

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General information
- ❖ FoSS update
- ❖ Other useful information



### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY

- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday talk – 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2:45pm in the hall
- ✓ Willow & Beech FoSS social - The Running Horse, 8pm 16<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week this has been. Who can believe the Coronation was less than a week ago and we were all able to enjoy a fabulous bank holiday weekend of celebrations.

With the KS2 SATs taking place this week, all I can say is how absolutely inspirational all of the Year 6s have been in the way they have approached these tests. Every single one of them tried their absolute best and showed such determination and focus in every single paper. It was such a pleasure to see the mature, methodical and organised way they approached them and how they remained calm and motivated even when some elements were really tricky. Whatever the outcomes, I am so proud of every single one of them, not only for the effort they have put in this week but also because of what a difference they make to this school and their desire to have a positive effect on the school and wider community.

The rest of the school have also been amazing in their support and flexibility around the tests, with the children showing such understanding and care, whilst also remaining fully focused on their own learning. Rowan have had some wonderful experiences creating their own rockets using effervescent tablets and old camera cases in a bid to launch them to the moon. Willow have been busy this week making 'Messy Maps' out of lots of different resources and Beech have been working really hard on their Maths skills including exchanging tens! Maple have been doing some fabulous art including experimenting with the colour wheel and the creation of different colours and shades. Oak Class have been a hive of activity with a medley of motivational songs emanating from their classroom on a daily basis some of which I am sure will feature in future presentations.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend whatever you are doing.

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>	Cora	Olive	Henry R
<b>Beech</b>	Sophia	Liv	Emily
<b>Maple</b>	Harrison	Dolly	Mia
<b>Rowan</b>	Gregory	Alexia	Erin
<b>Oak</b>	Viva	Rocco	Annie



## 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
Musical May Concert	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Friday 26th May	2:15pm
Last day of half-term		All children	Yes	Friday 26th May	From 3:30pm

### School Lunches after Half-term:

#### Price Increase

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the price of school meals for children in Key Stage 2 will be further increased from £2.80 to £3.00.

Unfortunately, this price increase is outside of our control, as our meals provider (HC3S – run by Hampshire County Council) has had to increase their prices again, and as a school we are unable to subsidise the difference. HC3S does not price to make a profit, only to cover costs. Unfortunately, despite all their efforts and efforts from their suppliers, the current national economic climate has meant that HC3S has no other option but to increase their prices.

Please do feel free to check your eligibility for receiving free school meals, using the link below:

[Free school meals | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

### Senior Administrative Assistant role

We are currently looking to recruit a Senior Administrative Assistant.

Here is the link to the Hampshire Education Jobs website, where the vacancy has been posted:

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/108244>

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at midday.

## Parent Governor vacancy

# WE NEED YOUR HELP as a parent governor!

The school Governors are here to support the Staff, you, and the children in ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction at our school.

Our task is also to make sure the school budget is well spent, and we hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. Parent Governors are valued members of the Governing Body who provide a parental perspective. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this key role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the school office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by:

**12.00 noon on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

For more information about the role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Caroline Horrill, at [caroline.horrill@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:caroline.horrill@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) or on 07710 067620.

## FoSS Update

With all your support we raised an amazing **£540** at the Easter Fayre and another **£250** last Friday for the Coronation celebrations. This is brilliant!

Every penny goes to benefit our children at school so thank you very much.



## **Willow and Beech**

For those that were able to join us at the park on Wednesday, thank you. It was lovely to meet and share ideas.

Keeping with the social/planning theme, we have arranged a get-together at The Running Horse on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm. Please come and join us if you have a child in Willow or Beech classes.

Finally, we are planning a Father's Day sale after half-term. More information will follow.



## Other Useful Information



**SAFE**  
VANESSA HARBOUR

Lost children and abandoned horses... see Kitty and Black long from all home!

THURSDAY 11 MAY  
5:30-6:30PM  
P&G WELLS BOOKSHOP

# YOUNG HEROES IN WARTIME

Vanessa Harbour & Cathy Faulkner in discussion about their children's novels set in the Second World War.




CATHY FAULKNER

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