

The St Faithian

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learners with enquiring minds and a strong moral sense of purpose. Now we look forward to a busy, entertaining and happy year.

Calm, collected and ready for the 11+. They have studied and worked hard for the past few years and now they are ready! We wish you all the very best of luck and have every confidence in you, knowing how hard you have worked, some of you since Reception. It's over now and you can look forward to a year of debating, sport, music, and honing all the skills you have picked up. Our aim is to teach you to be independent



New Year and New Debating Club



'School uniform puts all pupils on an equal playing field' was the phrase that stuck with me after the Debating Club met for the first time this week. The motion: 'School Uniform is an essential for a happy school' was hotly debated as the group split into a for and against team. After learning about how a debate works the children got their teeth into the format with Bea, Bertie and Oscar F supporting the motion, whilst Felix S, Tom H and Oliver S disagreed and formed the against team. Each team gave an opening presentation in which they made their case for and against school uniform. The 'For' argued that school uniform unites students, makes students look smart and ensures everyone is treated equally. Whilst the 'Against' felt school uniform crushed their creativity and was uncomfortable to wear. All the children spoke clearly and it was impressive to see them making notes when the opposition were speaking. These notes came in handy as the two sides were given the chance to question each other on their presentations. This exchange was fascinating and I was blown away with the ability of the children to think on their feet and justify their arguments. As the club drew to a close everyone shook hands and praised one another for their efforts, I was thrilled with the level of maturity shown.

There are a couple of places left in Debating Club if you would like to join us on a Monday after school. We have some fascinating motions to debate this term and will be working towards having a large debate, with an audience, at the end of the term. Club open to Years 4-6

Friends of St Faith's

As you may know we are sadly saying goodbye to two trusted stalwarts of Friends: Rebecca is to retire as Chair and Tony as Treasurer. I'm sure you would all like to thank them for all their hard work and efforts to Fundraise for our children over the years.

Thus follows a 'Call to Action'. We will be holding a meeting next Monday 11 September to nominate and elect a new Chairperson.

The meeting is to be held at school, after drop-off, 8.40am. Please call into the office and we will direct you to the meeting place.

I do hope you can attend as we desperately need to move forward with a new committee to benefit our children.

Thank you

Head's Corner

It's a very warm welcome back to all and lovely to see the children so happy and keen to return. Please read my beginning of term letter which will inform you all of what has taken place over the summer holiday. Well done to the Year 6 cohort for completing the Kent Test assessment this week, some still have the Dover Grammar Test to deal with but now they can all concentrate on what will be a fantastic year for them all.



Lawrence Groves

Sport

It's going to be another action packed term with plenty of fixtures and wins to look forward to. This term football, rugby and hockey will be played. Children are excited and keen to get outdoors and practice. Year 3 had their first experience of play for the upper school putting on their new socks and kit, then off they went to play, the weather was good and the enthusiasm was high. As you can see, some budding sports stars in the making.



Improving sport through technology

A new sports club with a twist began on Monday after school. Miss Arman's 'Improving sport through technology' aims to progress and improve each individual within different sports whilst using their I.T. skills. The children will have the chance to use a variety of coaching apps via our school iPad's, they will video and analyse each others performances and using technology see how they can improve.



Miss Arman has been selected to be the Manager and Coach for the U13's Girls cricket team for Kent and is really excited to coach the young talented girls that we have in this county. Miss Arman says "being the coach for the County side will give me the opportunity to learn new skills and work alongside very experienced coaches. I look forward to bringing all of these skills into my sessions at St Faith's". We are thrilled and proud to have you Miss Arman.

LAMDA



Our most recent session of LAMDA Speech and Drama lessons was another big success with the majority of students taking the exams achieving a Distinction. Since our LAMDA teacher Mark Gregson, is also a LAMDA examiner, a wider range of subjects is now available at St Faith's with both acting and public speaking proving popular along the well established speaking verse and prose exams. Places are available for new students and any parents interested in signing up their child for LAMDA lessons should contact the office.

Read their successful results on the back page.

Holiday achievements



During August five children from St Faith's attended a 5 day musical theatre workshop. Over the week they prepared scenes from 'The Lion King' and then performed the show on Friday afternoon to friends and family. They all enjoyed it so much that they went on to a second week with the same company. Four of them taking part in 'Summer Nights' (scenes from Grease) and one taking part in 'The Jellicle Ball (scenes from Cats).



Year 5 pupil, Meena was invited to attend the first ever Relaxed Prom at the Royal Albert Hall, this summer, in return for a review for Classical Diary. They were very pleased with her review and she had a wonderful time. You can read Meena's review here: <http://bit.ly/2wMWicf>

Upper Nursery



Upper Nursery children enjoyed exploring their new classroom this week and learning 'all about me'! They used their phonic bags, got painting, had a music lesson with Mr Ainsworth and then let off steam during P.E. Our new outdoor classroom was also enjoyed during their reading time.



Week Commencing 11 September

Monday 11

Tuesday 12
8.30-9.30am Pilates

Wednesday 13
9.00am Individual School Photographs
6.00pm Lower School Introduction Evening

Thursday 14
6.00pm Upper School Introduction Evening

Friday 15

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What can you find at the end of a Rainbow?

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word

DANGNIDPOT

Clue: it's a famous bear!

READING SHELF

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

**Krish Parthiban, Bertie Taylor, Lottie Rush,
Oliver McMullan, Albert Ray,
Esther Kuruvilla, Isabella Reppin**

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	11.09.2017
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)	NO
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
Football Club Yr 4-6 (first half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
Friday	
Music (During School hours)	YES

Lower Nursery



The term begins with a range of activities and for your information, a daily list is displayed on the whiteboard outside Lower Nursery. On Wednesday this week, they had free painting, pushing pasta through various shapes, silly face craft, wonderful music and clapping and counting. Such a busy fun day and of course there is always a delicious, tasty and healthy lunch. Looks like some of our lovely children had time to have a bike race too.



Class Responsibility Badge Holders for the Autumn Term

CLASS	FORM CAPTAIN	FRIENDSHIP COUNCELLOR	SCHOOL COUNCIL	ECO WARRIOR
2BL	Madison Harris		Harper Skudder-Akaster	Jamie Montgomery
2CL	Oliver Barker		Edward Dove	Honor Urquhart
3B	Jasmine McGuirk	Tom Mills	Harry Ford	Maisie –Grace Burrell
3F	Holly Rooke	Joshua Tucker/ Sienna Hirst	Caspian Finlay	James Cutting
4A	Thomas Solley	Oliver Simms	Thomas Harrop	Darcey Powell
4M	Charley Woodhead	Raffi Brennen Ray	Nicholas Fox	Mabel McGuirk
5A	Poppy Batchelor	Krish Parthiban	Macey-Jaye Jenkins	Izzy Reppin
5G	Martin Long-Castro	Ayshia Amin	Molly Allen	Freddie Gillespie
5M	Alexandra Rooke	Olivia Bywater	Freddie Bickley	Danielle Aron
6J	Vivien Delo	Matthew Gurr	Zahra Horne	Sadie Jarvis-Bee
6W	Lila McCullin		Freddie McMullan	Sholto Douglas-Claydon

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

At the end of the last term the following children produced some fabulous original 'Hungry Caterpillar' booklets using lots of imaginative ideas, reference books and interesting objects

Anna Mills, Olivia Bywater, Isla Urquhart,
Oscar Finlay, Bertie Taylor,
Esther Wade & Danielle Aron



MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Jack Manser for performing in front
of the
Nursery children



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Cassius Tucker-Borges, Penny Ford Aryan & Krish Bhide completed the Summer Reading Challenge
Anna Woodhead & Freddie Heffer achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 7
Freddie Heffer achieved 10m in the ASA Rainbow Swimming Award Scheme
Jack Manser won the DAPA Junior Musical Excellence Trophy and achieved the standard of Honours

Birthdays

Edward Vince
Elizabeth Williamson Green
Catherine Ashley-Down
Jessica Reynolds
Thomas Dowle



GOLDEN BALL

Beaten already Mr Groves...
the first Golden
Balls of the year!
Nicholas Fox
Thomas Harrop
Charlotte Lee



ABRSM RESULTS

Last term four children took Grade 1 theory exams and their results were as follows:

Leya Carter: 98/100
George Hunt: 92/100
Imogen Thomlinson: 87/100
Felix Edeleman: 87/100



Three children took Practical exams:

Zahra Horne Grade 2 Singing Distinction
Felix Simms Grade 1 Violin Distinction
Tom Harrop Grade 1 Singing Pass

LAMDA RESULTS

The following children took their LAMDA exams in June and all received a Pass and most with a Merit or Distinction.

Millie Rigden, Madeline Read,
Barney Batchelor, Honor James, Florence
Clarke, Vivien Delo, Luke Giffin,
Beatrix Hatton, Olivia Bywater, Ayshia Amin,
Anna Mills, Mali Nicholls, Esther Kurivilla, Ar-
yan Bhide, Oliver Simms,
Logan Bouhours-Goodlad,
Cassius Tucker Borges,
Daniel Mathew, Yasmin Amin, Thomas Mills,
Holly Rooke, Kitty McCullin, Maisie Burrell,
Anais Andrews, Poppy Andrews, Krish
Bhide, Lila McCullin, Sadie Jarvis-Bee,
Maisie Bradley, Aania Rehman,
Charley Woodhead.

Congratulations!