

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 9 – 20/1/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Honesty

Matthew 5:8 – Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Happy New Year

A very Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with friends and loved ones. We have an exciting term ahead and I hope you to continue to support our young people to learn and grow.

Christian Value – Compassion

Last half term, our Christian value was compassion. The children learnt a variety of stories, psalms and fables through Collective Worship with the underlying theme and each class has nominated a child to receive a special 'Compassion' Value Award. These children are always positive in school and have shown compassion towards their peers: Reggie, Ewen, Bryany and Nancy. Thank you for being such great role models. I look forward to seeing which children receive our 'Honesty' Value Award at the end of this half term.

Sister Act

On Wednesday, the Kingfishers are heading to Hellesdon High School to see their annual school musical production. This year's show is Sister Act. It's a great opportunity for the children to experience our feeder high school, while also seeing the familiar faces of siblings and past students.

Premier League Primary Stars

This term we are working in partnership with the Community Sports Foundation based at The Nest. They are coming into school on a Friday afternoon to deliver some PSHE- and Maths-based sessions using the Premier

League Primary Stars scheme. Children were selected from Years 4, 5 and 6 to participate in a variety of activities to help inspire the children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Curriculum Mapping

Staff across the Nebula have been working hard to plan and map a thorough and in-depth curriculum for the children in our schools. At St Faiths, we spent last term fine-tuning our curriculum to ensure thorough and engaging learning with good skills progression across classes and year groups. Attached to this newsletter are this term's coverage maps so you can see what your children will be learning. In addition, please have a look at our website, where you'll be able to view our curriculum skills and progression documents. To find them, access the 'Curriculum' tab.

Eco Council

Our eco-team met for the first time this decade and have been thinking about ways we can be more ecological at school. This term, we are focusing on recycling pens and crisp packets. At break and lunch, the eco-team area also going to be arranging some litter picking sessions in the coming weeks.

Holocaust Memorial Day

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. On Monday 27th January, across the Nebula schools, activities and events have been planned to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. It is an opportunity to remember those that have lost their lives through genocide and remind

us all that racism, discrimination and hatred have no place in our world. Children will learn about the day in an age-appropriate way and we'll take time as a school to think about those less fortunate than we are. For more information, please visit: www.hmd.org.uk

Children's University

Did your child complete any of the Christmas challenges we sent home at the end of last term? If you did, or you are owed any stamps from last term's after-school clubs, please hand in your passports to the office via the yellow box.

Unwanted Visitors

I just want to make you aware that we have had some instances of head lice in school this fortnight. Unfortunately, the nature of primary schools is that children learn and play in very close proximity and so it is easy for head lice to spread. If you think your child might be displaying live insects or eggs, please treat them as soon as possible. Anyone can get head lice and contrary to popular belief, having head lice is nothing to do with your personal hygiene.

Head lice – Let's fight them together

A case of head lice has been detected in your child's class. Please check their hair and treat if required.

A few pointers:





- Head lice range in size from a full stop to a sesame seed
- It is best to use a head lice comb that's white so the lice can be easily seen
- Live lice remain close to the scalp
- Good lighting is important and so is comfort
- Combing through the hair when wet may make the process more comfortable
- If you find live lice, consult your local pharmacy team and only treat if you find a live, moving louse



For more advice on dealing with head lice, visit www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

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	96.18%	95.17%	99.35%	98.17%
Year to Date	93.06%	93.35%	97.64%	96.81%

Many congratulations to **Barn Owls** 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:

	Eddie ~ Super sentence writing in phonics Jesse ~ Learning and joining in with the polar bear song
	Ewen, George, Phillipa and Charlie ~ A thoughtful treasure map in Literacy Talia ~ Good understanding of column addition and beautiful presentation
	Wilf and Amelia ~ Wonderful poems about the magic of books Betsy A ~ Excellent attitude and getting full marks in her spellings
	Adam, Maggie, Monty, Amy and Honey ~ An excellent educational video about how mountains are formed Toby and Ellie ~ Fantastic letter writing linked to The Adventures of Odysseus

Key Dates for Your Diary

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January 2020

- 22nd – Sister Act for Kingfishers @ HHS – AM
- 24th – Young Voices @ the O2
- 27th – Holocaust Memorial Day

February 2020

- 5th – Nebula Cross-Country – KS1 and LKS2 AM, UKS2 PM
- 14th – **Last Day of Half Term – Spring 1**
Barn Owls Cake Sale
- 24th – **First day of Half Term – Spring 2**

March 2020

- 19th – Y6 Maths Challenge event – selected children
- 27th – KS1 Tri-Golf @ Horsford Primary School
- 31st – Rocksteady Easter Concert – All Welcome