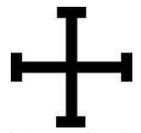




# ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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 had a number of different visitors in school this week who have enriched our curriculum. A speaker from Learning through Landscapes came to talk about the importance of trees, two dental hygienists talked to the infants about cleaning their teeth and Matt, the Iron Age man, carried out a day of workshops for Willow and Maple.

We started our week with an interesting assembly about trees from Suzi Hoskins. She talked about how we need trees in order to breathe and quizzed the children on different types of leaves and ages of trees. We found out that an Oak tree can have 200000 leaves and that there is a tree in Scotland that is 5000 years old! We have ordered some hedging from the Woodland Trust to put on the field which is being given to schools to commemorate the Sapphire Jubilee of the Queen on the throne. The Open the Book team retold the Bible story of the Lost Coin - *Mark 4* with the message that Christians believe that everyone is important to God whoever they are.

### New playground markings



There was great excitement on Monday morning when the children arrived in the playground to see new playground markings going down in the Infant area. Miss Berry had talked to Oak

Class about markings that they would like and she then designed where they could go in the outside area. The children chose a big Phonics Pond, a jumping game with numbers, different shapes and a caterpillar ABC! The intention is that the playground markings will encourage the children to be active whilst they are learning. The children have been very excited about the new games and are already using them in different ways! The playground markings have been purchased through the Sports Funding Premium.



### Dental hygienists talk to the Infants

As part of their topic about healthy living and looking after their bodies, the Infants had a talk on Monday morning from two hygienists about how to clean their teeth properly and the importance of cleaning teeth. Hopefully they will be able to show you what they have learnt!



### Willow and Maple experience life in the Iron Age

Matt, the Iron Age man, led a whole day of Iron Age activities for Years 3,4 and 5 on Wednesday. He brought

a large variety of artefacts and resources and taught the children all about daily life in the Iron Age. They learnt about using natural resources for clothing and food. They were given the opportunity to grind grains with stone to make flour and to look closely at chain mail and skins. In the afternoon they went onto the school field and carried out a number of activities



which reflected the time including throwing a



stick like a javelin to hunt and throwing balls to hit targets. They

also each painted a shield in bright colours and used Iron age patterns for decorations. It was great to have such an expert to impart his knowledge to the children and they clearly learnt a huge amount from their Iron Age experience. They are now looking forward to their visit to Butser Hill next half term. Thank you to all of the helpers.

### Silver Birch Outcome for Parents



On Thursday morning the children in Silver Birch presented the outcome of their topic about the time of Queen Elizabeth. The children sang some songs and read out facts

about the Queen for parents to decide if they were true or false. Many people were surprised by the answers! We learnt that the Queen is the only person allowed to drive without passing a test! Some children then read the story about the "Queen's Hat" and then every child shared their own story with an adult. The parents also looked at the children's careful paintings of the Queen. Well done Silver Birch!



### Oak Class have a Royal Garden Party for their visitor



Maddie's grandmother who is a social worker, kindly came in to talk to Year R about her invitation to the Queen's Garden Party later in the year. Oak Class made their own Royal Garden Party for their visitor in their outside area!

## Oak Class Outcome for Parents



Oak Class presented their outcome for parents on Thursday afternoon. The Year 1 children read out a number of questions for the grown ups to answer and some of the questions were quite tricky! Miss Berry explained how the children had learnt to paint the Queen's face and then the children were proud to show off their art work and their writing. After that they showed off the new playground markings! Well done Oak Class!

## Parent Voice Group look to resolve Parking Issues!

The Parent Voice group met on Wednesday to look at positive ways forward to reduce the traffic and parking difficulties outside the school. They are looking to produce a Parkwise pack for parents which will give options of different places to park away from St Faith's Road and highlight the dangers of parking outside marked bays around the school. The group have volunteered to do some research to find suitable parking which is within a five or ten minute walk from the school. We are very grateful to the group and their families for offering to do this for the good of all of our children. In the meantime do ensure that you only park in the marked bays and not across any driveways.

## 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 and for the half term. Children in **Wykeham** will have their non-uniform day prize on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

## Workers of the Week

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

Oak: **Florence and Reuben**

Silver Birch: **Freddie and Livia**

Willow: **Wilbur and Elyse**

Maple: **Gabriel and Arlo**

Beech: **Jonas and Anna**

## St Faith's Crosses

**Jamie** – for super team work

**Eleanor** – for amazing tidying up

**Albie** – for persevering with his RE pictures

**Agatha** – for being a very helpful and polite member of the class

**Polly** – for taking care of her work and resources

**William** – for starting tasks quickly

**Euan** – for perseverance with tricky grammar work

**Sofia** – for helpfulness in the classroom

**Phillip and Daisy** – for always being polite and cheerful



## Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

## Governing Body Update

We have been delighted to welcome three new governors onto the governing body during the last few months. **Nicky Hodgkinson** has been appointed as a Foundation governor. She is a member of our Health and Safety Committee and is our Data Protection Officer. **Philip Krinks**, the Priest in Charge at St Cross, has been able to join us as our "ex-Officio" governor and is looking to further develop and strengthen the links between church and school. **Tricia Glen**, a primary school teacher, is our Local Authority appointed governor and is a member of our School Improvement and Curriculum committee. We would like to thank **Chris Brannigan** for his contribution to the school during his six years as a Foundation governor.

## World Book Day – Bring in a favourite book

National World Book Day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and to celebrate this we will be asking every child to bring in and talk about their favourite book on that day. Half term could be a really good time for children to think about the book they would like to bring in. Wells Book shop will be running a Book Fair in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March where children will be able to spend their World Book Day tokens if they wish.



## Signing up Online for Parents Evening

The end of Phase 2 parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to book online as before from 10am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. You will need to make an appointment with your child's year group teacher. Do ask at the office if you have any questions.

## Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you very much to all of those who helped with the school disco last Friday. It was very well attended and the children really enjoyed it. The DJ was very impressed by the behaviour and response of the children and wanted us to pass this on to you.

Film and Pyjama Evening Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 5.30-7.30pm **Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (U)** Tickets on sale from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

## Quiz Night!

LAST TICKETS REMAINING!! Only a few left for the Friday March 9th SFSA School Quiz. Put your forms into the box outside Mrs Crump's Office, or hand to quiz team!

## Message from St Cross

You are very welcome to attend the all age service at St Cross on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am

## Letters/emails sent out this week

**Whole school** – Skipping Workshop

**Whole school** – Film night SFSA

**Year 6** – Natural History Museum Trip

Please ask at the office if you have not received these



**February Half-term Sports Camp**

On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. Booking forms available from the office.

**Orchestra After School Club for KS2 Musicians**

Orchestra - Thursdays 23rd Feb to 22nd March £20 run by Hampshire Music Service

**The Ark After School Club Years R-6**

**Monday - Friday** -Runs 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.

**Spring Term 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term

**26<sup>th</sup> February** - Risen the Musical for KS2

**27<sup>th</sup> February** - Butser Hill trip for Willow and Maple

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Skipping workshop for whole school

**5<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 6 to Natural History Museum

**6<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 to Pizza Express

**6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' evenings

**14<sup>th</sup> March** - The Tempest for KS2

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Infants to Southampton Art Gallery

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Willow Class to Winchester Cathedral

**16<sup>th</sup> March** - Maple Class to Winchester Cathedral

**16<sup>th</sup> March** - Wells Book shop pm

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Open afternoon for de Blois and Fox

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Open afternoon for Beaufort and Wykeham

**28<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Service at St Cross 2pm

**29<sup>th</sup> March** - End of term 1.15pm