

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



14th May 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
FoSS Plant Sale

**Note change of date: Monday July 12th
Friday 28th May from 3.10pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we had the most wonderful treat during our outdoor Celebration Worship when four of our children performed in front of the whole school. Hannah, Olivia, Madsy and Bea all played their brass instruments accompanied by their music teacher, Mr Potter. It was amazing to see the confidence and proficiency they all showed. Mr Potter talked to the children about playing brass instruments and demonstrated how different instruments sounded including the trumpet and P-bone (a plastic version of a trombone). If your child is interested in learning to play a brass instrument this September, please contact the office as we have some spaces remaining.

Safety has been a focus this week with our Junior Road safety officers giving a presentation to each class reminding them about the Green Cross Code and the real importance of always being safe and being seen when near roads. Oak class joined a virtual road safety conference with 18 other schools across the County. They learned about pedestrian and cyclist safety amongst other things. The children very much enjoyed the virtual quizzes which were not only informative but very enjoyable especially as they were competing against the other schools. Every child in KS2 has gone home with an entry form for the 'Walk to School Week' competition to design a new look for the 'Walk to School Week' materials. Please do encourage them to take part. KS1 children can also take part - our Junior Road Safety Officers will be in Beech and Willow Class to tell them all about it next week.

Can I just give a very quick reminder regarding footwear. On the days that children do not have PE, they should come into school in school shoes (not trainers). If there is a reason why your child is not able to wear school shoes, can you please let the office know.

I hope you have a lovely and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hanratty

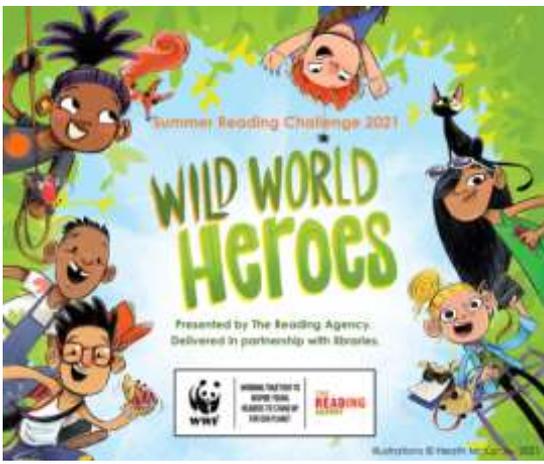
Core Christian Value Awards

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

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Penny	Hannah	Olivia	Patch	Bertie
Compassion	Felix	Cara	Fearne	William	Izzy
Creativity	Teddy	Madeleine	Julia	Harry	Lula

FoSS Plant Sale - Friday 28th May from 3.10pm

Please join us after school on Friday 28th May for a plant sale. Money raised will go to FoSS. The sale will include veg plants (tomatoes, aubergine, peas, leeks, French beans, cabbage, courgette etc), houseplants and bedding plants. They will be competitively priced and have been grown organically. There will also be an ice cream/lolly sale to keep youngsters occupied whilst you buy your plants. Just think of the learning opportunity for your child/children, helping to care for the plants and grow food for your dinner table!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

Winchester library are teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Our Wonderful Brass Musicians

It was the girls turn to show off their musical ability playing a selection of tunes for the whole school at this morning's outdoor assembly. Amazing! If any of your children (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) are interested in starting to learn a brass instrument from September 2021 please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Junior Road Safety Officers spread the word

Our 3 JRSOs spent time in Oak, Rowan and Maple classes this week, spreading the word about staying safe on our roads, reminding our children about the Green Cross Code and inviting them to take part in a Hampshire-wide Walk To School Week competition. Next week Oliver, Emily and Isabelle will continue their good work in Beech and Willow Classes.

Walk to School Week competition

We want you to come up with a brand-new look for our Walk to School Week material - the winning entry will be used and printed for October and for future years.

You need to create a design which promotes one or more of our key pedestrian safety messages, considering the following:

- **Green Cross Code**
 - Stop, look, listen and think
 - Find a safe place to cross where you can see what is coming
- **Be bright be seen**
- **Giving the road their full attention**
 - Don't be distracted

All you need to do is design your picture, which promotes one of the messages above and get it back to school by **Monday 7 June**.





Water Polo in Winchester - Starting June 2021

The Winchester Sport and Leisure Park will open its doors at the end of May 2021, and is a great venue for water polo, a fantastic sport for all ages and abilities. Winchester Water Polo Club will be running water polo sessions at the new site suitable to those from 7 - 70+ years old, with any level of previous experience. A summary of the different sessions, timings and costs is set out below:

- Mini-polo for 7-9 year olds (Mondays 6.30-7.30pm) - Drenched Mini Water Polo. Follow this link to register your interest - <https://www.drenchedschool.co.uk/> and you'll be the first to know when the taster session dates are published.
- Mini-polo for 9-11 year olds (Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm) - Drenched Mini Water Polo. These sessions run term-time from September 2021. Follow this link to register your interest - <https://www.drenchedschool.co.uk/> and you'll be the first to know when the taster session dates are published
- Junior polo for 13-17 year olds (Tuesdays 8.00-10.00pm)
The newly-formed Winchester Water Polo club is looking for juniors who are competent swimmers (preferably able to swim 100m in 1:30) with any level of water polo experience. This especially includes those who have never tried water polo before. Membership costs £25 per month (plus £3 for Swim England membership if you are not already in a swim club.) Follow this link to register your interest - www.winchesterwaterpolo.com - or contact Katy Ross at katy@haygarthross.co.uk.



Parenting Workshops

Three upcoming workshops to equip and support parents, children and young people. All workshops will be online. Places can be booked on Eventbrite using the link underneath each topic. Be sure to book your place ASAP. Your session login details will be sent 24 hours before the workshop.

The 1.5 hour sessions are hosted by Lorraine Lee, who has worked with parents, families and schools for over 20 years. There will be 1 hour of input followed by 30 mins of questions.

The cost for each workshop is £10 plus an online booking fee.

Sessions are open to all parents, so feel free to share the information with friends and family.

Extend Your Parenting Toolkit

All workshops start at 8:00pm and finish at 9:30pm

Parenting Preteens

Wednesday 19th May

<https://preteenparenting.eventbrite.co.uk>

Why Do Children Behave Differently At School & Home?

Thursday May 27th

<https://schoolandhome.eventbrite.co.uk>

Helping Children Who Feel Discouraged & Low

Monday June 7th

<https://discouraged.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Lee: lorraine@lorrainelee.org