St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 6 – 25/11/2019

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

COMPASSION

Peter 3:8 – Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

<u> Children in Need – Thanks!</u>

All I can say is... Wow. What a fantastic show of support for this charity event. We had some wonderful cakes in our Bake Off and some incredible talents in our talent show! Along with our nonuniform day, we raised over £200 for Children in Need! Our fundraising to date <u>this school year</u> has reached almost £1000! Thank you all for your kindness.

<u>Children in Need – Talent Show</u>

Hosting talent shows at St Faiths is a particular favourite of mine. For some, it is the highlight of the school year! The children were so incredibly respectful of the different acts we saw, and everyone enjoyed the show. I'd like to give an extra-special mention to Teddy, who stepped out of the audience to support his friend when they were too nervous to dance alone. It was a completely selfless act that left most adults with a tear in their eye.

Here are some pictures of a few acts from the talent show. The children were incredibly brave, proud and groovy with their dancing, singing, magic and so much more!







<u> Children in Need – Bake Off</u>

The tasty bit came at the end of the day when the children's fine cakes were judged and then sold (and thoroughly enjoyed) in a Children in Need cake sale. It was too difficult to select one cake so we have decided the following children should be recognised for different achievements. A big thank you and well done to everyone who participated but in particular, a big 'well done' to:

Sam G ~ a super tasty chocolate cake Nancy and Emmeline ~ purpley pipedto-perfection cupcakes

Ellias and Seth ~ a good handdecorated Pudsey cake

<u>Christmas Play</u>

The Christmas play – A Wriggly Nativity – is well underway and rehearsals are going well. Miss Woolley is leading singing practise each week and the children sound incredible. A letter regarding performance attendance will be sent home by the end of this week, as will a letter explaining costumes.

<u>Times Tables Rockstars</u> <u>and Numbots</u>

As our subscription for Sumdog draws to a close, we've been looking for a new alternative to engage the children in their maths learning. Step up Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots! With the National Curriculum expectation being that all children by the end of year 4 know tables up to 12 x 12, we're having a real push on our times tables learning and this is the cherry on our cake. In the coming weeks, you'll get a letter with your child's login details. Please download the app or play online and help your children develop their times tables knowledge in a fun and engaging way.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have access to the Numbots app and website which is a pre-cursor to TT Rockstars and focuses on addition and subtraction in a fun and engaging way!

Premier Dance Show

This Friday, children from St Faiths' and Hainford will be joining other Nebula schools to perform at the Norwich Puppet Theatre. They've been working hard and I know the performance will be great.

<u>Thank You</u>

A final 'thank you' to Chester and Darcey's mum who has kindly donated a new a fresh-looking Christmas tree to school. As we head into that time of year, we are already feeling festive and look forward to spreading the Christmas spirit throughout December!

It's a quiet-news fortnight but I am sure as we head into December, there will be lots more to share!

Thank you all for your continued support 😳

Attendance

Autumn Half-Term 1	93.23%	93.08%	97.04%	95.66%
Autumn Half-Term 2	92.57%	88.89%	96.09%	94.86%
Year to Date	93.33%	92.58%	97.25%	96.28%

School Target: 97% So far this year: 94.9%

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:

Jake ~ for making a cat toy (for Boots!) from junk modelling
Archie ~ good understanding of sharing for division Erin ~ writing some lovely poems at home, based on class-based work Teddy ~ being an incredibly kind friend to Lila during the Talent Show
Thomas ~ good perseverance and understanding of the grid method
 Evie ~ an excellent RE piece about Muslim prayer

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

November

29th - Premier Dance Show at Norwich Playhouse - with Miss Woolley and Miss Wilson

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*
- 17th Rocksteady Music Concert 9:00am
- 18th Non-Uniform Day

Last Day of Autumn Term



The Elves of 1st Horsford and St. Faiths Scout Group will be escorting Father Christmas and his sleigh around the village on Saturday December 15th. Due to manoeuvring restrictions he is only able to stop at twelve points around the village.

Newton Park Homes	4:00pm	Waterloo Close	6:20pm
Newton Street	4:20pm	Weavers Close	6:35pm
Newton Close	4:40pm	Old Norwich Road	6:50pm
Manor Close	5:15pm	Blind Lane	7:00pm
Swan Street	5:35pm	Abbey Road	7:15pm
 Mill Street	5:50pm	Back Street	7:30pm 🏾 🍖 🧔
Waterloo Road	6:05pm	Norwich Road	7:40pm

(These timings are only a guide and are subject to change)

An elf will be around ringing a bell to signal the arrival of Father Christmas and the Sleigh. Come along to one of the Santa Stops, meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift. Donations will go to 1st Horsford and St. Faiths Scout Group.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.