



## Weekly Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

- ❖ Important dates for your diaries
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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### Dates for your diaries

Mothering Sunday Service, St. Stephen's Church

Outdoor Spring Concert for Parents (in playground)

FoSS Easter Fair – **details in FoSS update**

Jubilee Celebration Family Picnic (on school field)

Bags2School Collection

Inset Day 21/22

Inset Days 22/23

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 2.15pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 3:30pm – 5pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September, others TBC

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious few days it has been - it is amazing what a difference blue sky and sunshine can make to all of us.

This week our worship theme has been all about mutual respect and the children have really embraced the importance of respecting the values, ideas, and beliefs of others whilst not imposing their own – something that is so important for our children to understand as they grow up.

The school has been a hive of activity with every class taking advantage of hands on learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

Willow class have been learning all about capacity including developing their estimating skills. They have been using things like sand and coloured water to measure mass and volume and make comparisons. Meanwhile Beech have been making use of the field for Science this week and went on a very extensive bug hunt discovering all sorts of wonderful wildlife.

As part of their study of the Ancient Egyptians, Maple have been industriously making their own papyrus scrolls and using hieroglyphics to create messages, whilst Rowan have been budding composers combining their computing skills with their musical creativity. They have been using different software programmes to create their musical masterpieces which will no doubt one day become hits! Oak have been using both their science knowledge and practical skills as part of a STEM challenge to build bridges that could hold different weights.

With only two weeks of this term to go, we are very much looking forward to our outdoor Spring Concert on the last day of term followed by the FoSS Easter Fair. I know both events will be a wonderful way to end the Spring Term. FoSS were also in action today giving the children the opportunity to buy something special for Mothering Sunday and the children have been practicing songs for this Sunday's Mothering Sunday service at St Stephen's.

Finally, as you know, we were incredibly lucky to have students from Sparsholt Agricultural college come and cut back all the undergrowth in the pond area and when I went there earlier this week to take pictures, I was greeted by the most wonderful sight of two ducks enjoying the calm of the pond which was so uplifting. I would like to put together a working party next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to help cut up/dispose of the large piles of wood etc. as shown in the following pictures. If anyone has access to a wood chipper that would be really amazing. If you think you can help in anyway please can you contact the office.

I hope you all 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
<b>Willow</b>	Allana	Harry	Joshie
<b>Beech</b>	Sophia	Henry	Clara
<b>Maple</b>	Lucy	Melisa	Neve
<b>Rowan</b>	Harry	Inigo	Zac
<b>Oak</b>	Menorah	Charlie A	Adam

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



## House Point “Owl” Awards

Bronze owl awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver owl awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold owl awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following awards:

**GOLD: Rory**

**SILVER: George & Beth**

**BRONZE: Berkeley**





## General Information

**REMINDER: Fencing Club is not running on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please let the school know about the home arrangements for your child/children. Thank you.**

## Easter Holiday School Food

Winchester Basics Bank are inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the Winchester city and surrounding areas, including Alresford) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for their Holiday Lunch Scheme. You do not need to be receiving Free School Meals to take advantage of this scheme; if you need a little extra help this year please apply. The scheme will provide food to cover 10 lunches per child.

Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal and will be tinned/dried items; WBB can offer food suitable for most diets, but do not have food items suitable for packed meals. Please complete the form: [EASTER HOLIDAY FOOD](#)

Alternatively, you can link to our Facebook post or website



**EASTER  
TENNIS CAMPS**

at  
**St Swithun's School  
WINCHESTER**

**DELGADO TENNIS**

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 – 16 years – all levels welcome  
**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2022**  
9am – 12pm / 1pm – 4pm / Full Day sessions available  
BOOK NOW at [www.delgadotennis.co.uk/stswithuns](http://www.delgadotennis.co.uk/stswithuns)

# EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COACHING



This Easter, Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe 360 are providing football coaching at various locations across the district. Each day will be packed with fun games, matches and a chance for you to learn new skills.

## Week 1: Monday 11 April - Thursday 14 April 2022

Whiteley	9.00 - 10.15am	Meadowside Leisure Centre, ATP/ Recreation Ground, PO15 7LJ
Newlands	11.15 - 12.30pm	Bereford Town Park MUGA, PO7 5ST
Bishops Waltham	1.45 - 3.00pm	Priory Park, SO32 1SQ
Colden Common	3.45 - 5.00pm	Colden Common Recreation Ground, SO21 1RP



## Week 2: Tuesday 19 April - Friday 22 April 2022

South Wonston	9.00 - 10.15am	Recreation Ground, SO21 3HP
Kings Worthy	11.15 - 12.30pm	Eversley Park, SO23 7NJ
Stanmore	1.45 - 3.00pm	Somers Close Recreation Ground, SO22 4EJ
Winchester City	3.45 - 5.00pm	North Walls (Devils Island Recreation Ground), SO23 7DD

SUITABLE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS  
 ONLY **£5** FOR 4 DAYS!  
 AGED 6 - 13 YEARS OLD

£5.00 (each venue for the 4 days). If you would like further information or have any questions please email

**hello@activeme360.com**

To enrol please visit

**bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list**

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## 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](mailto:jimhelenley@gmail.com)

## **Karis Kids/Downs Benefice film night**

Sparsholt Memorial Hall

Saturday 2nd April, 6.30pm for 7pm Admission free, but please book your places at <https://www.kariskids.org/katwe>

We are delighted to invite families and friends of Sparsholt School to a special screening of the Disney film "The Queen of Katwe".

The film is set in Katwe, an area not far from Okuvu where our Karis link families live. Based on a true story, it follows Phiona, a 10-year-old girl, and her family as they struggle with life in the slums. Her world is transformed when she meets Robert Katende, a missionary who teaches the children how to play chess.

Starring David Oyelowo (Selma) and Lupita Nyong'o (12 Years a Slave), the film is rated PG and suitable for Key Stage 2 and above. Children are welcome to bring cushions or beanbags, and popcorn will be provided – please feel free to bring other snacks and drinks (no nuts please).

There will be the opportunity to hear a little more about the charity that you have all supported so generously over recent years, and also for families to consider becoming linked with a family in Kampala. For more information visit <https://www.kariskids.org/downs>, or contact me at [downs.benefice@kariskids.org](mailto:downs.benefice@kariskids.org)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Carol Coleman

Karis Kids Co-ordinator for the Downs Benefice

## Weekly FoSS Update

Please can we say a massive thank to everyone who contributed towards the curry and auction night last week – from those who sorted the auction prizes, to those who made puddings and most of all to everyone who attended the event. It was such a great evening and was lovely to be able to get together in person finally! Most importantly, for our children and the school, you managed to raise over ....



**£2700**



## THANK YOU!

Our next event is the **Easter Fair**, this will be for all the family on

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm-5.00pm**

It will be full of fun and Easter activities, face painting, games and an Easter trail.  
We look forward to seeing you all there.



Thank you to our Rowan Class reps who organised the Mother's Day sale today.