

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 12 – 9/3/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Forgiveness

Luke 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Library Restock

As you may have heard from the children, over the last fortnight our library has been audited, sorted and restocked with thanks to the team at the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. We have some great new books, as well as some rediscovered old favourites. In the coming week, children will be restocking their class libraries from 'Starbooks' and we're hoping to arrange a special 'official opening' in the summer term: watch this space!

STEM Week

This week at St Faiths' is STEM Week. We're tailoring our lessons to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This year's theme is: Diversity. Along this, our lessons across the school will be looking at all kinds of diversity from diverse people to diverse materials. Keep an eye on Seesaw and Tapestry to see some of the fantastic work the teachers and children are doing this week!

Sport Relief

To culminate our STEM Diversity Week, we will be raising money and celebrating diversity in Sport through Sport Relief. For a £1 donation, we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a sports-inspired outfit. In addition, we will spend the day participating in some Paralympic sports, thinking about inclusion, diversity and sport for all.

Friends of St Faiths'

Next half term, the Friends of St Faiths' will be holding a meeting to ensure the future of the school-based charity. Over the years, Sue Gurney, Louise Joslyn, Anna Saunders and the other dedicated members have done some incredible fundraising for school, ensuring cheaper school trips, some great class-based resources and a school minibus to name a few. With many of the committee members' children heading to high school in September, we're looking for the next generation to get involved. At present, you don't have to commit your time, but we'd like to invite you to an open meeting on **Wednesday 22nd April 2020** to secure the future of the Friends' for the next generation of St Faiths' children. More information will follow after Easter and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ash Wednesday

After we had filled up on pancakes, we were joined by Reverend Rosemary to celebrate and learn about the Christian tradition of Ash Wednesday. We learnt the meaning of Lent before we were led in a service with all children having a blessing and an ash cross placed on their foreheads. The children were very respectful during the event and it was great to be involved in. As part of our Lent celebrations, the Church kindly donated a small book full of different activities for the children to do on each of the 40 days of Lent. These were sent home on Ash Wednesday so please check bookbags if you haven't seen one yet!

Class Assemblies

We have pencilled in the diary this year's class assemblies. They're all due to take place in the Summer Term, to give the children a variety of learning to share with you... And any members of your extended family that you'd like to bring along! The assemblies will all take place at 2:45pm and the dates are as follows:

Ducklings – Wednesday 1st July

Robins – Wednesday 17th June

Barn Owls – Wednesday 6th May

Kingfishers – Wednesday 20th May



(Here are Freya and Betsy in their WBD Hats!)

Pre-School Cake Sale

The pre-school will be hosting a cake sale in the school hall on Friday 20th March. The sale will start at 3:10 with all monies donated to the pre-school. This is great opportunity to support our village pre-school (and eat some yummy cakes too!) We hope to see you there.

World Book Day

We decided this year that we would do something a little different for World Book Day. Everyone was invited to design a character-themed hat and your creations did not disappoint! From sorting hats to Peter Rabbit's garden, we saw all kinds of creative headwear. It was a difficult decision, but we decided to give a special 'well done' to Freya in Ducklings and Betsy R in Barn Owls for their special hats. They each received a mini bag of books, kindly donated by the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. Instead of £1 book vouchers, this year the books came to us and each child chose a book to take home. Please share these books with your children; there are some lovely stories this year.





Covid-19

As we have previously advised you, we are aware that parents may have questions regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. It is a rapidly changing situation and we are monitoring advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England who are issuing guidance for educational settings. If you'd like further information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Staff have been talking to pupils generally about hand hygiene and use of tissues when coughing and sneezing. We ask that you reiterate these messages at home.

Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this year: 95.63%

				
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	95.78%	95.11%	97.75%	97.3%
Spring Half-Term 2	97.71%	94.61%	98.7%	99.15%
Year to Date	93.95%	93.74%	97.61%	96.94%

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:

	Scarlett ~ Settling in well to Ducklings class Frankie ~ Writing a retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears
	Phoenix and Philippa ~ An excellent recitation of a poem Charlie, Fletcher and Billy G ~ Being kind and sharing friends
	Betsy R ~ Excellent effort in class Brooke ~ A great attitude to learning
	Ella ~ A thoughtful letter about Sikh pilgrimage Casper and Paige ~ Excellent classification work about animals

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

March 2020

- 9th – STEM Week
- 13th – Sport Relief – Diverse sports and Sporty non-uniform
- 19th – Y6 Maths Challenge event – selected children
- 20th – Pre-school Cake Sale – 3:30pm – School Hall
- 27th – KS1 Tri-Golf @ Horsford Primary School – selected children only
- 31st – Rocksteady Easter Concert – 9:00am – All Welcome
- Musical Theatre Club Show – 2:45pm – All Welcome

April 2020

- 1st – Robins Cake Sale
- Last Day of Term – Spring 2
- 20th – First Day of Term – Summer 1
- 22nd – Friends AGM – Time TBC – School Hall



Cake Sale

Friday 20th March

3:10 – 3:30pm

at St Faiths' CofE Primary School

50p
per cake



Cake donations are very much appreciated!!
Please bring them into School on Friday morning.