



Weekly Newsletter

10th March 2023

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

- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General Information

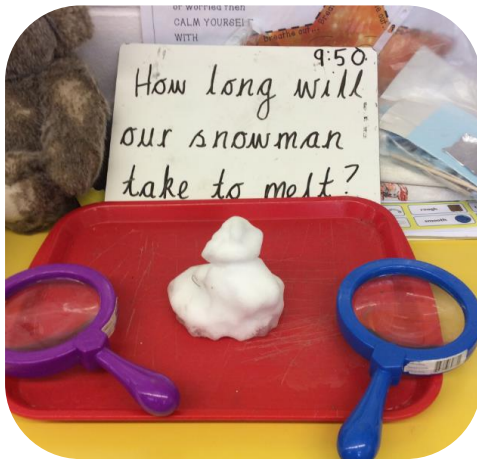
Please look through General Information carefully as it contains lots of really useful details about events, school trips, PE days, school clubs and much more.

- ❖ FoSS Update
- ❖ Other useful information

Disruption due to strike action:

No **Maple Class** in school on Wednesday 15th March

No **Beech Class** in school on Thursday 16th March

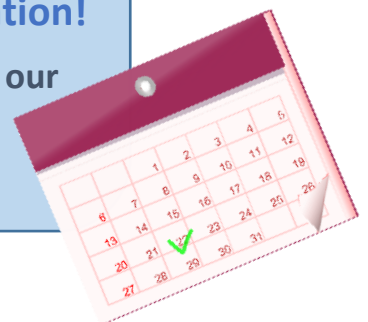


Beech Class: Science in the snow!

Make sure that you don't miss out on all the school events taking place this half-term!

Find all the dates and information under General Information!

And don't forget that all these dates are also in the calendar on our School Website!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fabulous week here with such a variety of different experiences and opportunities going on, all of which the children have embraced. Then thrown into that of course was the snow!

On Tuesday, we held our first 'Tell me Tuesday' event with Mary Alvyn from the Winchester Basics Bank coming in to talk to the children and wider school community (thank you to those of you who were able to attend). Mary gave a really interesting account of why the Basics Bank is so important to the local community, how it works including photographs of the collection depot and what sorts of items are needed. The children were really inspired by her talk and the Pupil Governors are meeting to discuss how the school can support this amazing charity more regularly.

On Wednesday it was science, science and more science with Rowan class Year 5s going to Henry Beaufort for their final science session. I was lucky enough to accompany them this time and it was fantastic to see them so engaged. They had the opportunity to make slime whilst discussing all its amazing properties, including how slime behaves as both a solid and liquid dependent on the pressure that is applied to it. Wednesday's snow also gave an opportunity for children to use their investigative science skills with Beech class investigating how long it took for their snowman to melt. It is so much more meaningful when the children can experience these things first hand.

Thursday was 'Thrilling Thursday' for Beech class and once again it was amazing to see the joy the children exhibited when showing parents and carers all the learning that they have been doing and explaining the learning journeys they have been on.

Our FoSS funded cooking facilities project took another step forward this week with the contractors supplying possible design ideas to enable us to put cooking facilities in the school so that the children's Food Technology teaching can be enhanced. Thank you again to FoSS and all of you for supporting the wonderful events that FoSS put on, which has enabled this project to become a reality.

As you will have seen from the e-mail you received yesterday, there will be some disruption to the school next week due to the strikes being held by the teaching union, The NEU. We have done our best to limit the disruption and would like to thank you all for your support and thank those of you who have already expressed your understanding.

Today, as promised, the tracking grid and target sheets for Willow Year 1s, Maple, Rowan and Oak pupils will be coming home. These are a summary of what was discussed at Parent Evenings last week.

Finally, in recognition of International Women's Day which took place this week, the Pupil Worship Team presented a drama about the life of Emmeline Pankhurst and her mission to give women the vote in 1908. We were also inspired to hear about the achievements of the Polar explorer, Ann Bancroft, who in 1992 became the first woman to reach both poles.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

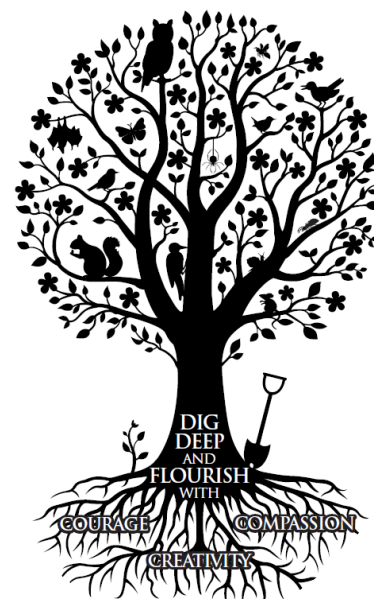
Kind regards,

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
Willow	Evie	Edward	Max
Beech	Harry	Sophia	Jemima
Maple	Mia	Bryony	Lori
Rowan	Adam	Ella	Pearl
Oak	Molly	Cecily	Julia



General Information

Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Spring Term 2					
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time
Virtual Parents Evening	Booking system will open at 8am on Saturday 25th February and close at 8am Sunday 12th March	Beech	Yes	Tuesday 14th March	4:00pm - 7:00pm
FoSS Mother's and Other's Day Shop	Children to bring £2 to choose a gift for a special person in their life	All children		Tuesday 14th March	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Virtual Parents Evening	Booking system will open at 8am on Saturday 25th February and close at 8am Sunday 12th March	Beech	Yes	Thursday 16th March	4:00pm - 7:00pm
School Easter Presentation	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	2:15pm - 3:30pm
FoSS Easter Fair	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	From 3:30pm

List of upcoming trips / events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Pupils involved</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Things to remember</u>
Wednesday 15 th Mar 9am – 1pm	Willow and Beech	“The Giant Sing” at The Anvil, Basingstoke	Children to bring a packed lunch.
Friday 17 th Mar All day	Willow and Beech	Stubbington Study Centre	Children to wear trousers, long sleeved t-shirt, school sports hoodie or jumper and bring a lightweight coat. They must wear wellies. Children to bring a packed lunch and drink together with a spare set of clothes, including comfortable shoes, in a backpack.
Friday 17 th Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Friday 24 th Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Tuesday 28 th Mar 3:00pm – 4:45pm	Selected team	Football match vs. Micheldever	Children to bring shin pads, football boots and a warm, waterproof top.
Friday 31 st Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Last Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.

Virtual Parents Evenings

For **Beech Class**, this term’s parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 14th March** and **Thursday 16th March**
Appointments will be available to book until 8am on Sunday 12th March.

Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent’s section;
https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

PE Days – Please note changes to this schedule for Willow and Beech Classes

Please see the table below for current PE days this half-term.

The days highlighted in blue indicate the days when your children should come into school in their school PE kit.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					*

*Please remember that Year 6 children should also be wearing PE kits on Fridays for this half-term due to swimming lessons.

FoSS Update



Other events / useful information

A message from the Head Coach at Littleton Tennis Club:

Littleton Tennis Club Open Day - Sunday 26th March 10am-12pm

We have tennis activities for the whole family & would love to welcome Sparsholt school pupils and their families & friends.

Below is a link for people to register should you wish.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LittletonTennisClub/Events/Event/1f30bd52-e544-4ee2-871f-de65655f9752>

The Jungle Book

Drama, dance and singing
holiday courses for 4–10 year olds

Three full days over Easter
perform.org.uk/junglebook



— Perform holiday courses are unbeatable – the children are safe, having lots of fun, making friends and learning new things. Paula De Pando

Easter holiday courses for 4–10s

This April, we've got the bare necessities of life covered as we join Mowgli and friends in *The Jungle Book*.

Journeying deep into the jungle, we'll meet Baloo the bear, black panther Bagheera and hunt down ferocious Bengal tiger Shere Khan.

Our energetic team of actors, musicians and dancers will inspire and encourage the children and original music and improvisation will get imaginations soaring. Topped off with a fabulously colourful final show, it's going to be the wildest holiday ever!



Venues *The Jungle Book*

Three Day Courses £275* 10am – 3pm

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April

Chelsea	St Luke's Hall, SW3 3RP
Clapham South	St Francis Xavier College, SW12 8EN
Dulwich	St Stephen's Millennium Hall, SE21 7HW
Earlsfield	Earlsfield Baptist Church, SW18 3NZ
Hackney	Round Chapel Old School Rooms, E5 0PU
Highgate	United Reform Church, N6 6BA
Islington	St Andrew's C of E Primary School, N1 0LB
Muswell Hill	The Birchwood Centre, N10 3BG
Notting Hill	The Tabernacle, W11 2AY
Primrose Hill	St Paul's C of E Primary School, NW3 3DS
Richmond	Vineyard Life Church, TW10 6AQ
Sevenoaks	The Parish Church of St Luke, TN13 1XT

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th April

Beaconsfield	St Michael's Church Hall, HP9 2BN
Blackheath	John Ball Primary School, SE3 0TP
Clerkenwell	Exmouth Market Centre, EC1R 4QE
Crouch End	The Union Church, N8 9PX
Ealing	St Barnabas Millennium Hall, W5 1QG
Hammersmith	Holy Innocents Church, W6 0UB
Highbury*	St John's Highbury Vale Primary School, N5 1DL
Kensington	United Reformed Church, W8 6BL
St John's Wood	Mansergh Club, NW8 9QG
Twickenham	The Crossway Centre, TW1 2PD
Wimbledon	Mansel Road Centre, SW19 4AA
Winchester	Holy Trinity Parish Church, SO23 8DG

What your child will enjoy

- ▶ Three fun-packed full days of drama, dance and singing
- ▶ Energetic friendly team of actors, dancers and musicians
- ▶ Engaging arts and crafts activities
- ▶ Colourful performance on the last day for friends and family with original music and costumes
- ▶ Personalised certificate of achievement

How to book

Visit perform.org.uk/junglebook to book online or to find out more call us on 020 7255 9120.

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £8.50. We offer a 25% discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or childcare vouchers. See our website for Terms & Conditions and our refund policy.

*Owing to class size restrictions, Highbury is priced at £290 for 3 days. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.

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— Thank you for creating a warm and supportive environment for my son to flourish.

Lauren Godfrey



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