

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

26th April 2024

Thank you to Ms Christie for telling us all about her amazing kayaking adventures!

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

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Year 5 and 6 becoming coding and computer science experts at Winchester College



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024

- ✓ Bags2School – Tues 30th April morning
- ✓ Change to school menu – Fri 3rd May (see important notices)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been one of discovery with the children having some amazing experiences that have inspired them to aim for things they had not ever considered.

On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to attend a Computer Science enrichment day at Winchester College. They were instructed in areas such as coding, computer security and concepts around Artificial Intelligence including instructional coding. Feedback from the Winchester College staff was extremely complimentary not only in regards to our children's learning behaviours but also their amazing computational thinking skills. After the event, the children were inspired to explore these concepts in more depth and were incredibly excited about the future technologies which will no doubt shape their lives going forward.

On Tuesday afternoon we had another inspiring 'Tell Me Tuesday' with Ms Christie (Lucy, Martha and Tom's mum) talking about her kayaking adventures. She shared so much information about the sport including the history of kayaks, what they are made from, the equipment you need and about the safety measures that should always be in place before setting off. She amazed the children with her photographs and descriptions of the many kayaking trips she has undertaken including extended expeditions to Loch Ness and Norway where the conditions were incredibly challenging yet totally exhilarating.

On Wednesday, we were incredibly privileged to have the author Nicky Smith-Dale visit the school to talk about her brand new book 'Betty Steady and the Toad Witch'. She talked about her journey of becoming an author, what had inspired her to write her stories and about the many hilarious characters including the main character's faithful steed 'Simon Anderson' her handsome, tiger print cycle short wearing stallion. The children loved the humorous extracts she read to them and the hilarity of the story and its characters. After her presentation, she personally signed 'hot off the press' books for those children who had purchased them, with the release date to the rest of the public actually being yesterday!

As you know, this week we have started our journey as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School with the aim of achieving the bronze award by the end of this term. Thank you so much for all the positive feedback we have received from parents acknowledging the positive impact this journey will have on the entire learning community.

I have also heard that we have a group of Sparsholt parents setting off on a 15 mile walk from Winterslow to Sparsholt in memory of Olivia Merritt and to raise money for the incredible Winchester Hospice. I just want to say a huge "good luck" to all involved, and if anyone would like to make a donation the link is under "important notices".

I really hope you all have an amazing weekend and I want to thank you again for the continued support you show us as a school and each other.

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	Peter	Ezra	Erin
Beech	Louis	Jack	Alexander
Maple	Aanika	Clara	Martha
Rowan	Tom	Henry C	Pippa
Oak	Misha	Cecily	Inigo



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: Molly

**SILVER: Cami, Reuben,
Alice**

**BRONZE: Livi, Erin,
Cordelia**



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed	All day		
Mon 13 th May - Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All day		
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		

Important Notices

1. "Walking for Widge"

This Saturday, 27th April, Sparsholt families and friends are walking from Winterslow Village Hall in Middle Winterslow along the Clarendon way to Sparsholt Cricket Club - 15 miles - in memory of Olivia and to raise money for the Winchester Hospice.

Anyone who would like to join us, we are setting off from Winterslow Village Hall at 9am Saturday morning and aim to be at the Cricket club early evening.

If you cannot join us but would like to donate to this amazing cause, please find the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/sparsholtwalkforwidge>

Thank you!



2. Change to lunch menu – Friday 3rd May

Due to staff shortages with Hampshire catering, on Friday 3rd May, a restricted menu will be offered. The two choices will be:

- Fish and Chips
 - Picnic option - Cheese sandwich
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FoSS Update

Event		Details
Bags2School clothes collection Tuesday 30th April		Donate your unwanted clothes and raise money for school. Clothes can be left in the school hall before 9am and a parent will follow the school bus in the morning to pick up donations
Father's Day		Date and activity TBA soon

Other Items




Free Courses for Parents This Summer Term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Course Title:	Location:	Dates:	Times:
Get Ready for School	Online	23 April – 21 May	7pm – 8:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	4 May – 11 May	9:30am – 4:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Fleet Library	1 June – 8 June	9:45am – 4:45pm
Makaton Signing with Babies and Families	Bridgemary Library	3 June – 8 July	12:45pm – 1:45pm
Time Out for Parents	Alton Library	4 June – 9 July	9:30am – 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Online	10 June – 8 July	6:30pm – 8pm
Paediatric First Aid	Alton Library	15 June – 22 June	9:30am – 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	5 July	9:15am – 4:30pm

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 18+. Attendance is essential at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required. (Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://www.zoom.us/join>)




www.hants.gov.uk/library



Home-Start Winchester

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Could you support a local family going through challenging times?

Our 5 week training course for volunteers begins on Thursday 2nd May 9.30-2.30 and then 9th, 16th and 23rd May and 6th June.

If you have parenting experience and can offer a local family in need of support 2 hours a week please give us a call or an email. Home-Start volunteers change lives.

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