

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

24th November 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for w/c 27th November
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for the Diary
- ❖ FoSS Update



Presenting our
School
Improvement Plan
to the Governors

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023

- ✓ Maple and Rowan Class Trip – Butser Ancient Farm - Tues 28th Nov
- ✓ Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for raffle prizes for FoSS) – Fri 1st Dec

Dear Parents and Carer,

We have had another fantastic and productive week with the children yet again being front and centre.

This week's Worship theme was centred on developing our spirituality through 'Candle Moments'. A candle moment is an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of life. The children reflected on questions such as: What is love, happiness and peace? In our busy lives, taking time to be still and reflect is essential to maintain mental health and wellbeing.

'Tell Me Tuesday' was another huge success and a fantastic learning opportunity. Mr Norton came in to talk about 'Outstanding Orchids'. He gave a really informative talk where we learnt lots of incredible facts, including that the orchid has a 'landing pad' to enable insects to successfully access the enticing nectar and then go on to pollinate other plants when the cleverly located pollen sticks to their heads. Mrs Gwilliam will shortly be appealing to our school and wider community for volunteers to present at our Spring programme of 'Tell Me Tuesdays'.

On Wednesday, our amazing Pupil Governors, which includes pupils from Years 1 to 6, did an amazing job of presenting their version of our School Improvement Plan to our adult Governors. The pupils split themselves into 4 groups, with each group discussing the 4 different sections of the School Improvement Plan: Quality of Education; Personal Development; Behaviour and Attitudes and Leadership and Management. Every member of the group spoke and put forward their suggestions as to how the school could be improved. It really is amazing to see a Year 1 right the way up to a Year 6 child talking so confidently and passionately about the school and being able to articulate how they think it could be improved. Some of the key suggestions were house team community circles, skills cards in PE and other foundation subjects and access to a few more educational "games with gains".

Our school football team did another amazing job of representing the values of our school in their match against Weeke. Whilst we were not victorious, it was a hard fought match with every player coming off the pitch with high team spirits and smiles on their faces!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the redevelopment of the pond area is now fully underway with the students from Sparsholt Agricultural College currently clearing away all the undergrowth and preparing the area for its redesign. Again, I want to say a massive thank you to FoSS and you as parents who support the FoSS fundraising initiatives, as without this money we would be unable to undertake this project.

Next week is another busy one, with Maple and Rowan off to Butser Ancient Farm on Tuesday and a non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for FoSS on Friday.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

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	Enid	Erin	George
Beech	Max	Finbar	Evie
Maple	Pippa	Teddy	Gus
Rowan	Rory	Mia	Jannah
Oak	Seb	Verity	Oscar



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:

GOLD:

SILVER: Harriet

**BRONZE: Adam,
Olivia, Misha, Zac,
Jack W, Allana**



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 2023				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Tues 28 th Nov	Maple and Rowan Class Trip to Butser Farm	All day		
Fri 1 st Dec	Non-Uniform Day In exchange for raffle prizes for FoSS	All day		New
Fri 8 th Dec	KS1 Nativity	9:30am	Yes	
Sun 10 th Dec	St Stephen's Church Carol Concert	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 12 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	2:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day £1/£2 donation for Save The Children	All day		New
Fri 15 th Dec	Sports for Champions - Chloe Peplow Q&A and sponsored fitness circuit	Morning		
Fri 15 th Dec	Last day of term 3:30pm finish	3:30pm		
Fri 15 th Dec	FoSS Winter Wander Trail	5pm - 7pm	Yes	New

FoSS Updates

- Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for Bags2School. A total of **£157.50** was raised.
- **Just a reminder:** the last orders for Christmas trees is Thursday 30th November and pick up of your tree is on Sunday 10th December (same day as Christmas Fair) from the school car park. These trees are great value and lovely quality.
- FoSS will also be selling teas/coffees/mince pies and raffle tickets at both the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope.
- We want to invite your child to come into school on Friday (1st December) in non-school uniform, in exchange for a raffle prize for the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope.



EVENT	DATE and TIME	INFORMATION
Non-school uniform day	Friday 1 st December	Please bring in a raffle prize in exchange for wearing your own clothes to school next Friday.
Sparsholt Village Christmas Fair	Sunday 10 th December 10am-2pm	FoSS will be running a cake stall so we need bakers. If you would like to bake a cake for this event, please can you let your class reps know. Can you also let them know if you want to drop your cake off <u>or</u> if you would like someone to come to your house to do a cake pick-up on the Sunday – thank you!
School Christmas Parties	TBA	TBA
Winter Wander Trail	Friday 15 th December 5pm-7pm	TBA