

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

10th May 2024

Willow Class have been enjoying mindful colouring in the shade!

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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The children loved learning all about coarse fishing with Mr Findley!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 13th MAY 2024

- ✓ SATs week for Year 6 – Mon 13th May – Fri 17th May
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday – RNLI with Mr Wesley – Tues 14th May
- ✓ Bring in donations for Toy Sale for WaterAid – Wed 15th May to Fri 17th May
- ✓ Toy Bring and Buy Sale for WaterAid – Fri 17th May (£1/£2 donation)
- ✓ Table Top Sale – Fri 17th May 3:30pm
- ✓ Year 5/6 Table Top and Cake Sale – 09:30am – 11am Sat 18th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank goodness we are finally able to experience some beautiful weather and get outside! I am hopeful that those of you who picked up children from school this afternoon were also able to enjoy the delicious ice-creams that were available for sale from our fantastic FoSS team. It really is a very pleasant way to end the week!

Whilst this has only been a 4 day week, we have still managed to pack so much in. We started the week with another fantastic 'Tell me Tuesday' presented by Mr Findley (Allana and Alexia's Dad) all about Coarse fishing. He provided some really interesting information about fishing including what types of fishing there are and how they are different from Coarse fishing which is 'catch and release' (I too didn't know that!). The children were really fascinated by the different equipment used and how it had different features to alert you to the presence of a fish including alarms and lights. The children were also incredibly impressed with pictures of not only the wide variety of fish that had been caught (and released) by Mr Findley and his brother but also the size!

This week we have had some more children who have been undertaking self-directed courageous advocacy activities to raise money for WaterAid. Clara, Martha and Scarlett made smoothies and asked their neighbours for donations whilst Olivia and Aubrey sold cookies and hair scrunchies. It really is amazing how motivated the children are and how important they realise the work of this charity is. As you will have seen, Mrs Gwilliam has sent out information about our upcoming bring and buy sales being organised by our amazing Year 5&6 UNICEF Ambassadors to raise money for WaterAid and to continue our journey to being a UNICEF Rights Respecting school.

As you know, we are well on the way to completing our Pond redevelopment project funded by FoSS and on the 10th June we have students from Sparsholt Agricultural college returning to undertake their final part of the project which involves the planting of a variety of plants that will thrive in the area. There is however some additional works that need to be done to bring the project to fruition prior to the planting including some general tidying/clearing of some areas and the laying of a membrane and then woodchips in the area that will be used as an outdoor classroom. Therefore, on Saturday 8th June 2024 we, in collaboration with FoSS, are looking for volunteers to join us to help get the works completed. No specific skills are needed just willing helpers who will be rewarded with bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee!! Please take a look at the Important Notices and the FoSS update section, which can be found later on in the newsletter, for further details.

Next week our Year 6s will be undertaking their SATs exams and I have no doubt they will do their absolute best and shine like the stars in the universe that they are.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Willow	Maxi	George
Beech	Cora	Henri	Cami
Maple	Joshua	Scarlett	Joshie
Rowan	Tabatha	Lucy	Jack
Oak	Livinia	Scout	Fearne



House Point "Scolosaurus" Awards

Following on from last year's owl awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely dinosaur "scolosaurus" badge.

Bronze "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold "scolosaurus" awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:

GOLD:

SILVER:

**BRONZE: Harrison,
Henry C**



Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 13 th May - Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All day		
Thurs 23 rd May	Book Talk by Children's Librarian followed by Book Café	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Yes	
Fri 24 th May	Whole school "Musical May" concert	2:15pm	Yes	
Fri 24 th May	Last day of half-term - 3:30pm finish	All day		

Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school after half-term	8:50am	N/A	
Mon 10 th June to Fri 14 th June	Year 6 Residential	N/A	N/A	
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day	1:15pm	Yes	
Fri 21 st June	Class photos	N/A	N/A	
Fri 28 th June	INSET DAY	N/A	N/A	
Mon 1 st July	Marvellous Monday - all classes Invitation to come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes All parents / carers	
Wed 17 th July	Whole school outdoor production	1:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 18 th July	Whole school outdoor production	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 23 rd July	Year 6 Leaver's Service	9:30am	Yes Families of Year 6	
Tues 23 rd July	Last day of school year	3:30am	N/A	
Wed 24 th July to Fri 30 th Aug	Summer Holidays	N/A	N/A	
Mon 2 nd Sept - Tues 3 rd Sept	INSET DAYS	N/A	N/A	
Wed 4 th Sept	Children return to school	8:50am	N/A	

Important Notices

1. School Toy Bring and Buy Sale / Table Top Sale – Friday 17th May

We will be holding a fundraising event in aid of [WaterAid](#) next **Friday 17th May**. We will be having a Toy Bring and Buy sale at break-time in the school day, and a table top sale (Bric a Brac etc) at the end of the school day.

Why not take the opportunity this weekend to have a sort out of unwanted items!

We would like donations of toys and bric a brac (etc) to be brought into school from Wednesday until Friday next week and left under the tree at the front of the school.

On Friday, if your child would like to visit the bring and buy sale at break-time, please send them into school with £1 or £2 (maximum) in a named envelope. Then please pop along to the table top sale at the end of the day and grab yourself a bargain!

2. Table Top Sale – Saturday 18th May (09:30am – 11am)

On **Saturday 18th May**, our Year 5 and 6 children are keen to demonstrate their entrepreneurial initiative and will be holding another table top sale from 9:30am - 11am (on the green opposite the Sparsholt village shop) to raise money for [WaterAid](#). They will also be selling delicious cakes and tea and coffee! If you are looking for something to do on Saturday morning, please do pop along and support this great cause.

3. Volunteers Needed – Pond Area Clearing – Saturday 8th June at 10am

Hopefully by now you will have seen the new decking area that the amazing students of Sparsholt Agricultural College have built for us in the pond area. For the next stage of the project, the students will be returning to complete the wonderful planting designed for this outdoor area. However, before they can do this, we need to clear the area – including removing weeds, chopping up and removing old wooden planks, laying a membrane for the new seating area and covering with woodchip. In order to get this done before the students return in mid-June, we are asking for volunteers to come and help us on Saturday 8th June. As an incentive, our wonderful FoSS will be providing bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee, and the field will also be open. We are sure it will be a fun and productive day!

We will be at the pond from 10am until the job is done and so if you could join us for any length of time, that would be much appreciated. Please just let us know if you are able to help so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes!

We are so keen to get this project finished so that the children can get the most out of using this amazing resource for outdoor learning. Thank you in advance for your help!

FoSS Update

Community Event - Pond Area - Saturday 8th June - Start 10:00

The school and FoSS are keen to complete the pond area so the children can start using it as soon as possible.

We are looking for parent/carers to volunteer to get a few outstanding jobs done around the pond before the Sparsholt College students return to finish up.

FoSS will be providing bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee for your efforts :)

Even if you can only give an hour or two of your time it would be greatly appreciated and we're sure it will be a fun day (especially if the weather's good to us). We are hoping to have everything finished by the end of the day.

The school field can be used for those of you who want to volunteer but will have children with you. We can provide some games, toys to keep the kiddies occupied. Parents will need to be responsible for their own children though.

If you can help, please let your class reps know.

Thanks in advance!

Other Items

LION'S PICNIC
Family Fun Day!

Sunday 26th May
Winchester Rugby Club | 10am - 4pm

BOUNCY CASTLE **CRAFT FAYRE**
SENSORY AREA **MEET YOUR NHS TEAMS**
LIVE MUSIC **BBQ**

Come and join us for a fun filled bank holiday!

FREE ENTRY

Raising money to enhance hospital care for children and young people in Hampshire.

Join the Facebook event now!
Find out more at www.hampshirehospitalscharity.org

Logos: Hampshire Hospitals Charity, the magic Lion appeal