



*13th November 2020*

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days

1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Bling Up Your Uniform (Road safety)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As I watched the children come into school this morning, it was so uplifting to see the myriad of colourful socks that were adorning the children's feet. From stripy tights to tinsel socks, they all looked amazing. Thank you so much for your kind donations which have raised over £120.00 for Children in Need - a charity whose work is going to be even more essential this year.*

*On Wednesday, we were blessed with the weather and were able to hold our Remembrance Service outside on the playground. The children stood in their bubbles and listened so respectful as two pupils from Oak class read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. As the Last Post played and our minutes' silence began, you could see the children reflecting on what Remembrance day means and its significance for so many. To be able to stand together as a school in the sunshine, on such an important day and see the children so engaged and aware made me feel incredibly proud.*

*As I am sure you know, despite the weather (and subsequent mud) we are still going to need to continue to use the field for our KS2 children, to enable our bubbles to have plenty of space at break and lunchtime. Some parents have asked about the possibility of bringing wellies in so that the children can change their footwear before going out. If children would like to, they can store their wellies in the D-Area outside Rowan and change into them. Please can you make sure that they are clearly named.*

*I very much hope that you found our virtual parent evenings useful. I realise it is not quite the same as meeting with the teacher in person but hopefully it enabled some productive talk around the progress your children have made and their targets going forward. Obviously we are more than happy to discuss any concerns you have at any time so please do not hesitate to contact the school as and when they arise.*

*I really hope you have a good and restful weekend despite the weather forecast.*

*Kind regards*

*Mrs Hanratty*

**Core Christian Value Awards**

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

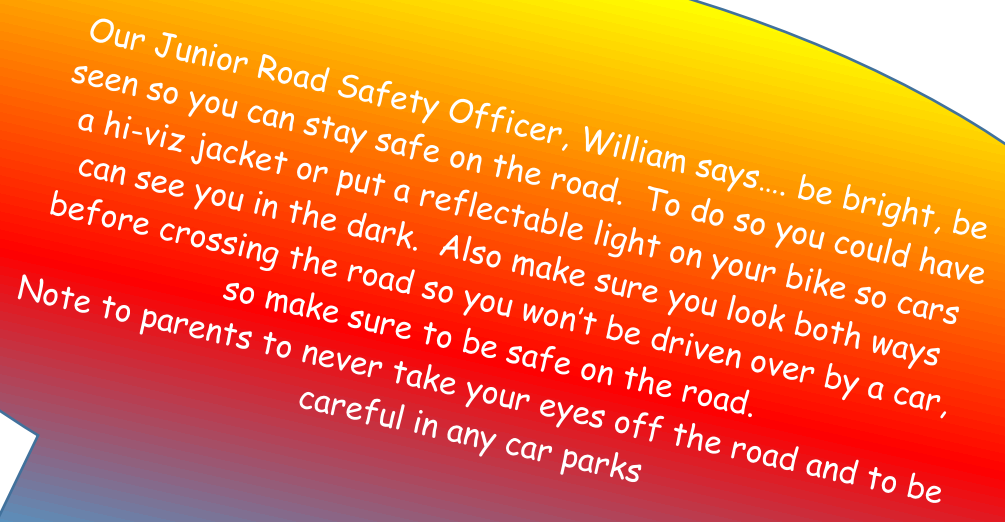
	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
Courage	Hemming	Olivia	Livinia	Harry	Will J
Compassion	Harrison	Pippa	Julia	Lola	Charlie A
Creativity	Gus	Verity	Isabella	Henry	Timmy

**Next Friday is *Be Bright, Be Seen* Day**

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Emily, Isabelle and William, are asking all our children to 'bling up' their dark school uniform to *Be Bright, Be Seen* on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November!** Reflective socks, hats, arm bands, hair scrunches, stickers, bag tags.... anything to make you visible in the dark! There are prizes on offer for the most imaginative!

On Friday we will be opening our 2<sup>nd</sup> competition - we will be asking everyone to design a bright, scooter or cycle helmet. A template for this will be coming out to you with next week's newsletter. Fun prizes will be on offer for the most original, bright and colourful helmet across all ages - closing date for helmet design entries Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

There is an important message to all parents and children from William, overleaf:



Our Junior Road Safety Officer, William says.... be bright, be seen so you can stay safe on the road. To do so you could have a hi-viz jacket or put a reflectable light on your bike so cars can see you in the dark. Also make sure you look both ways before crossing the road so you won't be driven over by a car, so make sure to be safe on the road.  
Note to parents to never take your eyes off the road and to be careful in any car parks

**How much does your family know about Online Safety? Win prizes for our school with The Legends Family Challenge!**

The Legends Family Adventure is a three-part animated series following a family of Internauts through Interland. It was developed by Google and Parent Zone as part of the Be Internet Legends programme — helping children to be safer and more confident online.

When Lumen's bear goes missing, her whole family must brave Interland to get it back. Along the way, the family learns lessons from the Legends Code — including helpful tips on what to do with cyberbullies, how to spot scams and set strong passwords, as well as important lessons on kindness. And, Lumen discovers she's stronger and braver than she ever thought she could be.

Once you've watched the films, it is time to test your family's online safety knowledge by entering The Legends Family Challenge, proving your legendary status and maybe even winning some prizes for our school along the way.

You can find out more about the free family resources and to enter the challenge from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting [parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure](https://parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure)

**FoSS News: - FOSSIL**

Here's the idea. Every year at this time, FOSS is doing amazing work raising money for our awesome school. This year though, their job is being made infinitely more difficult by the dreaded COVID! So, a small group of us thought we could all do something to boost their efforts and raise some extra cash, whilst keeping us fit and (maybe more importantly), sane during lockdown.

Our idea is that we all get out there and walk, run, ride, swim or whatever is your thing and donate £1 to FOSS each time you do any activity. Keep track of what you do and we will endeavour to make some sort of way of sharing our achievements and maybe introducing an element of competition to keep us all motivated. Of course, the real winners are those raising the most money and having the most fun! One thing that should also be made clear is that Lycra is NOT mandatory! (It just made for an awesome name.... Friends of Sparsholt School In Lycra - FOSSIL!) Please text **"I'm a FOSSIL"** to **07717134477** if you are up for taking part and happy to join a WhatsApp group!

For the Strava disciples among you, there is a club called FOSSIL that you can join to track all your activities and even have a little light-hearted competition on some running, road bike and MTB routes and segments!



## SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 8th year, Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School have teamed up with our reputable Christmas tree supplier to provide beautiful Nordmann Fir non drop trees at a reasonable price. The quality of the trees is excellent - if you want to know more, please ask around - we have provided hundreds of trees to the village and school over the last seven years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 6th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with either cash or a cheque (made out to FOSS) by **Thursday 26th November**. Please use your surname as reference and email [friendsofsparsholtsschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsparsholtsschool@gmail.com) when done so we can trace your order

All money raised will go to both the school and the shop

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### Christmas Tree Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop)	Price per tree	Quantity required	Total amount (£)
3 - 4 ft	£26		
4 - 5 ft	£30		
5 - 6 ft	£37		
6 - 7 ft	£47		
7 - 8 ft	£56		
TOTAL			

### FOSS Bank Details:

Account name: Friends of Sparsholt School.

Bank: Santander Sort code: 090153 Account no: 35353282