St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 5 – 11/11/2019

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

COMPASSION

James 5:11 ~ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Remembrance



At 11am today, the children observed a 2-minute silence to remember those that have lost their lives to provide a better and safe future for us and generations to come. The children were so respectful and embraced the moment with pride. If your children have any questions about Remembrance, please have those conversations.

<u>Read-a-thon – Congratulations</u>

A very big thank you for such incredible fundraising efforts over the last month to raise some much-needed funds to replenish our library. We have so far raised an incredible £569 which will go far to restock our books!

A very big well done and thank you to Evie J, who raised an incredible \pounds 75. Well done also to Wilf and Frankie – between these 3 children alone, we raised a massive \pounds 190!

Thank you to everyone who participated. It isn't too late to receive a small gift and certificate – if you have your sponsorship forms and money at home, please hand them in to the office.

Hedgehog Assembly

We were visited by Mrs Marshall on Tuesday 29th October who told us all about hedgehogs and how, at this time of year, we can help to look after them and keep them safe. Everyone was given a leaflet from Hodmedods but should you come across a hedgehog in distress, please contact Charlie – a local helpline for hedgehogs – on 07835 498970.

Assertive Mentoring

Thank you to everyone that attended our Assertive Mentoring appointments last week. If you were unable to attend, please rearrange a meeting with your class teacher via Seesaw or the school office.

<u>Children in Need</u>

In our circle group discussions, the children have decided that they would like to do a variety of activities to raise money for Children in Need. We've settled on the following: Non-Uniform Day – suggested donation £1

Afternoon Talent Show – suggested donation for participation 50p

St Faiths' Bake Off – yummy cakes

We will then sell cake slices at the end of the day for 50p per slice/cupcake. All proceeds will be donated to Children in Need.



<u>A Midsummer Night's Dream</u>

After weeks of hard work, revising lines and practising our entrances and exits, our time finally came to perform at the Norwich Playhouse. Fuelled by fish and chips from the Grosvenor Fish Bar (kindly paid for by the Friends of St Faiths') the moment we have spent 9 weeks preparing for had finally arrived... And the Kingfishers certainly didn't disappoint! The children were absolutely amazing. They were sensible, performed like professionals and were a real credit to the school. their parents and themselves. Feedback from their performance was incredible. The theatre director who worked alongside us said they were a fantastic group and a real pleasure to work with. I really couldn't be prouder of the children and can't wait for the next performance!

Professional photos from Splaat Media can be viewed and purchased from: www.splaatmedia.co.uk/shop

The password you'll need to access our pictures is 'our stage'.



Tempest Photography

Last week we had Wendy visit for the annual individual and sibling photos. There were some very cute smiles and cheesy grins and I'm sure you're all happy with the draft pictures. Should you wish to purchase your child's photo, please ensure your money and order form are in the office as soon as possible.

Christmas Play

From one great performance to another, Miss Woolley has been working hard to allocate parts and arrange staging for this year's Christmas play. I can reveal the title is: The Wriggly Nativity. As you'll be aware, the Centre doubles up as the Polling Station and with the play due to be the same night as the upcoming election, I'd like to reassure you that at this stage, the show will go on! Should anything change, we'll be sure to let you know.

Responsibility Awards

Last term, our Christian Value was Responsibility. Each class teacher has chosen a child to receive a special Christian Value award. The children were very proud to be presented their award by Reverend Rosemary. Our award receivers were:

<u>Ducklings</u>: Jesse – Following school rules and helping his friends stay safe when playing outside.

<u>Robins</u>: Billy B – Showing responsibility with important classroom jobs and always helping others.

<u>Barn Owls</u>: Lucy – Constantly being responsible inside and outside the classroom. Kingfishers: Danielle – Being a great role-

model to others and ensuring collective worship runs smoothly.

Preventing Illness

As we head into winter, we're seeing more and more sickness bugs and colds among our children. To help us reduce the risk of spreading germs, please encourage the children to:

* Regularly wash their hands with soap and water;

* Cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue and wash hands after use, disposing of tissues correctly.

Attendance

School Target: 97%

So far this year: 94.8%

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Autumn Half-Term 1	93.23%	93.08%	97.04%	95.66%
Autumn Half-Term 2	94.41%	95.3%	99.13%	99.83%
Year to Date	93.5%	93.58%	97.52%	96.63%

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:

	Sydney ~ Showing good listening and action skills in karate Francesca ~ Sharing good ideas in Philosophy
	Billy B ~ Excellent autumn-themed homework Leo ~ A great poetry performance
	Conner ~ An excellent before/after volcano picture Darcey ~ Working hard all week Henry ~ A good understanding of subtraction
-	Sam ~ Always working hard and being helpful to others Whole Class ~ An incredible performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

November

- 15th Children in Need non-uniform, Talent Show and Bake Off
- 20th Year 2 Multiskills @ HHS
- 29th Premier Dance Show at Norwich Playhouse

December

- 4^{th} Tag Rugby Festival selected children from Y3/4 and Y5/6
- 9th Christmas Jumper Day Donations to The Children's Society Christmas Lunch
 - Christingle Service at the church 2:30pm *Collect from Church at 3:10pm*
- 10th Height, weight and vision checks Reception and Y6 Enterprise Club Christmas Market
- 11th Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal @ St Faiths' Centre *Collect from Centre at 3:10pm*
- 12th Christmas Play Afternoon performance 2:30pm *Collect from Centre at 3:10pm*
- Evening performance 6:30pm *Please drop-off children around 6:15pm*
- 17^{th} Rocksteady Music Concert 9:00am
- 18th Non-Uniform Day
 - Last Day of Autumn Term

