

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General information
- ❖ FoSS update
- ❖ Other useful information

Well done Sparsholt Girls Cricket Team! Winners!

Next step - the Girls County Cricket Final at The Ageas Bowl!



### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE

- ✓ Year 6 Residential at Calshot - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- ✓ Bags2School Collection - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June





Pond Dipping



Natural string art

# OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Crown making



Tree sculptures

Bug Hotel



Dear Parents and Carers,

What fabulous weather we have had this week. It has been so fantastic to see the children outside enjoying the sunshine and it was of course perfect for our outdoor learning day yesterday.

I am sure that all the children have reported back on all the wonderful activities they undertook yesterday, from pond dipping to nature art and making clay gargoyles to bug hotels. All the children were so engaged with every activity and showed such creativity in the way they approached each one. The artwork that the children produced when doing their observational drawing was of such high quality and you could just see their focus and determination. It was also such a delight to watch the children pond dipping and their sheer excitement when they found and identified different pond life. It has also been wonderful to be able to do outdoor worship and just listen to the nature all around and admire the beauty that surrounds us – a real chance for proper mindfulness.

We have also seen some fantastic sporting prowess this week! A group of Year 5&6 girls took part in an inter-school cricket tournament on Tuesday at Kings School and I am incredibly proud to announce that they won the whole tournament! They will now go on to represent the district in the County finals at The Ageas Bowl on the 20<sup>th</sup> June where I have no doubt they will shine. Not only did they play some fantastic cricket showing skill and determination but they also showed real sportsmanship for not only their teammates but also for other players.

Today our amazing FoSS team held their Father's Day Sale. The children were all so excited about being able to get a gift for Father's Day and you could hear the discussions going on about which item they thought would be a perfect choice for the male figure they were purchasing for. Thank you so much to all of you who were able to support this and also to FoSS for the time and effort they put into these special events.

Next week, our Year 6s are off to Calshot for their residential where they will be taking part in some amazing team building activities alongside things such as sailing and skiing. I already know that every single one of them will be a real credit to the school and will learn so much from the whole experience.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and are able to find somewhere to cool off from the heatwave that is being predicted.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## 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
<b>Willow</b>	Evie	Florrie	Wilf
<b>Beech</b>	Teddy	Camille	Pippa
<b>Maple</b>	Ishaan	Megan	Pippa
<b>Rowan</b>	Jemima	Zac	Verity
<b>Oak</b>	Fearne	Sophie	Isla & Viva



## General Information

### Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Summer Term 2					
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time
Residential	Residential at Calshot	Year 6	No	Monday 12th June - Friday 16th June	All day
Bags2School	Collection of bags at school	All children	N/A	Tuesday 13th June	Morning
Girls County Cricket Final	Cricket tournament at The Ageas Bowl	Selected Yr5/6 girls	Yes	Tuesday 20th June	All day
Sports Day	On the field	All children	Yes	Wednesday 21st June	Afternoon
Class Photos	Class photos	All children	No	Friday 23rd June	
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 26th June	All day
Whole school outdoor production		All children	Yes	Monday 17th July	TBC - afternoon
	Weather dependent - on school field	All children	Yes	Tuesday 18th July	6:00pm
Leaver's Service	Service for Year 6	Year 6	Yes - Year 6	Friday 21st July	9:30am
Last day of term	Last day of the school year	All children	N/A	Friday 21st July	From 3:30pm
Summer Holidays	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 24th July - Thursday 31st August	
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Friday 1st September	All day
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 4th September	All day

### School Transport from September 2023 – Information from Hampshire Transport

Over 90% of families in Hampshire organise their own journeys to school. They walk, cycle, use public transport, lift-share with other families or take their child to school in the family car. Have a look at our [Travel to school page](#) for ideas and information. Hampshire County Council can help with school journeys if you meet certain eligibility criteria outlined here: [Eligibility and how to apply](#)

If your child meets the eligibility criteria, and you need help getting them to school, **you can [apply now for transport assistance for the 2023/24 school year](#)**. The sooner Hampshire Transport receive your application, the earlier they can arrange transport ready for September.

After 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, applications will still be considered, **however transport may not be in place in time for the start of the new school year**. If you already have school transport assistance in place for your child, **you do not need to reapply for transport** providing your circumstances haven't changed.



## National Child Safety Week

Please find a link below which includes bite-sized facts and safety tips on the main accident risks to children from the child accident prevention trust [Fact sheets | Child Safety Tips and Facts \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk). Further support can also be found on the Hampshire Healthy Families website:

[Welcome To Hampshire Healthy Families : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

### Dog Safety toolkit:

**Child Safety Week (5<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> June): Child Accident Prevention resources**

This #ChildSafetyWeek make sure you know how to be dog safe @CAPTcharity

Close supervision of children and dogs is key. For practical tips to ensure children and dogs can live safely together read: <https://capt.org.uk/dogs-and-children>

#DogSafety, @DefraGovUK @DogsTrust @RSPCA\_official

### Child Safety Week: Dog Safety Code

This #ChildSafetyWeek make sure you know how to be dog safe:

- Be alert – always keep an eye on children around dogs
- Be aware - dogs use signals to tell us how they feel
- Be safe – any dog can bite, accidents can happen fast

Follow the #DogSafety code: <https://cfsq.org.uk/dog-safety/>



## Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.

Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

- **A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.
  - Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
  - Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
  - Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.

- **Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.
  - Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
  - If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
  - Understand your dog's body language so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
  - When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

- **Trigger times** – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:
  - Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
  - Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
  - Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!



- **Your growing child** – as your child changes, the risks can change too.
  - Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
  - As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
  - Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

- **Still worried?**
  - If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
  - Visit the Animal Behaviour and Training Council website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.

## **School Uniform – Direct4Logos**

The Romsey Shop will be CLOSED Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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## **FoSS Update**

### **Second-hand uniform**

We are in the process of setting up a website through which you will be able to buy second-hand school uniform

- If you have any outgrown uniform to donate, please hand it in to the school office.
  - Watch this space for details of the website before you start buying uniform for September!
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## **Other Useful Information**



The poster features a dark blue header with the school crest and name 'THE GREGG'. Below this, the text 'OPEN DAY INVITATION' is written in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'Saturday 24th June 10am-1pm' in a smaller, white, serif font. A paragraph of white text invites families to explore the school's grounds. The central image shows a group of students in blue school uniforms walking outdoors. In the bottom left corner, there are logos for ISA, Independent Schools Council, and ISI. The footer contains contact information and the school's address in white text on a dark blue background.

**THE GREGG**

# OPEN DAY INVITATION

*Saturday 24th June 10am-1pm*

We would like to invite you to explore all that The Gregg School has to offer. Bring your family and friends to wander around the school and gardens at your leisure, talk to students and teachers, take part in activities, listen to music and enjoy refreshments in our beautiful grounds.

ISA  
Independent Schools Council  
ISI

To register simply click [here](#) or contact the Registrar:  
www.thegreggschool.org • registrar@thegreggschools.org • 02380 472133  
TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE, CUTBUSH LANE, SOUTHAMPTON SO18 3RR  
*Behind Haskins and Hobbycraft in West End*



## YEAR 5 OPEN AFTERNOONS

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 girls and their families to our open afternoons on:

**Monday 26 June | Monday 3 July | Thursday 6 July**

**Friday 7 July | Wednesday 12 July**

2pm start

Pre-booking is not required

For more information, please visit [www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk)

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