and collection time really does make a difference on top of the obvious health benefits so please do walk if you can!

#### Creative writing in the Infants

The children have been inspired by their study of the "Light House Keeper's Lunch" and have been responding to the text by writing for different audiences. William in Year R has written a story in three chapters which has been put on display on our Celebrating Excellence Board in the entrance for all to see!



#### A letter to the Keeper by Louis Year 1

Dear Mr Grinling,

*I really don't want to go in that swaying basket ever again! I am very scared of heights and the sea. Those mean, pesky seagulls ate all your lunch! I felt awful and I am extremely sorry! I just can't go in that basket again! Love Hamish*

I have been impressed by the writing of a number of children in Year 1 and Year 2 this week who have read their work out to me with confidence and pride. We seem to have a few budding authors!

#### Greek Workshop at Winchester College for Beech

A curator from the college led the workshop. We went



upstairs and looked at three arrowheads which were different sizes and for different things.

Downstairs we looked at an ancient Greek pot that we thought was used

for oil which had a picture of a bull on it and we used torches to see the detail of the carvings and the black

figure. On a third table we saw fragments of a Kratar which was used for mixing wine with water and then we looked at silver coin from Athens which had an owl on the back with an olive branch. Finally we wrote story boards on our own or in groups about a certain object. My object was a complete kratar and we had to write what we thought was happening in the picture.. **Oscar Year 6**



### Ancient Egyptian Study in Willow Class



The children in Willow Class have been learning more about the ancient Egyptians. In one activity they were given a role of the time and had to sort themselves on the steps outside to demonstrate the hierarchy of jobs which proved to be very interesting! The class then split into two so that half could find out about the life of a scribe and the other half about the life of a carpenter. The experts then taught each other about their findings so that they could complete The Egyptian Social Pyramid.

### St Faith's Summer Fete – Bottles etc please!

The SFSA are very busy preparing for the Summer Fete on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. The staff will be running the School Tombola on the day and we would be really grateful if all of the children could bring in a bottle of some sort or chocolates etc on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. This is always a popular stall so the more we have the better!

### Message to all Year R Parents from Miss Berry

From **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** all of the Year R children will enter school in the mornings through the same entrance door as the other year groups. This is part of their transition towards being in Year 1 in September.

### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois House** for gaining the most House Points this week!



### Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Mario and Mimi**

Silver Birch: **Claudia and Jasper**

Willow: **Jemima and Evie**

Maple: **Toby and Gabriel**

Beech: **Oscar and Emma**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Alex** – for a clear love of writing

**Sophia** – for being proud of her learning

**Cameron** – for tidying the classroom

**Magnus** – for perseverance

**Oliver** – for an improved learning attitude and good listening

**Max** – for a positive attitude and great perseverance

**Dylan** – for helpfulness with tennis equipment

**Sophie** – for good team spirit

**Thomas and Hal** – for always being polite and helpful

### Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Dawn James**

### Message from St Faith's School Association

**St Faith's Summer Fete** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

### Wild West Theme

You should all have received information about the forthcoming fete. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June when children are invited to dress up in Wild West style outfits for £1. There will be prizes!

### Dream Catchers Competition

All of the children are invited to create their own dreamcatchers which will be displayed around the school field. Information about this and a paper plate has been given out to every child.

### Wanted – donations and your time!

Please bring in any items as described on the Wanted poster. We are also looking for people who can give some of their time to set up and man stalls. Please let us know if you can help.

### Message from St Cross

**St Cross Fete Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, from 2pm -5pm.** An annual event, not to be missed! Punch & Judy, side shows with prizes, toy stall, model railway, refreshments and much more, set in the beautiful gardens of St Cross Church. The school will be running the mixed tombola stall. Mrs Crump would be delighted to receive any items in good condition for this stall.

### Letters sent out this Week

**Whole school** – Information about the Summer Fete

**Whole school** – Lorraine Lee talks for all our parents

**Year 5 and 6** – Sex Education talk

**Year 6** – Fairthorne Manor trip

*Please let the office know if you have not received these*

### Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Half term

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – Sex education talk for Yr 5 and 6 parents 6pm

**8<sup>th</sup> June** - Helping children with worry and anxiety talk at Kings by Lorraine Lee (for all St Faith's parents) 7pm

**9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Cathedral Day

**15<sup>th</sup> June** - Willow Class to Highclere Castle

**16<sup>th</sup> June** – St Faith's Summer Fete

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**- Helping children to manage friendships talk at Kings by Lorraine Lee (for all St Faith's parents) 7pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sports Day

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – Class photos

**29<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Induction day at Kings

**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Infant visit to Lepe Beach

**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Hat Fair for Maple

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Stream dipping for Silver Birch and Beech

**12<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 performance 2pm and 7pm

**13<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 performance 7pm

**13<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 taster day at Kings'

**14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 French day at Kings'

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Egyptian day for Willow

**25<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Service for parents

**25<sup>th</sup> July** - End of term 1.15pm

### St Faith's May Half Term Sports Camps

Andy and Marc of On Your Marks Sports will be running a holiday camp on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 9am-3pm for £20 a day or £50 for all three days.

