

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2023

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

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Egyptian Day in
Maple Class!

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024

- ✓ 'Bring your soft toy buddy to school' for Children's Mental Health Week – Mon 5th Feb
- ✓ All classes – "Chance to Shine" cricket lessons Mon 5th Feb – PE kit
- ✓ Year 6 SATs information evening – Tues 6th Feb at 5:30pm in school
- ✓ Maple Class – swimming lessons – Fri 9th Feb, Winchester Leisure Centre
- ✓ Special menu for Pancake Day – Fri 9th Feb
- ✓ 'Dress to Express' for Children's Mental Health Week - £1 donation – Fri 9th Feb
- ✓ Finish for half-term – Fri 9th Feb at 3:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! Thank you so much to all of you who attended the KS2 Maths Parent Workshop on Monday. Thank you also for the positive comments we received from parents who said they found it both useful and informative. Both the presentation and the Maths Calculation policy can be found on the school website under the Curriculum tab in the Curriculum Subjects section: Maths. We are already looking forward to the KS1 Maths Parent Workshop which is due to take place on the 18th March 2024 at 3:45pm. We will send further information about this event nearer the time.

On Tuesday, we had 20 Ancient Egyptians in Maple Class who were busily making papyrus, writing in hieroglyphics, making Egyptian bread and having a thoroughly fantastic day learning all about the Ancient Egyptian culture. Everyone looked fantastic and the creativity around the staff and the children's outfits was phenomenal.

This week I have had the pleasure of being in both Willow and Beech Classes and I can't tell you how wonderful it is to see the enthusiasm with which the children approach their learning. In Beech Class we were learning about the Creation Story in RE and the children wrote their own prayer of thanks about things on the Earth. The children's reasons for being thankful for things from dogs and cats to plants and trees was so uplifting. One of my favourites was being thankful for flamingos because of the elegance they show when balancing on one leg!

In Willow Class, they have been practising their subtraction skills and we had a very enjoyable time playing an addition and subtraction game in the outside area which the children were thoroughly engaged with. They were also having a wonderful time following different recipes for things from twig tea to leaf soup and I was served a variety of 'delicious' items with the children using their counting skills to put in the right numbers of each ingredient.

Can I say thank you so much to all of you who have already signed up to the Arbor App. As you know, we have now transferred our payment system over and trips and clubs will also be able to be booked and paid for through Arbor. The In-App messaging system is also such a fantastic addition as we are able to send short reminders and share urgent messages through it. Arbor also gives you the opportunity to check your emergency contact details and your child's attendance etc. The Arbor system has a number of other useful features which we will be rolling out as the year progresses.

Next week we are very much looking forward to celebrating National Children's Mental Health Week and have many wonderful things planned. Each day will have a different focus, with activities taking place to help the children understand ways in which they can manage their mental health and strategies to support positive wellbeing. There may even be a tech-free challenge for families to partake in! Please do remember that on the school's website under the Support for Parents tab: Support for Parents there is a whole realm of information on our Padlet that can help support you as parents with some of the challenges your children may be dealing with at home. We will also be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with children learning about how to use the internet responsibly.

We have finished the week with our amazing worship team re-enacting the inspiring life of Nelson Mandela. They explained how he protested against the unfair treatment of people based on the colour of their skin and how this was referred to as apartheid and that despite being imprisoned for his beliefs, he never gave up the fight for freedom, justice and equality. They really are a talented group of pupils who share some really important messages with the other children.

Thank you again for all the wonderful support you continue to show us as a school and thank you for all you do to support your children with their learning. I hope you all have a wonderful 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	Livi	Damien	Niam
Beech	Krish	Henry R	Allana
Maple	Hemming	Joshie	Tom
Rowan	Cordelia	Tabatha	Henry N
Oak	Toby	Ella	Aubrey



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: Misha,
Harriet**

**SILVER: Ella, Seb, Zac,
Toby**

**BRONZE: Jonathan,
Tillie**



Dates for the diary

Spring Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Tues 6 th Feb	Year 6 SATs Information Evening	5:30pm	Yes Year 6 Parents only - no children	
Fri 9 th Feb	Last day of half-term	3:30pm		
Spring Term 2 2024				
Mon 26 th Feb	Marvellous Monday - Maple, Rowan & Oak Invitation for parents to come in with your child and view their work	3:35pm to 4:15pm	Yes Maple, Rowan & Oak Parents only	Yes
Thurs 29 th Feb	Thrilling Thursday - Willow & Beech Invitation for parents to come in with your child and view their work	3:35pm to 4:15pm	Yes Willow & Beech Parents only	Yes
Tues 5 th Mar	Parents evening	4:00pm to 7:00pm	Yes	Yes
Thurs 7 th Mar	Parents evening	4:00pm to 7:00pm	Yes	Yes
Fri 8 th Mar	World Book Day Celebration	All day		Yes
Sun 10 th Mar	St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Mothering Sunday Service		Yes	Yes
Mon 18 th Mar	KS1 Maths Parent Workshop	3:45pm	Yes Willow & Beech Parents only	Yes
Thurs 28 th Mar	Whole school Easter Presentation	2:15pm	Yes	Yes
Thurs 28 th Mar	Last day of term - 3:30pm finish	3:30pm		Yes

Important Notices

Arbor Update

1. Payments

We are now using payments in the Arbor Parent Portal!

You can make payments and top up your child's account for **school meals** by simply logging into the Parent Portal or Arbor App. **Your balances from SCOPAY have been transferred across to Arbor and will also show in the Parent Portal.**

Payments for clubs, trips, music tuition and wraparound care will also be able to be made on the Parent Portal / Arbor App - these will be set up at the time that a new club / trip is initiated. We will provide further details shortly.

If you need any help with using Arbor payments, you can find more information at the [arbor help centre](#).

2. In-app messages and notifications

Please ensure that you have notifications from Arbor enabled on your device(s). All non-urgent school communications e.g. reminders about events in school, are now being sent via in-app messages. If you have notifications enabled, you will be made aware of new messages from the School without having to log-into your Arbor app.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Next week is **National Children's Mental Health Week 2024** and the whole school will take part in a range of daily activities fuelled by the 'Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing' to supercharge our emotional wellbeing!

We start off on Monday with, '**Bring your Soft Toy Buddy to School**' and finish on Friday with '**Dress to Express**' and '**Dino Day**'.

If you have not provided your consent for your child to take part in "Dino Day" on Friday 9th February, please do so as soon as possible – it is really simple to do on the Arbor App / Parent Portal.

Music Tuition - Guitar

A space has become available for guitar for the Summer Term. The cost for one term is £75. If your child is interested in starting guitar in the Summer Term, please contact the School Office.



A huge thank you!

We wanted say a massive thank you for all your generous donations of toys and games over the last week – it has all been distributed to the classrooms and is greatly appreciated. If you are planning a sort over the next few weeks, we would still love any donations of good quality toys and games, including Playmobil. Thank you as always!



Special Menu

On Friday 9th February, H3CS will be running a special Pancake Day themed lunch menu. We will send a reminder out about this menu the day before – ordering this lunch will just be like normal – you do not need to book in advance. Jacket potatoes remain an option on this day.



School Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be CLOSED on Saturday 10th February 2024.

FoSS Update

Thank you to all those who completed the online survey. We will be taking a look through your responses and ideas and will do a summary of this is due course.



SAVE THE DATE - FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, 6-8pm

Book online early to avoid disappointment as there are limited spaces.

Other Information

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Next Thing

TECH Holiday Camp

MEDIA MADNESS

MINECRAFT ENGINEERING

ROCKING ROBOTS

3D CREATIONS

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE ACTIVITIES

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12TH - 15TH FEBRUARY
AGES 5-11 | £49 PER DAY
9AM - 4PM DAILY

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS 2024

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Virtual Reality

Curious Coders

Ingenius Inventions

Expert Engineers

Tech Fun

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

WHAT TO BRING...

- Packed Lunch and Snacks (NUT-FREE)
- Water Bottle
- Medication If Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

HOW TO BOOK

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FIND YOUR LOCATION

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- Happy Parent 😊

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HALF-TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

Ages 6-12 years | Mon 12th, Tues 13th & Weds 14th Feb 2024
Farley Mount, Winchester | 9am-3pm

Bushcraft workshops

Learning about fire lighting and cooking on the campfire, woodwork using tools, lots of teamwork and putting their skills to the test by building dens using natural materials.

A great exploration experience

With guidance from our qualified forest school leaders they will thrive in a secure, inspiring environment that naturally relieves stress, builds resilience and allows practical skills to develop naturally.

Set fee of **£45.00** per child per day. We can also provide a campfire hot dog lunch for **£5** which includes fruit and campfire snacks throughout the day.

This activity camp will be taking place at our Farley Mount site. If you have never visited before, we don't have a fixed postcode so we recommend using the app What3Words. Our location is:
///shatters.clutter.complex

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A free health & wellbeing event
for all parents, carers & professionals
who support or work with young people.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PACE events consist of two main components:

1. A number of specialist workshops on young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
2. Information stands from local and national organisations.

Attendees can choose which sessions they would like to attend; select as many or as few as you would like to attend.

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, CLIDDSDEN RD,
BASINGSTOKE, RG21 3HF

WORKSHOPS:

NEW Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Tourette's Syndrome and Tics, Supporting your Autistic Child to Thrive, and Disability, Difficulty, SEND & Mental Health.

BOOK YOUR WORKSHOP SPACE AT:

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At Sherborne House School, we will be hosting a free guest speaker event for parents within and beyond our school community.

Guest Speaker:

Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist ~ Dr Carlos Hoyos

Mental Health In Children: A Talk For Parents

Dr Hoyos will run a session for parents on three key mental health issues affecting children today. This is a parent only workshop. The session will start at **6pm on Tuesday 5th March** in the Cedar Hall at Sherborne House School.

Please click on this [link](#) if you would like to sign up for this informative session. Please do sign up by **Friday 1st March** since we need to confirm the numbers of our Sherborne House parents, as well as parents within the wider community.