

# Faithian Flyer



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AT ASH PREP SCHOOL

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## Year 1 didn't go to the Panto—Oh Yes they did!



On a gloomy first day of term, Year 1 (21 children) and 5 members of staff ventured out on a truly fantastic adventure to Canterbury on the local bus. Tickets purchased and seats found on the top deck. The children spotted local landmarks including the Wildlife Park, Canterbury Cathedral and familiar supermarkets! We passed the time on the bus playing eye-spy and sharing our Christmas holiday experiences.

A brisk walk through the city, with the children being complemented on their exceptional behaviour and smart appearance, led us to The Marlowe Theatre. The excitement grew as we took our seats in the stalls surrounded by other school parties waiting for the show to begin. Some children were nervous with excitement and anticipation but once the show began every child was drawn in to the interactive performance. From Snappy the crocodile, acrobats, juggling with fire, Peter Pan flying into the auditorium and the ghosties terrified by the pantomime Dame on the Marlowe wooden bench, the children sat in awe of the experience from beginning to end. Many questions were asked and answered throughout the performance!

'Is that really a lady?'

'Is Peter Pan really flying?'

'Why is the crocodile ticking?'

'That lady lives in my television, how did she get here?'

Interval lollies enjoyed, the action continued and the show concluded with everyone on their feet singing 'Reach For The Stars!'

Back through the city our crocodile of children walked. For some, weariness started to set in with aching legs and croaky voices (from the interactive action) but everyone showed determination getting back to the bus ready for our return to Ash.

This shared learning adventure is one that we won't forget in a hurry. For some it was the first time on the public bus, for others a first visit to the theatre without parents or to a pantomime. For all it was a pleasure and a valuable learning experience spending time outside the classroom in the wider community. We stretched our knowledge and understanding of the wider world and safely returned to tell of our adventure to all those who weren't lucky enough to share our experience.

'Can we go again?!'

## Friends of St Faith's

Happy New Year one and all!  
We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and well earned rest.

The Friends of St Faith's are preparing for a busy term ahead with the annual Wine and Wisdom Evening to look forward to in February as well as the Easter Disco and some social events along the way!

Our first meeting of the year will be next Friday (19 January) from 8am in the school house (please sign in at reception). Do join us if you can, we'd love to see you.



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## Head's Corner

Welcome back everyone. By all accounts from the children you all had a wonderful break, from those who went skiing or sun seeking, to those who just took time out to enjoy a rest at home.

After a 14-week Autumn term we all needed that respite before the challenges of the new year kick in. So, now we have our minds focused on work, house music, sport and a myriad of other activity.

May you all have a happy and prosperous 2018.



## Nursery Wrap-Around Care

'Nursery children were very busy over the Christmas period! They decorated Christmas biscuits, a messy but enjoyable task; made bubble wrap Christmas trees, a noisy affair; and before the break had their own Christmas party. Lots of party games were played including a firm winter favourite with Nursery, Snowman Skittles.

Now all the festivities have passed and we are back to school, the children have a term studying the topic of 'Winter'. We will be looking at arctic animals, winter weather and what we must wear to keep ourselves warm in the cold.



## Sport Report

A new term and the children are already working hard practising their skills in their new sports. The girls have Netball, the boys have Hockey and all participate in the extremely popular Dance sessions. The girls' first Netball fixture against Northbourne Park School is on 24 January and we are beginning to prepare for that. The ISA mixed Hockey Tournament is also fast approaching where we will be looking to retain the trophy we won last year. Do take a look at our new website, it's fantastic! For further details of sports fixtures, including start and finish times, the team sheet, and a google map, go to ['Quick Links, Sporting Fixtures'](#).



## Debating club thrives!

Computer games, mobile phones, role models, school uniform, zoos and... Jaffa Cakes (It is a cake... definitely NOT a biscuit! I'm glad we could clear that one up!). The Debate Club have discussed all of these issues, and more, in their Monday sessions and have impressed Mr Andrews with their mature attitudes. It is quite a task for primary aged children to take part in debates and the participants all deserve a special mention for their achievements: congratulations Bee, Rosie, Molly, Tom, Bertie, Felix, Oliver and Oscar! Our final debate revolved around the use of mobile phones in school by children. The 'For' and 'Against' teams set out their arguments brilliantly and the rebuttal between the teams was fast and furious. Both sides made valid reasons but in the end it was decided by the panel of judges that 'Against' made the most compelling points and that mobile phones are not needed in school for primary aged children. Well done Team Debate we look forward to seeing more from you next academic year!



## Week Commencing 15 January 2018

### Monday

### Tuesday

8.45am

8.45am

4.30pm

Pilates

Class 4M Assembly

Maths Competition at

St Edmund's (selected Yr 6 only)

### Wednesday

8.30am

Able Maths Day at Hoath

Primary (selected Yr 5 & 6 only)

### Thursday

### Friday

8.00am

Friends meeting

## Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	15.01.18
<b>Monday</b>	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Newspaper Club Yr 3-6	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French Yr 2,3 & 4	YES
Hockey Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	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	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
Badminton Yr 4-6 (first half term only)	YES
Computers Yr 4-6	NO
Football Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
<b>Friday</b>	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (first half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

**GOLDEN BALL**

**Cora McGuirk**

**Happy Birthday**

**Meena Hay**