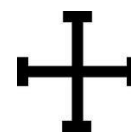




ST. FAITH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*

This has been a week of activities across the wider curriculum! The Year R children went on their very first school trip on Wednesday when the Infants all went to Milestones. Every class has been to Lockburn to carry out activities around the new Fire Pit and all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 have taken part in E-Safety workshops.

We started our week with collective worship based on encouraging others with a focus on the words encourage and discourage. Throughout the week the children have been thinking of ways in which they can encourage each other. Our theme of courage has been a very positive one and the children are enjoying talking about ways in which they have shown courage in their lives in recent weeks.

E-Safety Talks

Nick Edwards from Harrap spent Tuesday afternoon in school talking to children in different age groups about the importance of e-safety. A while ago possible problems re e-safety were very much a school issue as this was often the only time that children could access the Internet but now with strong filters on enabled content in schools and the fact that the vast majority of children have access to a number of devices in the home, the possible dangers have moved into the home. Nick talked to staff and then to parents on the most recent issues. A copy of the powerpoint is on the school website. The main message is that parents need to know exactly what their children are doing on the Internet and check that they are only on things which are age appropriate. Children under 13 should not have accounts for any social media. Nick particularly mentioned the strong influence of Bloggers and that some are very unsuitable for young children. Another key point was that it is really important for children to feel that they can talk to parents if something has gone wrong on-line. Stopping access to the Internet should not be the response as that will stop the lines of communication. Finally he gave out some useful information about parental controls and parent apps which we are sending out with this newsletter.



Football Match against John Keble

A team of our KS2 footballers played in a match against John Keble on Wednesday evening. The team showed great courage and opened the game strongly but were outplayed as the game continued and lost 6-1. Marc was impressed by their positive attitude. They are looking forward to a return match and are hoping to win!



Classes are introduced to the Fire Pit in Lockburn!

All of the classes have had the opportunity to

visit Lockburn

this week to take part in activities around the newly constructed fire pit. Each session started with a safety talk from Mr Crump, our



health and safety officer and an explanation about how the fire had been built. There was great excitement as the children sat on the



benches around the fire, watching the flames and listening to the sounds. Beech Class cooked tortillas on the fire as this fitted in with their

Mayans topic and the other classes cooked dough balls on the end of long Hazel twigs. They were fascinated



when the dough changed into bread as they turned it over the embers. They then ate their campfire twist with a helping of strawberry jam! Thank you to Mr Crump for all the time and effort he has put into this project.

Dressing up for World Book Day! March 10th

The 20th Anniversary of World Book Day will be taking place in March and we will be celebrating this in school on March 10th. We would like all of the children to dress up as a book character and wanted to give you notice of this. We are not looking for shop bought costumes, just clues as to who they are. There are a lot of good ideas on the World Book Day website www.worldbookday.com under *Primary Resources*. We will be carrying out book related activities and Wells Book Fair will be coming into school in the afternoon giving children a chance to use their World Book Day tokens and to buy books.

Parent Outcomes next week

There will be parent outcomes for Oak, Silver Birch, Willow and Maple next week. Please see the dates and times at the bottom of this newsletter.

Infants visit Milestones



*First we got on the coach. Next we looked for old things then we played I-Spy. I enjoyed eating my lunch. It was very nice. I liked playing the games because I liked touching the old things. **By Sophia Y1***

On Wednesday we took the coach to Basingstoke. When we got to Milestones we went into the classroom and hung up our coats.

*First my group did riddles and found out which toy the riddle was for. After lunch my group did some I-Spy. We had a sheet and we had to find all of the objects on it. Next I went in a room and worked with a partner to work out some riddles. It didn't take us long to find all of the objects. **By Alfie Y2***

*First my group sorted things to throw away, things to go to the car boot sale, things to keep and things to go into a museum. After that I dressed up in historical clothes and we had our pictures taken. Our final activity was home object riddles and the hair curlers were the hardest to find. Then we went on a tram that used to be pulled by heavy horses. **By William Y2***



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: **Alex and Wilf**

Silver Birch: **Magnus and Livia**

Willow: **Arlo and Gabriel**

Maple: **Ben and Sienna**

Beech: **Sello and William**



St Faith's Crosses

Sienna - for showing great care for safety at the fire pit

Hamish - for excellent care and patience at our fire pit

Wilbur and Clara - for a great example of excellent behaviour on our school trip

Tom - for showing good awareness of the school values

Hal - for always showing excellent listening

Finn and Sam - for always showing excellent manners to all adults in the school

Evie and Faith - for always being ready to help

Dawn James

Absence after sickness - 48 hours

Thank you to all parents who have told us when their child has been sick and kept their child off school for 48 hours. This helps to prevent the spread of infection. It is really important that parents are open and honest with us when their child has been sick so that we can all work together for the good health of all.

Choking Hazards - Whole grape alert

The Early Years Foundation Forum have recently sent an alert to all Hampshire schools about the choking hazard of whole grapes. Whole grapes can completely plug a child's airway and cause death (as can cocktail sausages). Please ensure that grapes are cut in half if you give your child grapes during the school day.

Message from the School Association

Thank you very much to Joanne Day and her team who ran the successful film and pyjama night for ninety of our children last Friday. Also thank you to all of those parents who volunteered to stay and help.

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 - Lorraine Lee Parent Workshops

Year 6 - Transition to Kings'

Year 6 - trip to Natural History Museum

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

15th February - 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 February - 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

24th April - Start of Summer term

Community News

COW Fest (Children of Winchester Festival)

18th and 19th February 2017 at Tower, Kings' School

Free crafts, music, drama for all ages.

For information and tickets see www.cowfest.org.uk

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.

Forthcoming Inset days

Monday 6th March 2017 Friday 26th May 2017