The St Faithian

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Year 3 Trip to Betteshanger Park

Year 3 had a lovely day out in the glorious Kent countryside, when they went on a visit to Betteshanger Park, near Deal. The weather was kind and the children had lots of fun taking part in fossil finding and geocaching workshops. They quickly learnt how to work together to crack codes and use the geocaching equipment to discover various clues hidden around the park. Team work and collaboration were very important in order to be successful in finding each of the six hidden caches. All the children absolutely loved digging in the ground and hammering rocks in the hope of discovering fossils and it was wonderful to see their happy faces as they scoured the ground in search of what they were calling 'treasure.' Many of our pupils were lucky enough to find fossils of plants, that they were then able to take home as souvenirs. After the fossil hunts, the children carefully carried their finds like precious jewels and were very excited to show them to their parents when they got home. We are sure the parents will be delighted when they see the 'treasures' that the children have hoarded in their bags! We returned to school a little bit tired and rather grubby, with lots of lovely memories of a very successful Year 3 outing.

Friends of St Faith's

Thank you to everyone who was able to make the Friends meeting on Monday, it was great to see so many people.

With half-term and the St Faith's Fireworks Extravaganza fast approaching on Saturday 28 October, preparations are well under way and tickets will be available soon (pupils go free), so please do save the date and look out for the posters that some of our talented Year 6 pupils are busy making! It promises to be a great night for friends and family and we hope as many of you as possible are able to join the fun. We are always looking for extra hands to help with setting up or manning the BBQ, mulled wine and spiced apple juice stalls etc. so please do let me, Vicky, or another member of the Friends know if you would like to lend a hand.

Hopefully everyone will have now received a Christmas card design pack for the children to create their own festive masterpieces. Please don't forget to follow the instructions on the reverse of the sheet (including leaving a 1cm border around the edge of the card), to ensure optimal printing results. There are more packs available from the office if you would like to make another design or have lost your original one on the way home.

We are also putting together the plans for this year's Christmas Fair scheduled for December 1. We ho ho hope to share more details on this soon!

Many thanks and have a great week!

Head's Corner

Another inspiring week comes to an end with some wonderful experiences for all. Many thanks to Mr Dunn for organising an amazing Science Spectacular which was evidenced by all the excited squeals and laughter from our very happy children.

Saturday will see our Autumn term themed Open Day of 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' with over 70 of our own children in attendance.

Thank you so much to the children and parents who are supporting us on this very important day.

Weekly Sport Roundup

Teamwork, Tactics and Tremendous Effort!

Another good effort from our newly formed U11 Boys. Our Headboy wishes them the best of luck before they leave to play at Spring Grove. Please visit our website to read a full report at www.stfaithsprep.com

Science Spectacular

Every year I watch the children entranced by the amazing volunteers who come to run workshops in the field of Science in which they work and every year I feel that it could not get better. Yet, once again, it has!

From Pirate Pilates to Bubble-ology, the children have had an immersion in practical applications of Science. Children from nursery to Year 2 took part in Pilates (thinking about flexibility and balance), Dance (thinking about heart rate), Skeleton School (identifying the role of the skeleton and names of some bones), Ooblec Monsters (making corn-flour dance), Chromatography, Sounds Good (vibrations and music) and finally, Bright Sparks (static electricity).

The upper school found out how capsules surrounding medicines are made, made giant bubbles (including ones big enough to get in), changed the rate of reactions, used thermal imaging equipment, were astounded by optical illusions and practised CPR on a dummy!
The quality of the workshops was awe-inspiring and the enjoyment and engagement of all of the children was written across their faces for all to see.

Oh, and how could I forget the ever-popular ambulance and its very loud siren?

Year 1 get musical

A fantastic first musical composition for Year 1 happened this week. Our creative teachers had them drawing various shapes such as squares and triangles, then selecting a musical note (C, D, E,) for each side and then playing their composition on a glockenspiel. Interesting sounds were heard and enjoyed.

Reception this week

What did the children in Reception make as part of their art and craft? You may well wonder and how did it all tie up with their Maths and English lessons?

Stomp,stomp,stomp...11 excited elephants went out to play upon a spider's web one day! One of their favourite songs is 'One elephant came out play' and they all enjoyed singing this together. This action song helps them to understand the concept of addition in creative play.

The children in Reception all agreed that learning to add 'one more' and then 'one more' was lots of fun in maths. It seems that they enjoyed making and wearing their masks too.

Week Commencing 9 October

Monday
3.45pm Year 6 Bikeability Week 1
U11 Boys' McCarthy Cup Football Tournament at River Primary AWAY

Tuesday
8.30am Pilates
2.00pm U11 Girls' Football Tournament at Goodwin Academy AWAY

Wednesday
1.30pm U11 Boys' Football Tournament at Ashford Prep AWAY
2.15pm U11 B & C Boys' Football vs Ashford Prep HOME

Thursday
1.30pm U9 Boys' Football Tournament at Ashford Prep AWAY
3.00pm U11 Girls' McCarthy Cup HOME

Friday

Book Review

This week's selection of favourite books is from Lottie and Lily in Year 1

Lottie loves 'The Fairytale and the Sugar Plum Fairy' because it has lots of bright, colourful pictures.
Lily brought in 'Oh No, George!' Because she likes it when he does the digging, eats the cake and chases the cat.

Upper Nursery

What did we do during our wonderfully exciting Science Spectacular? Well, we discovered objects hidden in ice and discovered which tools to use and ways to release them.

Another popular workshop was exploring the ambulance and learning about emergencies.

All in all a very successful day.

Friendship Council

Many thanks to the Friendship Council for organising a very successful New Children's party. Home baked cakes and biscuits from Chloe, Olivia and Aania ensured that our new children went off to lessons suitably fuelled up for the challenge of the next lesson. Mr Groves supplied the drinks and atmospheric music to make the party swing!

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	09.10.2017
Monday	
Debating Club Yr 4-6	YES
Gym	YES
Improving Sport Through Technology Yr 4-6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance (Pixies & Fairies Ballet)	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
Football Club Yr 1-3 (first half term only)	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Computers Yr 4-6	YES
Dance (Ballet & Jazz)	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Club Yr 4-6 (first half term only)	YES
Thursday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
Friday	
Football Club Yr 4-6 (on Friday for this	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

READING SHELF

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

Freddie Heffer, Lottie Southorn, Sami Ur-Rehman, George Steed, Willa Bradley, Henry O'Connor, Krish Bhide, Freya Ralph, Gideon Wade, Caspian Finlay, Maddie Ward, Romy Todd, Jack Manser, Jessica Reynolds, Charlie Broun, Freddie Gillespie,

These children are Stars of the week for all their effort in class

RB	Eva Wyon	For excellent concentration and always doing her best
RR	Safiya Dubignon	For consistent hard work in Phonics
1CP	Flynn Marsh	For excellent concentration and increased independence in class
1R	Penny Ford	For working diligently on all work even when not feeling 100%
2BL	Daniel Matthew	For excellent reading
2CL	Sofia Cresswell	For super all round effort and independent thinking
3B	Tom Mills	For his enthusiasm on the school trip and excellent handwriting
3F	Holly Rooke	For embracing the challenge of Year 3
4A	Aryan Bhide	For his inquisitive mind
4M	Mabel McGuirk	For expressive reading
5A	Lottie Rush	For being increasingly resilient and approaching all challenges with a smile
5G	Evie Dove	For settling in to Yr 5, concentrating and working hard
5M	Rose Carruthers	For being a fantastic member of the school who looks out and cares for everyone
6J	Vivien Delo	For sharing great confidence in all the new aspects of Yr 6
6W	Lila McCullin	For independent work in English

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Alex Sutherland for offering his own fleece when a friend was cold during cross country when he did not have another one himself

House	House Points
Ash	121
Beech	114
Oak	131
Sycamore	87

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Vivien Delo for her fantastic English work
Teddy Law, Anna Woodhead, Honor Leberl & Flyn Marsh for their story writing

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Logan Bouhours-Goodlad received a Mat Fiddes Martial Arts Certificate of Recognition for Belt Grading and achieved the grade of red stripe

Charley Woodhead, Maisie Bradley, Krish Bhide were selected as winners in this year's Canterbury Festival Poetry Competition

GOLDEN BALL

Elliot Finlay, James Coombes, Ross Sutherland

Birthdays

Nicholas Fox, Cora McGuirk, Sonny Smith, Freddie Gillespie, Jasper Wilson, Connor Harris

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Caspian Finlay for the progress he is making on the piano

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Danielle Aron

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Luke Giffin
Oliver McMullan

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word

'ROASTING'

CLUE: You will find this person in a church

Last week's answer: **NOTICES**

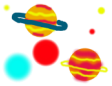
Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

'What gets wetter as it dries?'

Last week's answer: **AN EGG**

TIME TABLE CHALLENGE

EARTH
Edward Dove, Sofia Cresswell, Evelina Salvatori, James Montgomery, Krish Bhide



LOST & FOUND

Teddy Law has lost his named PE shorts
Logan Bouhours-Goodlad has lost his jumper and cap
Zoe Blackmore has lost her blazer