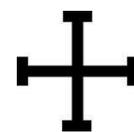




# ST. FAITH'S

## 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 variety of visits and visitors this week with Maple going on a trip to the New Forest, an author coming in to speak to Years 1 and 2, Winchester City Council planning out the Golden Mile with our Golden Mile leaders and Heather, Mrs Maundrell's daughter coming in to speak to the whole school about life in Rwanda.

Heather gave a thought provoking talk about the daily life of a child in Mukono School in Rwanda through photos. She explained that the children have to get up very early to go and find firewood so that they can cook their porridge style breakfast. They have to fetch water from down the mountain twice a day and have very little to drink. Many of the children walk eleven miles to school and back but they often have bare feet or shoes made out of rubbish.



They learn to read and write in very large classes and don't have the fun lessons such as art and music. They learn to speak and write English. One of the biggest surprises for our

children was to hear that there is no electricity in the school. There were photos of the children using some of the resources that St Faith's have sent out there. It really made us all think. We will be continuing to raise money for Mukono School this year.

We started our week with collective worship about generosity and giving to others. The focus was on the Shoebox Appeal and we looked at photos of children who received a Shoebox last year. Our children learnt that the shoebox was likely to be all that the child received for Christmas and that it is very special to the receiving child. We are really hoping that we will have a large number of boxes to give to the Rotary Club next week.

On Tuesday the Open the Book team retold the story of Joseph and how his brothers sold him and told Jacob that he was dead. *Genesis 7 -31*

#### **The Infants plant Bulbs for the Spring**

The infants have been busy planting bulbs in the playground so that we can enjoy a display of crocus and snowdrops in the Spring.

The children in Silver Birch carried out their science lesson in Lockburn on Thursday afternoon and they noticed a lot of seasonal changes!



#### **Author visit for Year 1 and 2**



Anne Wan, a local author, talked to the children in year 1 and Year 2 about writing stories. They were really interested to hear how she had become a writer and were inspired by extracts from her book. She told them about the importance of never giving up and

explained that she had to work hard to get her story published. Anne also talked about the importance of editing writing and choosing words carefully for the reader. Some of the children purchased "The Secrets of the Snow Globe" and were really pleased that their books were signed by the author.

*It took a long time to write the book. It took three years!*  
Esme Year 1

*The book is an adventure. The author saw a snow globe in Marks and Spencers and got the idea for the story.* Zachary Year 2

*I learnt that Daisy in the book was based on a real horse*  
Harry Year 1

#### **Report of Maple Class visit the New Forest**

*We went on a coach and got off at the museum in Lyndhurst. We walked to the Verderer's Court. We did some role play. Some people were verderers and some people made statements about what happened. Some acted as joggers who had been hurt by animals. The rest of us were the public and we decided a verdict as a team. We looked at artefacts and the lady explained about the deer in the forest and told a story. When the object we had come up we had to go and act out that part of the story. Then we went into the museum and did some worksheets and went to the shop. Then we went to a picnic area for lunch. We took photos on our cameras and used dictaphones to find things that wouldn't be there if humans didn't exist. We went for a walk through the forest taking photos and we saw fungus. We saw ponies and deer. The trip was really fun and we saw a lot of interesting animals.* By Daisy and Elizabeth Year 5



#### **Key Stage 2 Sainsbury's Games Netball tournament**

Our annual junior House Netball Tournament will take place next Wednesday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> October. All of the children will take part and will be outside on the playground for a length of time either playing a match or supporting their House. All of the children will need to bring in tracksuits, coats and gloves.



### House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **de Blois 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: **Toby and Alexandra**

Silver Birch: **Lila and Livia**

Willow: **Alex and Megan**

Maple: **Gabe and Poppy**

Beech: **Blair and Imogen**



### St Faith's Crosses

**Jamie** – showing determination when counting cars

**Albie** – for showing great listening skills

**Tom and William** – for always saying thank you

**Kainoah** – for being very thoughtful

**Gabriel** – for complementing a friend

**Euan** – for helpfulness in class

**Tom** – for great attitude to partner work

**Faith and Imogen** – for helpfulness in the classroom

### Gymnastics Club after half term for Years 2,3 and 4

We are very pleased to let you know that Marc Gillingham, our sports coach, will be running a Gymnastics Club after school on Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm. The club will cost £28 for the half term paid in advance. Please sign up at the office if you are interested.

### Wells Book Fair



Wells Book Shop will be holding a book fair in the school hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The children will all have a chance to browse or buy a book during the afternoon and parents will be able to shop from 3.30-

4pm. This could be a perfect opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents! Wells are also happy to order any books that you may want.

### Suggested Reading Lists

The School Library Service has recently sent out suggested reading lists for each year groups. We are sending these lists out to parents for information

### Talk for Year 5 and 6 parents about Kings' School

Matthew Leeming, the head teacher of Kings' Secondary School will be holding a talk about Kings' at St Faith's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm for prospective parents. He will give information about the school and then answer questions.

### Inset Days for 2016-2017

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 27th January 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

**Dawn James**

### The Golden Mile at St Faith's

Mrs Hanson and the Year 6 Golden Mile leaders – Imogen (Sports Captain), Blair and Oscar met with people from Winchester City Council to measure out a mile on the playground and the school field. We are hoping that the markers will go down soon. The group then went to Winchester Sports Stadium to learn about the challenge and how to record the distances on the computer. The Golden Mile scheme is being introduced into schools to encourage children to be active. Apparently 16 laps of the whole playground or 12 laps of the field is equivalent to one mile! We will give you more information when it is all up and running

### ROTARY SHOE BOXES

for Albania, Montenegro Moldova and Romania



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 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Thank you!

### Message from St Faith's School Association

Thank you to all of the people who helped with film night last Friday. Zootropolis was a big hit with the children who all looked very cosy in their pyjamas with their bean bags!

### Message from the St Faith's Community

You may remember that a group of St Faith's ex-pupils ran a fundraising fete recently on the school field, in aid of the Red Cross appeal for refugees. The total has just been counted by the Red Cross and they raised an amazing £913! They would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came. *Susannah Brenchley*

### Letters/Emails sent home this week

**Whole school** – Your time to shine day – wear High Vis

**Whole school** – Use of the school field

Please let Mrs Crump know if you have missed these

### Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2016

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Netball tournament

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Kings' talk at St Faith's for Y5 and 6 6pm

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Your time to shine day – wear High-vis

**24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**31<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Bikeability for Year 6

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – Wells Book Fair

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent outcome for YR,1 and 2 parents 3pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Stay and play morning for YR parents

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - Individual photos

**29<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Parent Evenings

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Open afternoon Beaufort and Wykeham Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Open afternoon De Blois and Fox Year 1-Year 6 3.30-4.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Infant Nativity 2pm

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm

**16<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term **1.15pm**

