



Weekly Newsletter

18th March 2022



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

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Dates for your diaries

FoSS Curry & Auction Evening

Year 6 Parents - SATs Information Evening

Mothering Sunday Service, St. Stephen's Church

Outdoor Spring Concert for Parents (in playground)

FoSS Easter Fair – details to follow

Jubilee Celebration Family Picnic (on school field)

Bags2School Collection

Inset Day 21/22

Inset Days 22/23

Saturday 19th March 2022

Monday 21st March 2022 at 5pm

Sunday 27th March at 10am

Friday 8th April 2022 at 2.15pm

Friday 8th April 2022 3:30pm – 5pm

Friday 27th May 2022 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

1st & 2nd September, others TBC

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has sped by with the children continuing to amaze me with their energy and focus.

Our week started as always with Mindful Monday and our Worship theme was 'People who care for us'. The children's responses were so insightful including a response from one of our younger children about how we needed to also care about ourselves which led onto reflecting around the importance of self-compassion. It was also obvious that the children had a clear understanding of who their trusted adults are in school and how we all very much care for each other here.

The Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing keeps turning and it's so wonderful to see the children embracing every element. Take Notice Tuesday this week involved the children counting the monies raised from Friday's Humanitarian appeal for the British Red Cross. A staggering £685.00 was raised for this vital charity and we can't thank you enough for all of your support.

On Wellbeing Wednesday, a range of mindfulness activities took place in every classroom including mindful drawing, colouring and belly breathing.

Our Pupil Governors used Thoughtful Thursday to continue to plan their whole school Easter Sports Festival which will take place in the last week of the school term. They came up with some 'eggcellent' activities that will keep all the children entertained.

Today is Feel Good Friday and yet again the children have helped others in our local, national and global community by supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose day. Humour and giggles have radiated across the school with colourful outfits, classic jokes, comedy sketches and everyone enjoying being together and having fun.

You should now have received a copy of your children's assessment information and targets. If you were unable to attend last week's virtual parent evenings, please can I encourage you to contact the school office so that we can arrange a time for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Working collaboratively really is such an important element of a child's education.

I really hope you all enjoy the beautiful spring sunshine forecast for this weekend and are able to get outside and do something fun.

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	Arthur	Henry	Hemming
Beech	Lori	Jannah	George
Maple	Isaac	Cordelia	Seb
Rowan	Isabella	Scout	Amelia
Oak	Finn	Florrie	William N

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award.



IMPORTANT NOTICE! SERIOUS ALLERGIES

We have a child in school who has a very serious allergy to sesame seeds and foods that contain sesame seed derivatives as well as nut and nut derivatives, which could result in a fatal anaphylactic reaction.

Therefore we want to ask all parents and carers to be incredibly vigilant with any foods that they send into school and ensure that they do not contain sesame based ingredients. Please read the list below carefully as you may not be aware of the foods sesame seeds may be contained in such as tahini, hummus, crackers, breads, bread sticks, burger buns, salads, cereal (health) bars, gomashio, halvah and falafel etc.

Foods that May Contain Sesame:

Asian cuisine (where sesame oil is used)
Baked goods (ie bagels, bread, breadsticks, hamburger buns and rolls)
Bread crumbs
Cereals (ie granola and muesli)
Crisps (ie bagel chips, pita chips, tortilla chips)
Crackers (ie melba toast, sesame snap bars)
Dipping sauces (ie baba ghanoush, hummus and tahini sauce)
Dressings, gravies, marinades and sauces
Falafel
Hummus
Flavoured rice, noodles, risotto, shish kebabs, stews and stir fry
Goma-dofu (Japanese dessert)
Herbs and herbal drinks
Margarine
Pasteli (Greek dessert)
Processed meats and sausages
Protein and energy bars
Snack foods (ie pretzels, candy, Halvah, Japanese snack mix and rice cakes)
Soups
Sushi
Tahini
Tempeh
Turkish cake
Vegetarian burgers
Sesame in Spices or Flavourings
Sesame may also appear undeclared in ingredients such as flavours or spice blends.

Please note that we continue to be a nut and nut derivative free school. If you are in any doubt about whether a food could contain sesame, nuts or nut derivatives, please do not send it into school with your child for their snack or as part of their packed lunch.

General Information

Sparsholt Cricket – Easter & Summer 2022



Sparsholt Cricket Club has many opportunities to get involved this season starting after Easter:

- **All Stars Programme for Years 1/2/3:**
8 weeks of fun activities and coaching including a shirt, bag, bat & ball.
Fridays evenings 4.30 – 5.30pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane
Sign up here: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/8048dfd8-3dff-47ef-9caf-34fe1c275d65>
- **Sparsholt U9s (Yrs 3 & 4):**
Boys and girls
Fridays 5-6pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane.
- **Sparsholt U9 Girls (Yrs 3 & 4):**
New this year (due to clash with street dance!)
Tuesdays 4-5pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane
Further details to be confirmed!

During the Easter holidays we are also planning some U9 and U11 cricket camps.

If you would like more information, have any questions or interested in signing up, please contact Jim and Helen on jimhelenley@gmail.com

Karis Kids/Downs Benefice film night

Over recent years, everyone at Sparsholt School has been extremely generous with your fundraising for the Karis Kids charity, so we thought we would like to say 'thank you' by putting on a special screening of the Disney film "[The Queen of Katwe](#)" for families and friends of the school in Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 2nd April. Doors will open at 6.30pm with screening from 7pm. Admission free and popcorn provided! See next week's newsletter for further details and a booking link - we look forward to seeing you there!

Carol Coleman
Karis Kids Co-ordinator for the Downs Benefice



FoSS Curry & Auction Night
THIS SATURDAY at 7pm
Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club

We look forward to seeing you there!

