GOTTA HAVE FAITH!

And so Term 2 is under way and we arrive at the end of week one and there are only seven-and-a-half weeks to go until the Christmas holidays!! In assembly this week we have been focused on the ‘F’ word in our school values: FAITH. As a Church school we aim to arrive at a better understanding of the Christian faith and – importantly – how to put this into practice in our daily lives. Assembly on Monday involved reflection on Floss dancing, Fashion, Family and Friends but it was the Faith word which is really important in guiding us on the right path; the rock on which we can rely.

On Wednesday, Father David spoke about the importance of All Saints (aka All Hallows) Day (1st November) and how important the Saints are whom we remember and ask to pray for us.

150th Anniversary

Before half-term on Saturday 13th October, Mr Welsh and four students from Year 8 (see picture) attended Mass at St Edward’s Church to celebrate 150 years of the parish. Bishop Philip celebrated Mass and led the service. The Church was full and there was a lovely reception afterwards with many of the congregation interested to talk to the students and find out more of the school’s history and place in the community.

School Improvement

On Wednesday we hosted a visit from Jackie Cousins who is the school’s ‘Improvement Partner’. She is an adviser with the Oxford Diocese and a school inspector so her advice and guidance is much appreciated and contributes to the school’s self-evaluation and critical thinking. She met with teachers and leaders, spoke to groups of children and looked at lessons and pupils’ work. Currently she is looking into the performance of particular groups of pupils. Her reports are then shared with the leadership team including governors. This is vital work in helping our teachers and leaders to improve. We report this in the Serena board so as parents you can be confident that the school is never complacent about its performance and is always striving to be the best it can be.

Meetings with Parents

Another useful source of feedback for the school is the survey information from Parents’ Evenings. Year 6 parents met teachers in the week before half-term and reports indicate those conversations were really useful. The data from the surveys is being collated and will be fed back in due course. This along with the data from the surveys is being collated and will be fed back in due course. Evenings. Year 6 parents met teachers in the school is the survey information from Parents’ Board so as parents you can be confident that the school is never complacent about its performance and is always striving to be the best it can be.

150 years of St Edward’s Parish

Headteachers and discussed with governors who will report back to parents when all the meetings have taken place. The Key Stage 3 Information Evening took place on Wednesday with Year 7 & 8 parents finding out more about the way the curriculum works in the upper part of the school and how they can support learning from home. Do look out for the corresponding evenings for Years 5 & 6.

Admissions Deadline

Please note that the deadline for application for places at secondary schools – including Middle Schools and Upper Schools in Windsor has now passed. This is the application using the CAF to Windsor & Maidenhead Local authority. If you are a parent with a child in Year 4 or Year 8 and have missed the deadline please contact the Local Authority as a matter of urgency. The deadline for Year 4 parents to submit the SIF (Supplementary Information Form) with details and proofs of baptism etc is November 23rd. Please contact the School Office if you need any help with this.

Champions!

Term 1 ended with an Achievements assembly for the whole school in which numerous certificates were presented, rewards and recognition of progress given, effort and achievement recognised. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced. House Points are collated and any competition results announced.

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Winners and runners up prizes and certificates will be awarded in Achievements Assembly at the end of this term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd November 2018 - No. 4

Welcome and Goodbye

This term we welcome Mr Tackney joining our PE team and working with students in PE and Games lessons and running lots of our PE extra-curricular programme. It is always nice to welcome back former students and we wish him every success. Sadly we have learned this week that Mrs Hughes will not be returning to school as we had hoped. She has been absent with ill health for much of this school year and needs to focus exclusively on getting well again. We wish her a full and speedy recovery and thank her for her service and dedication over the past three years.

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We are the Champions!

5th December

Year 5 Information Evening for Parents 7pm

Tuesday 13th November
Youth Speaks Competition

19th November—25 November
Chemistry Week

Wednesday 21st November
Year 8 Parents’ Evening 4.00pm

Friday 30th November
PSA Christmas Fayre 6.00pm

Public Speaking Competition for KS3 Pupils

Teams came together to battle it out in our annual House Public Speaking event at the end of last term. It was such a closely fought competition. The children spoke passionately about a range of topics and did themselves and the school proud. After the rounds, it was declared that the winners of Key Stage 2 were Bede and the winners of Key Stage 3 were Alban.

We are pleased to announce that the 2 teams progressing to the Youth Speaks at Eton College on Tuesday 13th November are:

‘Reality Check – What’s gone wrong with today’s television?’

Chair: Josh Wagstaff
Main Speaker: Sam Gibbard
Vote of Thanks: Hannah Al-Hashimi

‘Should violent sports and games be banned?’

Chair: Daisy Fazackerley
Main Speaker: Luke Conlon-Benz
Vote of Thanks: Jake Longstaff

Stop there Super Bug!

Year 5 and 6 have been given the opportunity to take part in a competition run by Pfizer (pharmaceutical company) to come up with a creative way to raise awareness of super bugs and how to stop them. Pupils will have been given a letter for parents as well as an entry form that will give further information. Pupils may work individually or in groups of 2, 3 or 4.

All entries (with completed competition forms) should be returned to school by Monday 12th November. Prizes include attending a prestigious event with esteemed guests, all expenses paid trip to the Science Museum plus many other exciting prizes.

Welcome to new KS3 Pupils!

Children who joined us in Year 7 and 8 in September met with the Co-Headteachers for Hot Chocolate and biscuits with the Co-Head’s and Mrs Meaney (Head of KS3) during the last week of term. It is a great opportunity for those students to meet and get to know each other.

Year 5 Places—September 2019

Important reminder: If you are applying for a Year 5 place at our school for September 2019 for a younger sibling, in addition to completing a Common Application Form on the RBWM website, you must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) available from our school website. Once completed, the SIF should be returned to the school by 23rd November 2018.

Sports & PE Update

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 football teams who played in a 7 a side football tournament at the end of last term at Dedworth. Both teams played really well and finished the tournament 1st and 2nd out of 9 teams. Well done boys keep up the hard work.

The PE department would also like to say a big thank you to our Year 7 sports leaders. They are coming to the end of their training period and have been helping out with clubs, fixtures and lunchtime activities. This term they are focusing on increasing physical activity at lunchtimes for all pupils so look out for them on the playground leading competitions for you to participate in.

This term we are focusing on Basketball in PE lessons and Football in games lessons. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit so that we can keep them warm and safe during lessons as the weather starts to deteriorate. This should include the technical t-shirt, shorts/skort, blue socks, rugby top, indoor trainers, football boots and shin pads advisable.

Please ensure you are turning up for clubs as numbers are starting to drop. If you can no longer attend a club please see Miss Stansfield so that pupils on the waiting lists can be added.

** PSA NEWS ** ** PSA NEWS **

Congratulations to our first winner of the 50:50 club - Brenda - mum to Jasmine in year 5. It’s not too late - just return the form attached with £13.50 to join for the rest of the year. Friday 9th November is the our first donation day for the Christmas Fayre: Bottles! A reminder will come out next week.

There is also a leaflet attached with further information about the fayre. With the Fayre taking place on 30th November - plans are well underway and it promises to be a fun event for all the family. Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their raffle tickets. Please do return any unused tickets too as we can sell them on the night.

REMINDEERS

REMINDER: Y6 French trip – final payment was due 1st November. All outstanding balances should now be cleared. Please contact Mrs Blanchard as a matter of urgency if you are experiencing problems with this final payment.

REMINDER: Y6 Liddington, Wiltshire trip – payment was due 1st November.

REMINDER: School Fund Contribution and DT and Science Subsidy – if payments have not yet been made please arrange to pay via www.scopay.com/stedwardsroyalfree

A Time to Remember

As a Christian school November is a time to remember all those who have died; whether we knew them or not. We will be holding our own special Remembrance Day service for the whole school on Friday 9th November at 11 am. As part of this month, we create a display of Remembrance. Each pupil and adult in school will have the opportunity to complete a poppy with the name of the person who has died (this includes relatives in their families who they may not have known). This poppy will be added to the display and will be included in the prayers of our school community throughout the month of Remembrance.

Accelerated Reader — Congratulations go to:

Millionaires: Maisie Ingham 7/4 and Sienna Newman 6/2.