

## Sparsholt C of E Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for the Diary
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Beautiful tiger artwork produced by children in Beech Class this week



#### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

- ✓ In person Parents' Evening - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March or Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ LACROSSE CLUB CANCELLED - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ Special "World Book Day" lunch menu - Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ Tag Rugby Event for selected children - Winchester Rugby Club, Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ World Book Day - children invited to dress up - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ FoSS Flowers sale - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I really hope all of you who were able to come into school this week for 'Marvellous Monday' and 'Thrilling Thursday' enjoyed being able to see all the amazing learning that has been going on. I think it is so beneficial for the children to be able to talk through their learning with you and also for you to see the enthusiasm with which they approach it. It still astounds me how articulately the children (including the younger ones) are able to talk about all that they have done and what they have learned. They truly are an exceptional group of children!

Our Worship theme this week focused on 'Wisdom' and in particular the fact that 'There is no Planet B'. On Monday, we talked a lot about the importance of looking after the planet and that even things that seem insignificant can make a huge difference, from turning off a light as you leave a room to trying to have a waste free lunch at least once a week. We discussed how going forward the children need to be ambassadors for Planet Earth and how people such as Greta Thunberg, despite her very young age, have already highlighted and forced action on some of the essential things that need to happen to try to limit climate change and the damage it is causing. Our amazing Worship Team did a fantastic job of sharing with the children all that Greta has done and the difference she has made.

Next week, as you know, we have our in-person Parent Evenings on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our booking system will be closing at 2pm on Monday so if you haven't had a chance to sign up please do so now.

Next Friday, we are all looking forward to celebrating 'World Book Day', with the children and I really looking forward to the fun activities we have planned and celebrating the joy and magic of reading.

**As Dr Seuss says:**

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

I really hope you all have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you in school next week for our Parent Evenings.

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
<b>Willow</b>	Erin	Livi	Peter
<b>Beech</b>	Jemima	Harry	Cora
<b>Maple</b>	Joshie	Martha	Joshua
<b>Rowan</b>	Edward	Lori	Mia
<b>Oak</b>	Erin	Livinia	Hugh



### 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: Zevon**

**BRONZE: Mia,  
Madeleine, Evie B,  
Teddy**



## Dates for the diary

Spring Term 2 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening	4:00pm to 7:00pm	Yes	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening	4:00pm to 7:00pm	Yes	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day Celebration	All day		
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Mothering Sunday Service		Yes	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	KS1 Maths Parent Workshop	3:45pm	Yes Willow & Beech Parents only	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole school Easter Presentation	2:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last day of term - 3:30pm finish	3:30pm		

## Important Notices

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### **CANCELLATION – No Lacrosse Club on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel next week's Lacrosse club (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March) due to staff availability.

As per our communication regarding signing up for clubs at the start of the school term, we commit to offering at least 10 sessions per term. Currently we will still be able to meet this commitment despite next week's cancellation.

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## Parents' Evening – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school for our upcoming Parent Evenings.

As we want the evenings to run smoothly for everyone, I just wanted to remind you that each appointment slot is 10 minutes long. It is really important that Parents and Carers stick to the 10 minute allocation to ensure that other parents and carers aren't affected by delays to their appointments which could then have a knock on affect for things such as child care and other Parent evening appointments if they have other children in the school. If it is apparent that at the end of the 10 minute slot, a longer meeting is needed we can always arrange for an additional meeting at another time.

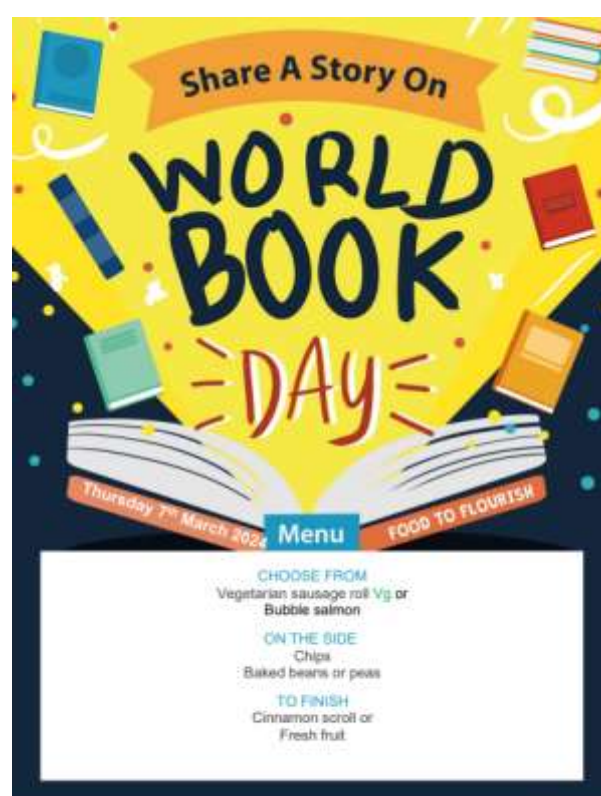
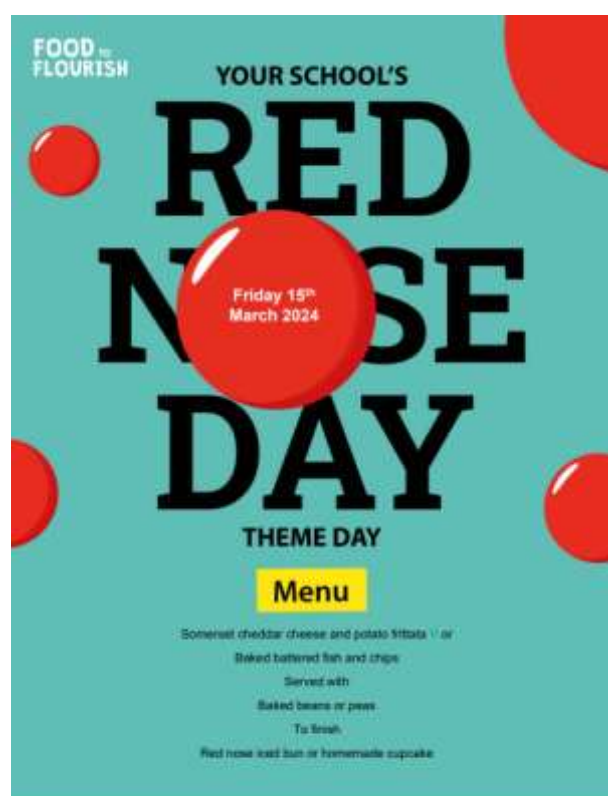
Thank you so much for your help and understanding with this.

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## Special Menus from H3CS



On **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March** and Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March, H3CS will be running themed lunch menus for World Book Day & Red Nose Day respectively.

Ordering this lunch will just be like normal. Jacket potatoes remain an option on these days.





## FoSS Update

Upcoming events	
<b>Flowers for a special someone – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> 	<p>Bunches of daffodils are on sale, if you would like to show your appreciation for someone who means a lot to you.</p> <p>Pre order and pay via the FoSS website: <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=77123">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=77123</a></p> <p>Flowers will be complete with ribbon &amp; personalised gift tag and will be given to children to bring home on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March</p>
<b>FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza!! – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30-4.45pm</b>	<p>Following on from the school's Easter presentation, come and join us for fun on the field. More info to follow but if you can help with ideas, set up or manning a stall, get in touch at <a href="mailto:friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com">friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com</a></p> 
<b>Parent Yoga – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April 9-10am</b>	<p>Save the date! Tickets on sale soon.</p>

## Other Information



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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10am- 11am or 11am - 12pm**

We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band



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