



# ST. FAITH'S

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## NEWSLETTER



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Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care with **Courage, Trust, Love and Hope**

### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming you to the school to meet with your child's year group teacher. If it has not been possible to make this week, please do get in touch with the school so that we can arrange a mutually agreeable time. Parents evening is an important opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on the progress made in the year so far and to share what the next steps for success look like for your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Fountain

### Years 5 and 6 visit to Winchester College

Years 5 and 6 were treated to a tremendous afternoon of music as they made the short walk up to Winchester College, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Children and staff were given a wonderful jazz performance by the college's student - experiencing high quality, live musical performance is an important part of the children's St. Faith's music curriculum, and we are very grateful to Winchester College for the invitation to their Primary Concert.



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### St. Faith's Dads' Football

Congratulations to the Dads of St. Faith's who took part in a splendid football win on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, against Pilgrims School. The final score was 4-3 to St. Faiths, and we are told that there was a fantastic goal scored by Mr. Trentham - well done, team!



### Workers of the week & St. Faith's crosses

Well done to our **workers of the week!**

<b>Esther and Patrick</b>	Oak
<b>Henry and Hugo</b>	Silver Birch
<b>Alastair and Sophia</b>	Willow
<b>George and Max</b>	Maple
<b>Rory and Tom</b>	Beech

Well done to our **St. Faith's cross** recipients!

For always showing excellent manners	<b>Agnes</b>
For being a brilliant role model when sat on the carpet	<b>William</b>
For being caring towards others	<b>Elsie</b>
For her enthusiasm for learning	<b>Tess</b>
For helping the younger children	<b>Claudia</b>
For being responsible and helpful	<b>Mimi</b>
For excellent end-of-day tidying up	<b>Lilly-Mae</b>
For displaying excellent manners	<b>Toby</b>
For having a very positive attitude	<b>Arlo</b>
For persevering with arithmetic	<b>Evie</b>

### 'Neil Armstrong' visits KS1

This Tuesday, KS1 were visited by an internationally renowned astronaut. As part of their Journeys topic, the children have been learning all about the first moon landing and prepared some excellent questions in order to find out more. Questions asked included:

- *What was the food like? (Jamie) How did it taste? (Freya)*
- *How long did it take to build Apollo 11 including Saturn 5? (Henry)*
- *What did you do when you came back? (Arthur)*
- *How many days did it take to get to the moon? (Lorienne)*

The children listened brilliantly throughout and could recall much of the information they had learnt.



## A message from Hampshire County Council

*“Norovirus is now circulating in Hampshire schools.*

*In individual cases of diarrhoea and vomiting and in managing outbreaks, **pupils suffering symptoms must be excluded from school until they have been without symptoms for 48hrs consecutively.***

*Schools should take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians of the 48hr exclusion rule. This helps prevent and control the impact of outbreaks, particularly highly infectious norovirus, in schools. There is a risk that by allowing staff and pupils to return sooner, the infection is likely to be perpetuated within your setting.”*

At present, St. Faith’s is not affected, and we would like to keep it that way, with your help. Children have been reminded of the correct procedures for handwashing, and our cleaning staff are paying extra special attention to taps, door handles etc. Thank you for honouring the 48hr exclusion rule.

## Year 5 visit to Winchester College

Please see below the report from Year 5:

*On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we went to New Hall, Winchester College to hear about ospreys and white-tailed eagles. Dr Tim Mackerill told us lots of facts about these incredible birds: for example, ospreys’ eyesight is 15 times better than ours. We also learnt that ospreys have transparent eyelids so that they can see their prey when diving to get fish. White tailed eagles have an amazing wingspan of 2.5 metres and do not have white feathers when they are born. Our experience was fascinating, and Dr Tim Mackerill has encouraged us to keep looking up in the sky, and protecting our spectacular birds.*



## Open afternoons

Open Afternoons will be held on Tuesday 3rd December for Key Stage 2 and Thursday 5th December for Key Stage 1 from 3.30-4.30pm. All parents are invited to come into the school hall at the above times to look at and talk about their children's work with their child. The children really enjoy sharing their work with their parents and we hope that you will be able to come. Clubs will continue as normal so you may need to change your day to look at the books if your child is attending a club.



## Injuries on the way to school

**Please do let us know** if your child has had an injury on the way to school, especially if it is a bumped head – it is especially helpful to know if we need to be paying extra-special attention to your child due to a bump outside of school.

## A message from Mrs. Crump

Lunch money is now due for this half term for KS2 children only. Cheques made payable to H.C.C. or you are welcome to use the Scopay system.

## Dates for your diary

- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Flu vaccine administered to children
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Parents evenings
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. KS2 Carol service at St Cross, 5.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Infant Nativity, 9.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Infant Nativity, 2.15pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Dinner day



## Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

- Friday 31st January 2020
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Friday 19th June 2020