



# 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*

Thank you for all of your support over this busy term. I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and I wish you all the very best for the New Year!

This has been a week full of the Christmas spirit! All of the children have demonstrated our school values of Courage, Trust, Love and Hope through their performances. All of the Infants performed in their Nativity play and the Juniors all took part in their Carol Service at St Cross. It has been great to see so many parents and grandparents both in school and at the church. We have also had a number of visitors in school this week and a very festive visit to Lockburn!

#### Little Star's Story



The Infants retold the story of the First Christmas beautifully through their Nativity play "Little Star's Story" this week. They performed to the rest of the school on Monday and then to

their families on Tuesday and Wednesday. Each child had a part to play on the stage and they all looked great in their costumes – thank you parents! The children gave some meaningful messages through speech, song and dance and the audiences were all very appreciative. The hall was full for each performance and many people stayed for a drink and a mince pie. Special thanks must go to the whole of the Infant team at St Faith's for all of their hard work towards this production. It really was a good way to start the festive celebrations!



#### Carol Service at St Cross

The church was full on Tuesday evening for the KS2 Carol Service. We were very pleased to be joined by Rev Dr Philip Krinks who opened and closed the service with a blessing and Derek Beck, the organist at St Cross, who played the organ for the congregational carols. Children representing each year group read out a Bible reading and a poem about the first Christmas and all of the children performed "The Christmas Truce" by Paul Cassidy which was very poignant in the dimmed lights as the children held up poppies and candlelights before singing Silent Night unaccompanied. There were confident performances from our different musical groups; the brass, recorder and flute ensembles. Special thanks must go to the Key stage 2 team at St Faith's for preparing such a full and enjoyable service. The service collection raised £240 which will be shared between the Joe Glover Trust and St Cross.

#### Basketball tournament success!



Mrs Hanson took a team of Year 6 children to Kings' on Wednesday evening to take part in the interschool basketball tournament. She was really impressed by the positive attitude of the whole team!

#### Match report by Sasha and Heidi Y6

*We played four matches and they were quite competitive! We really got stuck in and gave it our best! We won 3 of our matches and lost 1 which was against the winning team, St Peters. We came second which we were very pleased with! Tom stood out for his general basketball skills, Findlay was great at tackling and Lara got into spaces really well. Well done team!*

#### A Talk about Authors for Beech Class

*On Monday Mrs Carson came to Beech Class to talk about her amazing history of meeting and interviewing some of the best authors ever. We were privileged to learn about what techniques and inspiration authors use for some of the most famous books written. Year 6 also had a chance to ask a range of questions and at the end Mrs Carson prompted us to read some fantastic books! We really enjoyed the talk. By Sofia Y6*

#### Steve Brine Christmas Card competition

We have recently received all of the certificates for the card competition. Those who reached the shortlist stage have all received an Awesome Painting Certificate. Congratulations to the following children who were all finalists and currently have their paintings on display at the Discovery Centre:

**Year 1:** Annabelle, Sophia

**Year 2:** Harry, Alastair

**Year 4:** Esme

**Year 5:** Evelyn, Izzy, Wolfie

**Year 6:** Lara, Isla

The winning paintings of Poppy and Edward are also on display.

#### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

The playground looked very bright on Thursday morning as children arrived in Christmas jumpers and hats in aid of the Joe Glover Trust. We raised £120 for the charity. The children were excited to be served their Christmas dinner by members of staff on Thursday lunchtime! They enjoyed the crackers with their jokes provided by the School Association and had a fun time eating with everyone. Thank you very much to Mrs Moretti for organising it all and to the rest of her team!



## Outstanding Certificates for Autumn 2018

The certificates for Outstanding performance for the Autumn term have been awarded by the class teachers to children who have shown outstanding progress in some way in writing. Congratulations to the following children:

Year R: **Harley**

Year 1: **Jamie**

Year 2: **Alex**

Year 3: **Sienna**

Year 4: **Polly**

Year 5: **Rory**

Year 6: **Isla**

## A Magical Christmas Time at Lockburn



All of the classes went over to Lockburn on Thursday to find that it had been transformed into a Winter Wonderland with lights, baubles, a crib and a Father Christmas' grotto! Father Christmas

greeted each class as they arrived and set them a challenge. The Infants had to carry out the activities on big Stars which were dotted around the area. The Juniors had to find the pictures of Father Christmas' reindeer and read about the personality traits of each one. They then decided which reindeer's qualities were most like their own! All the classes visited the grotto and were amazed by the large number of decorations! Father Christmas gave each class a present and asked the children to make sure they put out a carrot for the reindeer and a small glass of something for him!! Thank you very much to Father Christmas and the elves for making it such a memorable experience for the children.

## Fire Safety Education for Years 5 and 6



The fire service came in on Thursday to work with children in Year 5 and 6. They learnt how quickly a fire can take hold and were told that they should all have

smoke detectors in their bedrooms. They were advised that they should know how to get out of the house quickly if there was ever a fire and to discuss this with their parents. The fire service also brought along their house trailer with a mock up living room and kitchen in which the children had to spot all the hazards they could find such as cans near a heat source and tea towels near to gas rings. In addition to this they were taught about safety in cars and in particular safety when walking along the road with a particular safety message of never looking at a mobile phone whilst walking along! These are all really important life lessons!

## Ordering Photos of the Nativity

Camilla Moore has taken some beautiful photos of the Nativity for us with her amazing camera. Parents can order photos from Camilla for £1 by selecting photos from the private site via the given link and emailing her the number of the photo. She will then send out digital photos. Please note that the online site will cease on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## New governor appointed for St Faith's

We are delighted that Mrs Emily Cocker has been nominated by the St Cross PCC to be a Foundation Governor for St Faith's. We would like to welcome her onto the governing body of the school and we are looking forward to working with her. Thank you also to the people that offered



## Message from St Cross

We warmly invite to St Cross to celebrate the festive season

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** – Carol Service 5.30pm

**Christmas Eve** – Children's Nativity Service with the Blessing of the Crib 4.00pm (*children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels and kings*)

**Christmas Day** – Sung Eucharist with carols –all ages 9.30am

## Dance Club present a Dance Show for Parents



The dance club led by Integr8 Dance performed a number of fun dances for their parents last Thursday. They did really well and clearly enjoyed showing what they had learnt. From January the club is open to Year R children as well as those in Years 1 and 2.

## Message from St Faith's School Association

Christmas fundraising activity: Do join in if you can! The School Association have given every child a tube of Smarties (to be given out after school today). If you'd like to help raise some extra money for the school, how about eating the Smarties (yum!) and then asking friends and family to help fill the tube with 20p or £1 coins to the top and return to school after Christmas! Thanks!

## Spring Term 2019

**7<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of term

**13<sup>th</sup> February** – E-safety day Parent talk 6pm

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

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

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

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Open afternoon for KS2 3.30 – 4.30pm

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

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

## After School Clubs for Spring 2019

**Please sign up now** if you wish your child to join one of these clubs. Numbers are limited for some clubs. Siblings of those in clubs can go to the Ark for the hour for £4.

**All clubs must be paid for prior to the child starting**

**Paper Craft Workshop Spring 1 Y1-Y6** – Tracy McDonnell from Papercraft Studio £32.50 14<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> February ( Children learn paper craft skills and take home a project each week)

**Mini-Medics Training Y5 and 6** – 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-5.00 £10

**Netball Club Y5 and 6** – Mrs Duke – Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Start date 14<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Netball Club Y3 and 4** – Olivia from Winchester City Council 3.30-4.30pm £48 per term to school 10<sup>th</sup> January

**St Faith's Extended School Provision****Holiday Club News**

There will be no Holiday Club during the Christmas Holidays. The next Holiday Club will be during the week of February half term.

**Breakfast Club** Years R-6 Every day that the school is open. Drop off from 7.30am Breakfast at 8am £4 per session. Please note that from 29<sup>th</sup> October coming to Breakfast Club without a booking will be £5.

**The Ark after school club** Years R-6 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.

**Dawn James**

– 4<sup>th</sup> April

**KS2 coding club Spring 1 Y3-6** – Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Start date: 8<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February **Full - Waiting list only**

**Football Club** – Marc- Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school 8<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Football Club** – Marc - Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school 9<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Street Dance YR,1 and 2** – Integr8dance Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> April . Contact Louise on [louise@integr8dance.com](mailto:louise@integr8dance.com) for booking

**Cross Country Club** – Mrs Hanson at lunchtimes

**Advanced Recorder Club** – Mrs Choules at lunchtimes

**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**