



Weekly Newsletter

14th October 2022

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

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- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General Information
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Thank you all
for your
generous
harvest
donations!

Dates for your diaries



Inset Days 22/23

School "Apple Fest" (for children)

FoSS 'Apple' cake sale

KS1 Thrilling Thursday – children and parents invited to look at books

KS2 Fab Friday – children and parents invited to look at books

Parents Evenings (online)

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Friday 21st October – morning

Friday 21st October, 3:30pm

Thursday 3rd November (in classrooms)

Friday 4th November (in classrooms)

Tuesday 8th November

Wednesday 9th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful autumnal week we have had! For those of you who were able to attend the Harvest Whole School Celebration, I am sure you would all agree what a fantastic school community event it was, showing the children's courage, compassion and creativity. Thank you to those of you who commented on how much you had enjoyed it, the children were a real credit to our school and to you as parents. Thank you also for the generosity you showed in terms of your donations to The Beacon. This charity has become a lifeline to many local families and will continue to be even more important with all that is going on in the world at the moment.

We are already looking forward to next week, especially the opportunity to show off our incredible school during our open morning for prospective parents taking place on Tuesday 18th October. Please do share details of this with anyone you think may be interested. We are also looking forward to our annual 'Apple Fest' which is due to take place on Friday morning. Last year's event was a huge success with the children having the opportunity to try (and rate) many different varieties of apples including those not readily available in supermarkets.

Next week also marks the start of the FoSS coin challenge. Please do encourage children to bring in their copper and silver coins to help their class win! The triumphant class will have the opportunity to choose a whole school reward next Friday.

I really hope you all have a fabulous weekend and as I said at the Harvest Whole School Celebration, I am so grateful for the amazing whole school community we have including all of you, the staff, the Governors and of course the wonderful children.

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
Willow	Alfie	Finbar	Edward
Beech	Gus	Beth	Martha
Maple	Tom	Pippa	Rory
Rowan	Jemima	Henry	Hugh
Oak	Clara	Harriet	Viva



General Information

GEOLOGY CLUB

Unfortunately we do not have enough interest to be able to run the Geology Club in November. Look out for more details in the Spring Term.

Parents' Evenings

This term's parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 8th November** and **Wednesday 9th November** for all year groups. We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child's teacher.

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Monday 31st October until midday (12pm) on Monday 7th November.

Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section;

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

Year 7 Applications – Deadline Fast Approaching!

The national deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2023 is almost upon us - Monday 31st October 2022. More information from Hampshire can be found on their website;

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

School Lunches after Half-Term

- **Price Increase**

From **Monday 31st October**, the price of school meals for children in Key Stage 2 will be further increased from £2.60 to **£2.80**.

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://www.hants.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

- **Menu choices**

New menus for October 2022 – April 2023 will be sent out to all parents. Please note that from Monday 31st October, we will also be offering a jacket potato option each day, alongside the classic meat and vegetarian hot dinners.

Money for School Lunches

The school requires that school lunches are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis (**please note - school lunches are currently priced at £2.60, although this will increase to £2.80 from Monday 31st October**). For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Scopay website or app but cheques and cash are also accepted in the office. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when using the school car park and when parking in Woodman Close / Bostock Close. Please do not block or park on any private drives and remember that buses, large and emergency vehicles need to be able to get through. Unfortunately, we did receive a complaint from a member of our community yesterday due to inconsiderate parking in Woodman Close. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Other Information



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This October, Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe 360 and Aquila Nuclear Engineering Ltd are providing 8 football coaching sessions at various locations across the district. Each day will be packed with fun games, matches and drills with a chance to make new friends and learn new skills.

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022

Colden Common	9.00 - 10.15am	Colden Common Recreation Ground, SO21 1RP
South Wonston	9.00 - 10.15am	South Wonston, Recreation Ground, SO21 3HP
Bishop's Waltham	11.00 - 12.15pm	Priory Park, SO32 1SQ
Kings Worthy	11.00 - 12.15pm	Eversley Park, SO23 7NJ
Wickham	1.15 - 2.15pm	Mill Lane Community Centre Car Park, Wickham, PO17 5AL
Stanmore	1.15 - 2.15pm	Somers Close Recreation Ground, SO22 4EJ
Whiteley	3.00 - 4.00pm	Meadowside Leisure Centre, All Weather Pitch, PO15 7LJ
Winchester City	3.15 - 4.30pm	North Walls Recreation Ground, SO23 7DD

If you would like further information or have any questions please email hello@activeme360.com

To book your space please visit: bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list

FoSS Update



Don't forget that children can bring in their copper and silver coins on Monday to Thursday next week, to help their class win!

The winning class will have the opportunity to choose a whole school reward for next Friday afternoon!