



St Faith's
Church of England School

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
Friday 25th November 2016

Parent consultations

On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th we will be having the parent consultations, where parents will have ten minutes to discuss how their children have settled in and the progress they have made during the first term. Sign-up sheets will go out closer to the time.

St Faith's Choir sings

St Faith's Choir will be singing at the 10:00am toy service this Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in the service and support our singers.



Toy Service at St Anne's Church *10 am, Sunday 27 November*

We are collecting toys for children in need through

Homestart, a charity which helps local families. Please bring **NEW** toys and games for babies, toddlers and children (unwrapped please). But if your toy needs batteries please make sure some are supplied with it.



If your child is unwell...



Absent from School?

Give us a call ...

020 8874-2653

Please call the school and inform us of your child's absence. If your child is absent due to illness, please state the nature of the illness (e.g. chest infection, stomach bug).

Please note: reporting a child as 'sick' or 'unwell' means we are unable to correctly log the absence in our records.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December we will be raising funds for Children in Need by wearing our favourite Christmas jumper. Are you ready?



Dates for your diary

1st Dec – year 1, 2 & 3 immunisations

2nd Dec – Year 3 class worship

6th Dec – **Governing board meeting**

6th & 7th Dec – **Parent Consultations**

9th Dec – **Christmas Fair from 3 to 5pm**

13th Dec – **Christmas Service at St Anne's Church for the whole school 2:00pm**

15th Dec - **KS1 Nativity Play**

16th **Christmas Jumper Day for charity**

19th Dec – **EYRs Nativity Play**

20th Dec – **Christmas Lunch**

21st Dec – **Last day of term 2:00pm finish**

PTA parent survey

The Mr Cook and the PTA met in early November to discuss the outcome of the parent consultation which ran during the first half of the autumn term. The table below ranks the activities that parents and staff would like to see at St Faiths.

Thanks again for all you contribution, we will continue to refer back to this list over the next 12 months and make sure we are staying on track and keeping everyone informed of.

1	Music lesson for all years e.g. piano	Currently there are a number of different instruments taught across the school from year 2 upwards. In addition to there is a choir. Additionally introducing music as an after school club will be investigated; if anyone is already taking any kind of music lessons please can they forward the name of music teacher to the office.
2	Increased sports within the school day (20-30mins)	To introduce additional sports into the current school day will need the start and finish time of the school to altered. This would mean that the lunch break would increase from 45mins to 1 hr, allowing more time for structured sports. This is possible but would require a 6 month consultation phase. In the first instance, Mr Cook will discuss this with the school parent governors.
3	Language classes for all years	There are currently languages classes for year 2 upwards. For the EYFS, singing in other languages during current curriculum will be introduced. Language classes could be ran as an afterschool club, if anyone knows of a language teacher in the area please can they forward the names to the office.
4	Dedicated sports resource for all years e.g. FT PE teacher	Mr Graham currently provides specialist sports coaching at the school, to increase his attendance at the school to weekly this would cost an extra £10K, this option is too costly and this initiative will not be taken forward. An additional afterschool netball club will hopefully start in the new year.
5	Swimming lessons for all school years	Currently Year 3 upwards has swimming lessons in Tooting. To increase the time spent in the pool for the children Mr Cook will investigate if there are any other swimming pools and instructors nearer to school. It is felt that it would not be appropriate to take children lower down the school to swimming lessons, for safety and practicality reasons, e.g. the time it would take them to get ready etc. Competitive inter-school swimming galas will also be investigated.
6	Day trip every 6 weeks e.g. panto at Christmas	The PTA will fund a 'Panto at the school' for all the children to see. Final details on what and when will be available soon.
7	Improvement to lower playground e.g. Astro turf	Continuous meetings are underway to develop a plan to turn the lower play ground into an all-weather, multi-functional play area. The PTA currently led a fundraising campaign via the Aviva Community funding programme.
8	Summer camps/weekend courses/half term activities	Past experience has shown that demand for camps in half term and summer term has not been strong enough. However, with the introduction of the new after school club provider Balham Community Centre this will be looked at again for February half term
9	Science Lab	The PTA will work with Miss Harding the school science lead to work out what she would like to purchase to increase the children's science experience in the classroom.
10	Preparation for secondary school:- scholarship, state and private	The PTA and Mr Cook will host a session in the Spring term to discuss with all parents what the options are for secondary schools in the area. More information on this will be shared nearer to the time.

Our Learning Stars this Week

Nursery

Thomas – for always listening and showing positive behaviour in class.

Rory – for showing excellent cutting skills.

Reception

Theodore – for demonstrating improved maturity in his behaviour and work.

Dante – for making excellent contributions in his phonics lessons and always giving 100%.

Year 1

Lowen – for making an extra effort with his writing this week.

Jacob – for making brilliant progress especially in reading.

Year 2

Safiyyah – for making a positive start in Year 2 and making friends.

Jannah – for always trying her hardest in Maths.

Year 3

Nyah – for his excellent work on finding fractions of shapes.

Nehemiah – for fantastic effort in reading this week and for writing an excellent recount.

Year 4

Fahad & Bobbi – for writing a fantastic setting description.

Year 5

Arianna – for contributing her great ideas to all lessons.

Kazunori – for excellent focus and presentation in Maths word problems.

Year 6

Marko – for demonstrating strong leadership skills in handball for P.E.

Deeyi – for being a good team player in Art.