Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter 14th June 2024 Here's what's in the newsletter this week! Reminders for w/c 17th June * * Headteacher weekly update ** **School Awards** ••• **Dates for the Diary** * **Important Notices FoSS Update** ••• * **Other Information** Yr 6 having a blast at their **Residential at Calshot!**





REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024

- \checkmark Class photos Mon 17th June (morning) all children to wear full school uniform
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday Jemima & Olivia "Jolly Hockey Sticks" 2:45pm Tues 18th June
- ✓ Sports Festival 1:15pm Wed 19th June
- \checkmark Girls Cricket Finals at Kings School (selected team) 4pm to 6pm wed 19th June
- ✓ Year & Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral Fri 21st June (for Yr & children only)









What a fabulous community event to clear the pond area. Thank you to all the volunteers and to FoSS for providing us with refreshments throughout!









Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to say an absolutely huge thank you to all the amazing families who came into school last Saturday to help with the final works on the pond area. The progress made was absolutely phenomenal and the hard work that everyone put in was second to none. I also have to say that the array of tools that people brought was impressive and there were quite a few I'm not sure I realised existed! I also want to thank our amazing FoSS team who kept us all fed and watered and kept everyone going.

On Monday, the students from Sparsholt Agricultural College came and planted various types of plants, from climbers to oxygenators. Again, I want to thank our amazing FoSS team, in particular Mrs George, who managed to source the plants needed at a fraction of the cost including using her powers of persuasion to get some free plants from local nurseries. The final stage is due to take place on 2nd July when Sparsholt Agricultural College have offered to provide us with some more wood chippings free of charge to supplement what we already had.

On Monday, our wonderful Year 6s set off on their residential adventure to Calshot. Having had regular updates from Mrs Gwilliam, and going down to visit them on Wednesday, not only do I know that they have been having an amazing time but I also know that they have been an absolutely fantastic group. Not only have they shown incredible support for each other but have also been highly praised by every single member of the Calshot staff, not only for their impeccable manners but for their enthusiasm and 'have a go' attitude.

Also on Monday, Rowan and Maple went on a fantastic trip to Hillers where they were able to experience some wonderful activities that have significantly enhanced their learning. Maple's focus was all around plant life and they were lucky enough to learn about seed survival, the pollination process and use really powerful microscopes to study the different parts of plants amongst other fantastic activities. Rowan's focus was on life cycles and they were investigating creatures that inhabit different habitats from pond life, to meadows, to the forest floor. Every child came back buzzing having had a wonderful experience and having learned so much.

Next week is looking incredibly busy again with Sports Day taking place on Wednesday and our Year 6s going to Winchester Cathedral on Friday for the Winchester Diocese 'Leavers Service'. Please also remember that we have our class photos on **Monday** so please do make sure that the children come into school in full school uniform.

As a reminder can I please encourage everyone to complete the Parent Survey that opened a week ago. So far we have only received responses from a quarter of our families and we really do want to understand your views and opinions so that we can plan for the coming years. The survey will be closing on the 20th June, so please do click on the link below to complete it before then.

Parent Survey June 2024

Finally, I want to thank our FoSS team who have organised another fundraising endeavour for Father's Day. I cannot thank them enough for their tireless work and for you in supporting them.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing those of you who can attend, next Wednesday afternoon at Sports Day.

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 Tillie Erin Beech Alexander Allana Jemima & Liv Maple Hemming Gus Sophia Rowan Mia Berkeley Cordelia Oak Neve Verity Cara



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:



Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024					
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?	
Mon 17 th June	Class photos	N/A	N/A		
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day	1:15pm	Yes		
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. Class Photographs – Monday 17th June

Please remember that children should wear full school uniform on Monday for their class photographs.

2. Parent Survey

You have all received an email with a link to our Parent Survey. Thank you so much to those of you who have already completed it. If you haven't had a chance yet, please do click on the link below or scan the QR code which will take you to the survey:



Sparsholt Parent Survey 2024

Parent Survey June 2024

3. Sports Festival

Hooray for Sports Day 2024!

The Year 6 Sports Leaders will be running a fun, fantastic and fabulous **Sports Fest** and **Sports Day** races on **Wednesday 19th June.**

We will run a series of inclusive **Sports Fest** challenges for the first half of the afternoon starting at 1:30pm followed by traditional races on our sports track starting at approximately 2:30pm.

Please could all children come into school wearing their PE kits with sun cream applied, and bring a water bottle and sun hat.



Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral – Friday 21st June

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at approximately **9:15am** and returning by **2:30pm**. Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink in a bag. The children should wear full school uniform including school cardigan / jumper and school shoes. Please provide your child with a waterproof coat if cool weather is forecast and if hot, a sunhat. Please apply sun cream before leaving home if required.

Please note that Winchester Cathedral have informed us that parents are not able to come along to this service and will unfortunately be turned away if they turn up.

5. Head lice in school

Please be aware that there have been several reported cases of head lice this week at school. Please could we ask that all parents check their child for head lice. It would be great to have a determined effort to clear them from school as soon as possible. Thank you.

FoSS Update

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time on Saturday to help clear the pond area- it's looking great- and very close to completion now!

Event		Details
Sports Day Wednesday 19 th June @ 13:15		FoSS will be selling strawberries and cream and ice creams. If anyone can help in the preparation of this and the selling, please let class reps know. Thank you
Sparsholt Village	FoSS will be having a second-	We will be using the left-over
Fete Saturday 29 th June <u>1-5PM</u>	hand toy/book stall	donations from the school's second hand toy sale and we would also like to add to this. If you have any quality second hand books or stuffed toy animals/teddies, these donations would be gratefully received. Please donate into school office in the week before the fete. Thanks.
		We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the stall and the bar. If you think you can spare an hour or so we would very much appreciate it. Thank you

Other Items



Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network's June Sessions - Support, Connection, and Empowerment for Parents!

We are excited to announce an incredible line-up of sessions this June, designed to support and connect parents and carers. Whether you're seeking guidance, looking to connect with others, or eager to share your experiences, we have something for everyone.

Our dedicated facilitators are committed to creating a supportive space where you can feel heard and empowered. Your feedback is essential in helping us enhance the services for your young ones. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us in making a positive impact on the lives of our young people!

We please ask that for our Future in Mind project, that parents book onto the session via ticket tailor: <u>https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hpcn</u>

All links can be found here: <u>https://linktr.ee/hpcn.org.uk</u>

There is still a chance for Hampshire parents to share their experience with us by completing our yearly SEND survey, by completing there is also a chance to win £150 in our prize draw, the survey closes on 7th June : https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024HPCN

The HPCN Team