



## Weekly Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023



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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General Information
  - list of after-school clubs for Summer Term
- ❖ FoSS Update
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### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL

- ✓ School-run clubs start back Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- ✓ Brass tuition starts Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April
- ✓ Beech Class & Maple Class not in school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
(NEU Teacher's Strike)
- ✓ Cricket Club CANCELLED Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April
- ✓ Choir Club running Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April
- ✓ Music Tuition – let the office know if your children are in Beech or Maple Class & have music tuition & would still like their lesson on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. The children have certainly come back to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn - what a fabulous start to the Summer Term!

It may only be the end of the first week of the Summer Term, but we have already managed to fit in so many wonderful learning experiences for the children.

Our amazing Pupil Governors (School Council) met at the start of the week to discuss all of the amazing things that they are doing to help improve the school. They were delighted to see that their request for two new netball posts has been answered and are looking forward to shooting practice on the playground at break-times and lunch-times. They have also planned a fantastic, regal afternoon of Coronation activities to mark the crowning of King Charles III. Please keep your eyes peeled for a communication coming out very soon with details of this whole school event.

This week in Worship we have been thinking about "spring cleaning". The Pupil Worship Team talked about how over the Easter holidays lots of us "spring cleaned" our bedrooms and also our classrooms have been "spring cleaned" ready for the Summer Term. They told us that in biblical times, the Jewish people cleaned their houses before the Festival of Passover. We reflected on the Parable of The Lost Coin, in Luke's Gospel, Chapter 15. We thought about how in the story Jesus suggests God is like the woman and we are like the coin. We thought about when things go wrong in our lives and we feel "lost", God is always there and will "look" for us because we are so important to him.

On Thursday, our Year 5 pupils were invited to attend Winchester College's Primary Schools Artificial Intelligence Day. During the visit they participated in challenging activities which introduced the concepts and workings of Artificial Intelligence, as well as listening to a presentation about robotics delivered by Winchester College Head of Computer Science. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came back full of information about what they had seen.

We also had the talented students from Sparsholt Agricultural College come into school again on Thursday to present their final, detailed plans for the re-development of our pond area. Our children loved looking over all 8 of the proposed designs and will now work with Sparsholt Agricultural College students to select and amalgamate their favourite parts from the designs into one final concept for the pond. We very much hope that we can then start to turn this concept into a reality, with work on the pond commencing in the Summer Term. As always, projects such as these simply would not be possible without the support and incredible fundraising efforts of our amazing FoSS and our whole school community.

On Thursday afternoon, our courageous football team played away at Micheldever Primary School, with the match ending in a nail-biting 3-3 draw. It was a superb team effort, with all the children compassionately supporting and encouraging each other. Well done everyone!

As you will have seen from the e-mail you received on Wednesday, there will be some disruption to the school next week (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April) 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.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and it is so great to welcome you all back for what I know will be a fantastic term.

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>	Louis	Cora	Alice
<b>Beech</b>	Tom	Martha	Evie
<b>Maple</b>	Mia	Berkeley	Elise
<b>Rowan</b>	Zac	Misha	Tabatha
<b>Oak</b>	Sophie	Annie	Olivia



## General Information

### Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Summer Term 1					
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time
<b>NEU Teacher Strike</b>	School partially open. Beech and Maple classes not in school - remote learning will be provided.	Beech Maple	Yes	Thursday 27th April	All Day
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	School closed	All children	n/a	Monday 1st May	All Day
<b>NEU Teacher Strike</b>	School partially open. Rowan Class not in school - remote learning will be provided.	Rowan	Yes	Tuesday 2nd May	All Day
<b>Family Coronation Picnic</b>	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Friday 5th May	TBC
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	School closed	All children	n/a	Monday 8th May	All Day
<b>SATs Week</b>	SATs for Year 6	Year 6	No	Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May	All Day
<b>Musical May Concert</b>	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Friday 26th May	2:15pm
<b>Last day of half-term</b>		All children	Yes	Friday 26th May	From 3:30pm

## Clubs for Summer Term

Please see below the timetable for after-school clubs in the Summer Term. Please refer to the separate communication sent out from the office with details and form to complete to register for school-run clubs.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Outdoor Lacrosse Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Taking place on the school field. Payable termly in advance. <b>£25 per full term (reduction due to additional bank holidays and inset day)</b>
Tuesday	Mad Science Club (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	 <p>Run by Mad Science. Please book and pay directly at <a href="http://Wessex.madscience.org">Wessex.madscience.org</a></p>
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – <a href="mailto:idsportscoaching@gmail.com">idsportscoaching@gmail.com</a> / 07554 442320
	Rounders Club (Years 2 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Thursday	Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
	Cricket Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b> <b>FULLY BOOKED – waiting list only.</b>
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:will@integr8dance.com">will@integr8dance.com</a> / 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children cannot stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:will@integr8dance.com">will@integr8dance.com</a> / 01962 808398

## FoSS Update

As part of the School's Family Coronation Picnic (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May), FoSS will be serving refreshments. More details about this to follow!

## Other Useful Information



**SUNDAY  
7TH  
MAY  
2023**

Cash/card bar open from 12.30pm-7pm and a tea and coffee stall after lunch.

Once the Bake Off has been judged the goodies will be sold for dessert.

- 12:30 PM** DRINKS RECEPTION  
Memorial Green
- 1:30 PM** TAKE YOUR SEATS  
National Anthem
- 2:00 PM** LUNCH (TICKET REQUIRED)  
Woodman Lane
- 3:00 PM** SPARFEST BEGINS  
Live Music all afternoon
- 3:30 PM** SPARSHOLT BAKE OFF RESULTS  
Memorial Green
- 4:00 PM** SPARCRUFTS DOG SHOW AND GAMES  
Woodman Lane & School Field
- 7:00 PM** LIVE MUSIC ENDS

More info on events, entry forms and drinks pre-order form available in the shop.


The event is being held on behalf of the Village Shop and is open to all. Please do come and celebrate with us.

Lunch tickets are available in the shop.  
Adults £10 - Children (12 and under) £5  
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE - BUY NOW!  
Wine pre-order available.  
Please bring your own non-breakable crockery, cutlery & drinks receptacle.  
Payment & dietary requirements requested at time of booking.



## An evening of bubbles with "Born To Bubl  " In aid of The Royal British Legion



Join us to experience the talent and charm of "Born to Bubl  " (finalist on Britain's Got Talent) whilst raising funds for The Royal British Legion 

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Littleton Memorial Hall Winchester SO22 6QL

Doors open 7.30pm

Tickets £19

(including a free glass of bubbles (or wine/beer) on arrival)

Discounted cash bar

Contact Eileen for tickets and further information

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