

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 10 – 3/2/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Honesty

John 3:18 ~ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday 27th January, children learnt a little of the history of the Holocaust on this special Memorial Day. We shared the story of Anne Frank and other victims of the holocaust in Key Stage 2 before creating a whole-school flame: the symbol of remembrance. As you can see, we created a really powerful image and it gave us all a moment to reflect on those that have sacrificed themselves for a brighter future for our world. If your child is interested further, our Nebula friends from Old Catton Junior School are part of a Holocaust Memorial exhibition at St Peter Mancroft Church in the city centre. It's an open exhibition so please attend if you would like to.



Young Voices

It doesn't seem a year ago that our Key Stage 2 children were singing their hearts out at the O2 Arena in London... But it came around again with lots of hubbub and excitement in school. The children from all 3 Harnser schools joined the 8000-strong choir to sing a wide range of songs. The event was a wonderful experience and the children were impeccably behaved and a real credit to the school, their families and themselves. Special thanks also to Miss Bean and Miss Robson who ensured the children got there in one piece... And home too! There are some lovely photos of the children on our school website. You can find them under the 'Gallery' tab.

Library Audit

Next week we have a visit from Marilyn Brocklehurst from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. Marilyn has an incredible wealth of knowledge around children's literature and she is going to be on hand to audit our library book collection and advise us as to how we can maximise the incredible efforts of the Readathon fundraiser back in the Autumn Term. When we have replenished our stock, we'll hold a special opening event and the library will once again be a place the children want to go to, to discover a new world, find information or just get lost in the joy of reading.

Sister Act

Children in Kingfishers were invited to a performance of Hellesdon High School's annual extravaganza which, this year, was the musical Sister Act. We bumped into lots of familiar faces who all stopped to say hello and then enjoyed an incredible show. The children were respectful audience members and were thoroughly entertained. It really was a great show and I hope in years to come some more of our alumni will be involved.

Barn Owls Cake Sale

On the last day of this half term (and Valentine's Day!) the Barn Owls will be holding their annual cake sale in the hall, and count the money after. Please bake cakes with your children so we have something to sell. If you would also like to help out, please let Sarah or Miss Bean know. This is one of the many great ways the Friends help to fundraise. Without these events, the extra-curricular activities we participate in would be a lot more expensive or just wouldn't take place at all. We look forward to seeing what treats await!

Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust is a wonderful charity that make real-hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. And we have our own 'Little Princess' in Ducklings.

Last week, Sydney had her lovely long hair cut off and donated it to the Little Princess Trust. We are incredibly proud of Sydney and the kindness she has shown to others.

100 Days of School

The final Thursday of this half term – 13th February – marks our 100th day of this school year. Children in Ducklings and Robins have been working hard every day to explore each numbered day, learning facts and counting with increased confidence. To celebrate our 100 days, Mrs Landles and Miss Woolley are working on a parent drop-in afternoon to work on number-based maths activities alongside your children. A letter with more information will be sent home soon. It will be a great opportunity to work alongside your children, exploring the number 100.

Safer Internet Day





Although the national day is Tuesday 11th February, we'll be holding our Safer Internet Day a day early, on the 10th February. Each class will work on a variety of age-appropriate activities, teaching them how to stay safe online and what to do if they feel uncomfortable about something they see. We'll send home a parent information sheet on the day with some 'technology tips' but encourage you to have conversations with your children and regularly check their technology usage. If you have any questions or concerns about our online safety teaching, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Children's University – February Challenges

With half term coming up, there are a variety of themed challenges attached at the end of this newsletter. Don't forget to bring in your passport for Sarah to sign. There are activities for everyone so why not have a look and do something different!

Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this year: 95.33%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	93.23%	93.08%	97.04%	95.66%
Autumn Half-Term 2	92.11%	93.11%	97.71%	97.46%
Spring Half-Term 1	95.44%	95.25%	97.93%	98%
Year to Date	93.24%	93.52%	97.52%	96.92%

Many congratulations to **Kingfishers** for having the best attendance this fortnight!

Superstars

A very big congratulations to the following children from each class for receiving their weekly 'superstar' award:

	Arthur ~ Counting in 20s Isaac ~ A good learning attitude when working a 'colour by numbers'.
	Billy G ~ Using column subtraction and borrowing with confidence Daniel ~ A clever playscript and neat work.
	Bryany ~ For resilience, perseverance and an improved learning attitude.
	Poppy ~ Good understanding of short division Ethan ~ An excellent opener for his descriptive writing

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

February 2020

5th – Nebula Cross-Country – KS1 and LKS2 AM, UKS2 PM – selected children

10th – Safer Internet Day

13th – 100 Days of School – EYFS and KS1 parent-involvement afternoon

14th – Last Day of Half Term – Spring 1

Barn Owls Cake Sale

24th – First day of Half Term – Spring 2

26th – Ash Wednesday – activities in school

March 2020

13th – Sport Relief – Details TBC

19th – Y6 Maths Challenge event – selected children

27th – KS1 Tri-Golf @ Horsford Primary School

31st – Rocksteady Easter Concert – All Welcome

April 2020

1st – Robins Cake Sale

Last Day of Term – Spring 2

February Challenges 2020

A few weeks ago it was Farmhouse breakfast week. Why not design your own farmhouse breakfast which can be sourced locally.

1 Credit

From 1st February to 8th February it was National Apprenticeship week. What would you like to do as a job? Research that job and how you can get there.

1 Credit

Visit one of our Norfolk museums for free with your passport and write a reporter style account of the day, what you saw, what inspired you and what you'd like to learn more about as a result.

2 Credit

Donate to the less fortunate. With spring on the way it's a good time to have a clear out ready for a spring clean. Donate some old toys or clothes to a charity shop or clothes bank in your area, or raise funds for charity.

1 Credit



Create an obstacle course using items from around the home, get friends and family to complete the course and see who can get the fastest time. Upload your photo or videos of your obstacle course in action!

@CUNorfolk
1 Credit

Visit a local park. Then design a park for your community. Share your design with us for an extra credit.

1 Credit

At the beginning of March it is British Science Week. This year the theme is diverse planet!

Go to
https://www.britishecienceweek.org/app/uploads/2019/02/BSA_sciweek_pack_primary_0119v4.pdf
and complete 1 activity.

1 Credit

At the end of January it was RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Why not spend an hour watching birds in your garden or local park and count how many birds and what species of birds you see.

1 Credit

Children's University is all about learning new things, why not try a new Learning Destination. We would love to know what you pick!

1 credit