

# St Faithian

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## Christmas and Christingle!

What a busy week Year 2 have had! As well as supporting Year 1 with the Christmas show they led the annual Christingle service at St Nicholas Church in Ash. Telling the story of the journeys that were made to Bethlehem they produced a lovely service which focused on how we should care for others. The children wrote prayers and spoke well throughout the service. Every child in the lower school and in Year 3 made a Christingle candle which lit up the altar, truly a magical sight. A collection was taken in aid of The Children's Society who have been supporting this service since 1968. Well done year 2, you certainly deserve to have a good yuletide break!

## Christmas Show



Later in the week Years 1 and 2 performed their Christmas show to both school and parents. Over the last few weeks they have worked hard learning songs, poems and dances for this delightful Christmas production. We have discovered a vast array of talent during rehearsals. Evelina S played a solo on the flute, Lucy sang 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' and Jingle Bells was played by the recorder club. Several of the children recited poems, one of which was performed by Nila and Cassius. 'The Christmas Present Muddle' poem was accompanied by some interesting photos of various members of staff including a somewhat grumpy faced Headmaster holding a star and just what is in the bag, Mr Dunn?



Year 1 also performed the story of Harvey Slufenburger's Christmas Present by John Burningham. Max took the lead as Father Christmas and showed a theatrical talent which until now lay undiscovered. All the children have enjoyed taking part in our Christmas extravaganza. Who knows what talent we will uncover next year?

## Friends of St Faith's

It has been a great start to the year and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Friends' events. I am delighted to share that we have raised almost £2,000 this year from activities such as the fireworks and (mostly) the Christmas Fair. This will largely be added to our running total for buying some new and robust play equipment.

We are looking forward to a pause over Christmas before we start afresh in the New Year with plans for a series of social and fundraising activities for everyone to get involved in. Until then, have a fabulous festive break.



Merry Christmas from the Friends!

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## Head's Corner

Thank you to all the parents who wrote such lovely reviews about the school and staff on Facebook. Some of the comments were so warm and positive they brought tears to my eyes. It is so gratifying to know that so many of you love St Faith's.

May you all have a great Christmas holiday and a fantastic New Year.



## SPORT

The term is at an end and the children (and staff) are looking forward to the Christmas Holidays. However, before they finished, children from year 6 were honoured to receive their sports colours for Hockey and Football. Sports Colours recognise those children who have consistently been selected to represent the U11 1<sup>st</sup> Team and set the highest standards for others to follow. Congratulations to the following children who received their colour in celebration assembly this week.



### Football

Matthew Gurr, Luke Giffin, Oliver Dingemans, Freddie McMullan, Maisie Bradley (Football)

### Hockey Lily Toomey

### Hockey and Football

Rosie Grinstead, Chloe Solley, Zoe Blackmore, Aania Rehman, Zahra Horne, Scarlett Fletcher & Henrietta Jeer.



## Carol Service

A joyful and triumphant Carol Service was held at St Nicholas Church last night to a packed church on a bleak night. The lights were dimmed, and candles were lit for a stunning and emotional rendition of Once in Royal David's City, verse 1 sung by Zahra Horne and verse 2 sung by the Chamber Choir; the lights then came on and the congregation stood for a rousing finish to this beautiful carol. The rest of the service was just so beautiful and moving. All credit to the children, their powerful voices and confidence in speaking was outstanding. Thank you to Mr Ainsworth, Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Latham for inspiring children and parents alike. We all sang at the top of our voices and the tone of the season was set.



## It's beginning to look a lot like...



A wonderful week of Christmas activities to conclude this Term and 2017. We have enjoyed two nativities, a Christmas Show and a heart warming Carol Service. Today, it's Party Day! Santa is visiting Nursery, Christmas jumpers are being worn for a final party lunch before The Panto Company's hilarious production of Sleeping Beauty...*King Humphrey and Queen Bea are so delighted at the birth of their daughter Arora, that they throw the biggest party the kingdom has ever seen! However, when they forget to invite the land's most powerful sorceress, Vestra, their happiness soon turns sour. But can Fairy Nuff reduce her power and did Giggles the Jester help?*



**House Treat Day and OAK are the winners for this term.** Beating the other houses in a close contest, (they beat Beech by 1 point) their reward was a planned day of fun, mentally challenging, and physical activities. For their termly endeavours they got to dance, compete in a quiz and play Dodgeball. To conclude the day some tired children settled down to watch 'The Emoji Movie'...with Popcorn and juice of course.



## A Christmas Poem from Reception

Even though we have had an action packed week, children in Reception still found time to help Rudolph by making magic reindeer food...of course they have. Santa is coming!

Sprinkle on the lawn at night  
the moon will make it sparkle bright.  
As Santa's reindeer fly and roam,  
this will guide them to your home.

Happy Christmas from Reception xx



## Week Commencing 8 January 2018

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| <b>Monday 8</b>     | Last day of Holiday Club                |
| <b>Tuesday 9</b>    | Only staff attend<br>School office open |
| 10.00am             | Second hand uniform shop open           |
| <b>Wednesday 10</b> | Only Staff attend<br>School office open |
| <b>Thursday 11</b>  | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>         |
| 12.00pm             | Year 1 children to Marlowe Theatre      |
| <b>Friday 12</b>    |   |

## Clubs & Hobbies

**Clubs & Hobbies for the Spring term will be published on the Web on 5th January 2018.**

**Clubs will be starting on the Thursday 11th January**

### Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)

13 of our pupils took an ABRSM examination on Monday. The ABRSM (or Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) examine children and adults all around the country and further afield. In addition to our pupils, there were several candidates from other schools, including the familiar faces of a few former pupils. During an exam, the children perform set pieces, play scales, complete a sight-reading exercise and sing or clap their way through aural tests. Some children will receive their certificates during Friday morning's assembly while others will have a nervous wait to get their results! Well done to all children involved! The following children collected their Prep Test certificates today: Krish Parthiban, Bertie Taylor, Sholto Douglas-Claydon, James Cutting, James Coombes, Evelina Salvatori, Tom Mills and Kuda van der Stam-Moyo.

### Barcelona Polo de Playa hockey tournament

A selection of children from St Faith's attended an international hockey tournament in Barcelona last weekend. In contrast to last year, the U9 Canterbury teams playing in the Championship Tournament were very competitive. Both Boys and Girls competed against some of the best teams in Europe including Russia. Congratulations to Martin who scored 4 goals throughout the course of the tournament for his team. To cap a hugely enjoyable and rewarding competition, Martin was named Player of the Tournament for his team and came away with a bronze medal.



Poppy, a member of the Canterbury Polo Farm U9 Girls' Hockey team, named the Sharks, played a total of 5 games over the three days. After a difficult first game, the girls found their stride in time to win the next two matches convincingly. The fourth game was very tense as both teams battled to make the playoffs for the gold and silver positions. Sadly, despite a valiant effort from the whole team, they lost 2-1 on penalty shuffles (with Poppy the only scorer from the Sharks). The battle for bronze was then on in a nail-biting



final game, where the team gave it their all and won 2-1.

Oliver, Freddie & Rosie, were also competing for Polo Farm, and despite a keenly fought battle, their respective teams got pipped to the post.

Thanks to Mr Groves for allowing them to go and giving them the chance for such an incredible experience.

### Book Review—Nursery



Lower Nursery enjoyed the book 'Play Hide and Seek' with Little Reindeer. We loved this book because: we count to 5, play hide and seek with Ruby reindeer, sneeze at flowers, eat yummy berries and blow kisses to Ruby.



A storage trolley once full of books for our Book sale, is now empty and ready for the owner to collect from Mrs Allen's room. Thank you.

### Charities—A cow for Africa



We have the Cow! This has been a massive undertaking and children have popped balloons, eaten ice pops last summer, run a cake stall, been a human fruit machine, pinned the nose on Rudolph and finally dressed their teddies for 'The Best Dressed Festive Teddy Competition' this week - and we have finally got our cow. Phew! But this is even better news - not just 1 but 2 cows! This is because the Government's Aid budget will match our donation pound for a pound. This means we will make a profound difference to two villages in rural Africa. If you would like to find out more details please do view the 'Send a Cow' website.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped, particularly this week when we were getting desperate, and a big thank you to Mrs Dove who 'gently encouraged' her friends in the car park to dig deep when we were £25 short. Thanks to you all we have raised in excess of £650.

**Kent's online safety blog** is a really useful way of keeping up-to-date with the latest developments and issues in e-safety. It is updated regularly with information, links to others sites and videos. E-safety becoming an increasingly large part of family life and the more informed that parents are, the safer the child is. The blog is sent to your email address if you click on the 'Follow Blog by Email' link on the homepage at <https://kentsafety.wordpress.com/>

## These children received Effort of the Term

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| RB  | James Evans       |
| RR  | Sienna Drury      |
| 1CP | Lily Read         |
| 1R  | Willa Bradley     |
| 2BL | Evelina Salvatori |
| 2CL | Freya Ralph       |
| 3B  | Julie Oprchal     |
| 3F  | Holly Rooke       |
| 4A  | Aryan Bhide       |
| 4M  | Zara Coombs       |
| 5A  | Toby Strickland   |
| 5G  | Meena Hay         |
| 5M  | Esther Wade       |
| 6J  | Scarlett Fletcher |
| 6W  | Chloe Solley      |

## MUSIC STAR OF THE TERM

Sienna Hirst



| House    | Champion        |
|----------|-----------------|
| Ash      | Genevieve Jeer  |
| Beech    | Maddie Ward     |
| Oak      | Alexandra Rooke |
| Sycamore | Freddie Bickley |

## STAR AWARDS

### BRONZE 100 +

Freddie Gillespie, Molly Allen, Oscar Finlay, Georgina Davis, Poppy Andrews, Alex Fox, Isla Urquhart, Alexandra Rooke, Beatrix Hatton, Rose Carruthers, Maisie Bradley, Zara Coombs, Genevieve Jeer, Charley Woodhead, Eliot Tucker, Thomas Solley, Jude Leberl, Jamie Coombes, Macey-Jaye Jenkins Logan Bouhours-Goodlad, Kuda van der Stam-Moyo

## READING SHELVES

The following children completed Reading shelves this week:

Danielle Aron, Alexandra Rooke, Beatrix Hatton, Rose Carruthers, Olivia Bywater, Esther Wade, Isla Urquhart, Noah van der Stam-Moyo, Michael Coombes

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Rosie Hudsmith for her writing of 'How to turn your teacher into a dragon'

Nicholas Fox, Eliot Tucker, Tom Harrop, Jude Leberl for their Metaphor poems

Jack Manser for debating a local issue

Michael Coombes for his Grandma Cinquain

James Cutting for his excellent Maths

## Birthdays

Krish Bhide, Sienna Hirst, Eliot Tucker, Cassius Bickley, Bells Porter, Sami Ur-Rehman, Lottie Southorn, Anna Woodhead, Imogen Norman, Emily Roiz de Sa, Arnav Siddappa, Alexander Fox, William Lee, Louis Hunt, Maisie Hensher-Davies, Oliver Jeer, Henrietta Jeer, Harriet Bolton, Harper Skudder-Acaster,



## GOLDEN BALL

Oliver Dingemans x2, Thomas Coombes, Alex Fox, Martha Rang, Oscar Farquhar, George Övery

## CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Jasmine McQuirk was awarded Level 3 in the Swim England Award

Harriet Bolton passed her IDTA (Street Dance) exam with an Excellent in all categories

## FRIEND OF THE TERM

Bertie Taylor, for always asking people who are on their own to join him and for being very kind

## Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Last week's answer: CHRISTMAS



## Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Last week's answer: EVERY MONTH HAS 28 DAYS IN IT!

