



# ST. FAITH'S

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



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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 better weather this week and the children have been noticing signs of Spring around the school. The Eco-Committee have been talking about ways to start our new gardening project and also about ways to conserve energy by turning lights off when we are out of rooms.



We started off the week by thinking about our beautiful world and ways in which we can all look after our environment. We also thought about things that we can give to each other which don't cost anything. The children came up

with all sorts of suggestions that they could give such as: a smile, kindness, encouragement, support, love and perhaps most importantly time. We are encouraging the children to try this at home as well! We thought about how the Bible says that God has given the earth to us to care for. *Psalm 115:16*

The Open the Book team retold the story of the paralysed man who was lowered through the roof into the crowd and then healed by Jesus, enabling him to walk again. *Luke 5*



#### **New Vegetable Garden for St Faith's!**

The Eco-committee are working with the rest of the school to gain the Green Flag Award. One of the areas they are working on is to develop the school grounds and they decided that it would be good to be able to grow vegetables and flowers on the field. The Eco committee have met with Mr Crump and Mrs Davies, a parent, to discuss their plans for the growing area. They had good ideas and aim to do the following:

- grow vegetables and flowers for school
- grow food for Esio Trot
- grow food to cook healthy recipes so that people can learn to cook good meals
- make the garden sustainable
- attract insects and bees
- teach children how to grow things
- work with and include the school community
- make children feel proud of their school garden

The children now need to draw out their plans to share with the rest of the school.

#### **Elite Commando's coming to St Faith's! Whole school!**

We are using some of our sports funding grant on a special activity day for the whole school run by Elite Commando's on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February on the school field. The focus will be on Building resilience, Promoting bravery and Experimenting through practical activities. **It is likely to be a muddy experience so all of the children will need to have a top, jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and a coat.** Infants need to wear their outside clothes to school and bring their school clothes with them and Key Stage 2 need to wear their school clothes to school and bring their outside clothes to change into for the afternoon.

#### **Digital Leaders take on their new roles**

Miss Whiteman has been training up the KS2 Digital leaders in Coding Club and they will now be supporting computing lessons in their classes.

Y6 **Morgan and Gabriel**

Y5 **Rory and Emily**

Y4 **Jasper and Lilly-Mae**

Y3 **Zoe and Zac**

Y2 **Alex and Albie**

Y1 **Eleanor and Arthur**

#### **Fire Pit Experience in Lockburn for all classes!**



All of the children will be going over to Lockburn after half term to cook something on the Fire Pit.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 and 6**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year R,1,2 and 3**

Mr Crump, our Health and Safety officer will be in attendance at all times. The children will be reminded of all the safety procedures prior to their slot. All children will need to wear warm socks in wellington boots, a warm coat and preferably a hat.

#### **Comic Relief Bake Off - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**



The School Council are organising a St Faith's Comic Relief Bake Off with Miss Berry in aid of Comic Relief! Children are invited to design and create the most comical cupcake they can think of and enter **one** named cupcake into the competition. We are hoping that families will bake a batch of cupcakes to sell at the end of the school day in aid of Comic Relief. See the letter for more information and ideas.

#### **E-Safety Talks for children, staff and parents**

Andrew Woods from Harrap spent Wednesday afternoon in school talking to children in different age groups about the importance of e-safety. Andrew also talked to staff and then to parents about the most recent issues. 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. Andrew 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. It is very helpful for parents to join in with their children to see what they are doing online.

**Reminder – Inset day** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### **Parents Evening 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March**

The end of Phase 2 parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. It is now open for you to book online. Guidelines as to how to make a booking are attached with this Newsletter. You will need to make an appointment to see your child's Year group teacher. Do ask at the office if you have any questions.

### **House Cup Winners of the Week!**

Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort House** for gaining the most achievement points for this week.



### **Workers of the Week**

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

Oak: **Harley and Georgia**

Silver Birch: **Ella and Florence**

Willow: **Harry and Louis**

Maple: **Emily and Carolina**

Beech: **Tom and Sophie**



### **St Faith's Crosses**

**Annabelle** – for demonstrating increased patience

**George** – for taking turns in a game

**Harry and Maisie**– for showing courage in their learning

**Sophia and Noah** – for outstanding effort and hard work at all times

**Flynn** – for always showing kindness to others

**Clara** – for being a very helpful and smiley member of Maple

**Tuelle and Al** – for super team work in Games

### **Clubs news for after half term – a few spaces**

**Papercraft Club** Mondays 3.30-4.30 4<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April at a cost of £32.50 (includes project each week)

### **Agility, Balance and Co-ordination Club for Years 1-4 where children learn about basic gymnastic skills**

Marc will be running an A, B, and C club on Mondays for the last four weeks of the term – 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25 March and 1<sup>st</sup> April at a cost of £16 Please sign up at the office if you are interested.

**Integr8dance Club** Thursdays 3.30-4.30

**Now open to all year groups** Contact Louise on [louise@integr8dance.com](mailto:louise@integr8dance.com) for booking

### **St Faith's Extended School Provision**

#### **Holiday Club News**

The next Holiday Club will be during the week of **February half term**. £20 per day or £85 for 5 days

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per booked session and £5 on the day.

**The Ark after school club** Years R-6 Every day the

### **Message from Mrs Choules re Weather Boxes**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Infant Weather boxes. These resources will be used at playtimes. We are now looking for items for our Summer box! If you have anything please send it in!

### **Choristers at Saint Cross - auditions**

For children aged 7 to 12 who enjoy singing, St Cross Church are launching a programme for choristers to join their choir. There is a chance to meet Father Philip and the St Cross Organist Derek Beck at the church on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There is also an additional opportunity for St Faith's children, 3.45-5.15pm on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information please email [choristers@parishofstfaith.org](mailto:choristers@parishofstfaith.org).



### **Message from St Faith's School Association The Movie Quiz Night**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Curtains and Bar open at 7pm  
Tickets £12.50 to include Thai Food and Brownies  
Tickets on sale from 11<sup>th</sup> February

### **Volunteers please!! New Chair needed!!**

Kerry Jack and Jayne Orton will be stepping down as chair of the School Association at Easter after leading the association for two years. Please let them know if you are interested in taking on the role or if you would like to join the committee.

### **Community News – “Forbidden Planet” by ENCORE**

Several current and past St Faith's pupils are starring in the show below or playing in the band.

ENCORE Youth Theatre's musical theatre production “Return to the Forbidden Planet” is showing at Theatre Royal Winchester this half term (21-23 February, including two matinees – special offers on Thursday tickets!).

Return to the Forbidden Planet is a fun rock and roll musical and includes songs such as Great Balls of Fire, Born to be Wild, Good Vibrations and The Young

Ones. <https://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/return-to-the-forbidden-planet/>

### **Emails/letters sent home this week**

**Whole school** – Comic Relief Bake Off

**Whole School** – Signing up for Parents evening

### **Spring Term 2019**

**18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February**– Half term

**27<sup>th</sup> February** – Royal Marine Activity Day for whole school

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – Author day for whole school with Anne Wan

**5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent evenings

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Wells Book Shop

**12<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 to Pizza Express

**12<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 -4.30pm **note change of date due to Comic Relief Cake Sale**

**13<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS1 3.30 -4.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Cake Sale

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Non-uniform day £1 in aid of Comic Relief

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 to Natural History Museum

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Willow and Maple trip to Roman forest

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.

**Dawn James**

**20<sup>th</sup> March** – KS2 football tournament

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Young Shakespeare Company for KS2

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Listen 2 Me Clarinet Concert 1.30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Infant Parent Outcome 9.00am

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Easter Service for whole school 2.00pm and Beech café 3.00pm

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 1.15pm

**Summer Term 2019**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term starts

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term

**18<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers’ Service 9.10am

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term 1.15pm

**Inset days for 2018-2019**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**