



# 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,

Thank you for joining last week for parents evening. We look forward to welcoming you this week to our Open Afternoon (Tuesday KS2, Thursday KS1) where you will have the opportunity to view your child's books. Please take note of the dates section of the newsletter, the Autumn term will finish at 1:15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and the Spring term will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Finally, we hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's SFSA Christmas Fayre, this Saturday, 12:00am-2:00pm.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr. Fountain

### St. Faith's Arena

As regular visitors to the school cannot fail to have noticed, we have invested in a flexible sporting area which currently resides in the lower end of the school playground. It is a modular system which will allow us to reposition and resize the arena in part or in its entirety, and will be used for sports teaching as well as break and lunchtimes. It has already proven to be a massive hit with the children, and we have sourced some futsal balls and age-appropriate seized hand balls too which will broaden the children's experiences.



**smooga**

<https://www.smooga.co.uk/>

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

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

<b>Issy and Patrick</b>	Oak
<b>Blythe and Maddie</b>	Silver Birch
<b>Freddie and Jamie</b>	Willow
<b>Cameron and Wilbur</b>	Maple
<b>Emily and Charlie</b>	Beech

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

For always showing courage to take on a challenge	<b>Ella</b>
For being kind and helping others	<b>Emma</b>
For being consistently kind and caring	<b>Lucy</b>
For being generous and kind to another child during the Christmas Play	<b>William</b>
For always being kind and helpful	<b>Alex</b>
For helping adult on the playground	<b>Monty</b>
For being kind and considerate of others	<b>Lila</b>
For always displaying excellent manners	<b>Max</b>
For being supportive of a friend	<b>Evie</b>
For being supportive of a friend	<b>Thea</b>

### Defibrillator in school

I am pleased to announce that the St. Faith's school now has a defibrillator. It is located in the school office. Defibrillators are still relatively rare in UK schools and, whilst we hope it is something we never need to use, we are certain of its benefits:

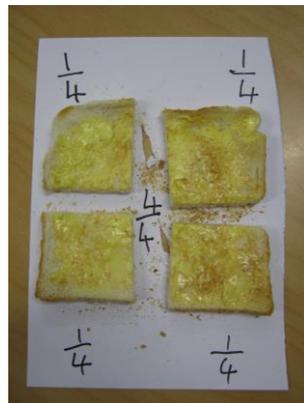
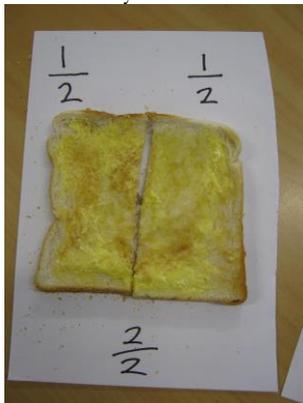


- When a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) happens, the likelihood of surviving decreases by 10% with every minute that passes without defibrillation.
- There is a 70% chance of survival if defibrillation happens within 3 minutes of the SCA. This increases to 90% if the heart is shocked within one minute of the SCA.
- 75% of NHS ambulances arrive within 8 minutes.\*

\*<https://www.cardiacscience.co.uk/solutions/schools-athletics/>

## Fractions at home

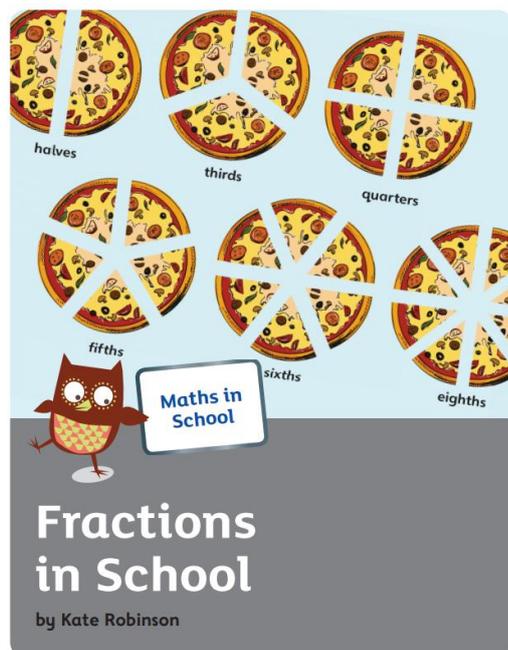
Many of your children have been learning about fractions in maths over the last few weeks, from finding fractions of amounts in Y3, to cross-cancelling in Y6. Introducing the concept of fractions can be done from a pre-school age, and the more practical experience your child has, the more confident they will be when they come across them in school. Food is a fantastic place to start, and why not with breakfast? Ask your child, "Would you like your toast cut into two halves or 4 quarters, today?" As they eat, you can ask, "Oh, I see you've eaten one quarter, how many quarters do you have left?" Written fractions don't need to come into it, the important thing is the understanding of fractions in their concrete form. Once the understanding of halves and quarters is secure, why not take fractions into lunch with a pizza, or afternoon tea with a cake? Using the language of *equal parts*, *halves*, *quarters* and *whole*, with concrete modelling of fractions, will be of great benefit to your child.



For further information about how fractions are taught in school, search online with the phrase:

**"Five easy ways to explore fractions with your child"**.

It's the top result for both Google and Bing, and will lead you to further reading should you desire.



## Christmas lunch letter

Christmas lunch letters have now been issued, and we welcome your return slips as soon as possible so that numbers can be sorted well in advance of the day. This year's Christmas Dinner Day is 19<sup>th</sup> December – get those Christmas jumpers ready!



## SFSA Christmas Fayre, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12-2pm



The SFSA Christmas Fayre is just days away now! Thank you for all the wonderful contributions you and your children have made in exchange for wearing their own clothes to school last Friday – there was a tremendous amount for the volunteers to sort through ready for the weekend. I know that many of you are eagerly awaiting your Christmas trees, wreaths and puddings and we look forward to seeing you there at what promises to be a wonderful community event. So that you are aware, Winchester City have agreed to waive parking restrictions in the streets around the school from 11:30am until 3:00pm on the day of the fayre.

## Dates for your diary



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Flamenco dancer in Maple
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. KS2 Open Afternoon, 3:30-4:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. KS1 Open Afternoon, 3:30-4:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Listen2Me Concert, 1:30pm
- 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
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. School closes for Christmas, 1:15pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. School reopens for the Spring term

## Remaining INSET days for 2019-2020

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