

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

13th October 2023



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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
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What a beautiful
Harvest Festival!



Thank you for all your
donations to the
Winchester Hygiene Bank



IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

- ✓ Visit from author, Gina Rees, for Willow and Beech Classes – Mon 16th Oct
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday :
"Healthy Teeth" – Ceri Baber – Tues 17th Oct 2:45pm
- ✓ "Apple Fest" – Fri 20th Oct – in-school event with FoSS cake sale after school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe we are nearly half way through the term! For those of you who were able to attend this morning's Harvest Festival, I am sure you would agree the children were fantastic. Their ability to adapt so quickly from our planned outdoor Harvest to it being held up in the hall should be commended. Our new Year Rs did so well with their rendition of Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and how beautiful was Beech's performance – there is definitely some real singing talent there!

Maple and Rowan were amazing with their poetry performances and I'm sure you would agree that Rowan did a wonderful job of sharing important messages around kindness and being thoughtful. Finally, Oak's harvest rap was a hit and their rendition of the song 'Africa' I'm sure brought a lump to people's throats. Thank you so much for all the food donations that were so generously brought in today for The Beacon – they will all make such a difference to so many local families.

Thank you also for the phenomenal amount of products you have all brought in this week in aid of the Hygiene bank. As you know, our wonderful Pupil Governors decided they wanted to support this new Winchester charity and have done a fantastic job of promoting it. Lynn from the Hygiene Bank also attended today's Harvest Festival and was overwhelmed by the amount of donations.

This week's 'Tell me Tuesday' was a real hit with the children. Lily Venus came in to talk to the children about Mindfulness and gave them some wonderful ideas and strategies as to how to practise being mindful. Thank you so much to those parents who attended – I really hope you found it both useful and interesting.

A few days ago, Mrs Gwilliam spoke to all the children about the importance of taking pride in their appearance and being ready to learn including when wearing their PE Kit. Please can you make sure you read the section later on in the newsletter about PE kit and what children should be wearing. As an addition, we have noticed some children wearing jewellery to school including larger style earrings. Please can you make sure that children only wear plain stud earrings when at school so that there is no risk of earrings getting caught and causing serious injury to the wearer.

Finally, I want to say a massive thank you to our wonderful FoSS team who did an amazing job of serving refreshments at today's Harvest. The money raised by FoSS makes a huge difference to us as a school in terms of the opportunities we can provide for the children. Yesterday, I received the final design for our Wellbeing Garden in the pond area which was worked on collaboratively with our children and the students at Sparsholt Agricultural College. It is hoped that the students from the college will be able to start work on turning the plans into a reality this term and this wouldn't be possible without the funds raised by FoSS for all the resources needed.

I'm pleased to say the weather is looking to improve this weekend with the sun out for both Saturday and Sunday so I hope you all have a wonderful and fun 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. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Tillie	Damien	Willow
Beech	Florence	Skyla	Reuben
Maple	Daisy	Teddy	Aanika
Rowan	Megan	Tom	Madeleine
Oak	Scout	Jemima	Fearne & Inigo



General Information

Dates for the diary – October 2023

2023		October				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday	04	05	06	07	08
09 INSET DAY	10 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday 3:45pm Phonics session for Year R parents	11	12	13 9:15am School Harvest Festival	14	15
16	17 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM		
30 3:35pm - 4:15pm Marvellous Monday - Maple, Rowan & Oak parents	31 2:45pm Tell Me Tuesday					

2023

November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
30	31	01	02 3:35pm - 4:15pm Thrilling Thursday - Willow and Beech Class parents	03	04	05	
06	07 3:45pm - 7pm Online parents evening	08	09 3:45pm - 7pm Online parents evening	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	01	02	03	
04	05	Notes:					

Tell Me Tuesday Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Talk</u>
Tuesday 17 th October	2:45pm	“Healthy Teeth” – Mrs Baber
Tuesday 31 st October	2:45pm	“Army Corps Marching Band” – Mr Robertson
Tuesday 21 st November	2:45pm	“Outstanding Orchids” – Mr Norton

Other talks to watch out for – dates TBC

- “Archaeological Antics” – Dr Fluck
- “Imagination and Dreams” – Mr Firth
- “Working for the Air Ambulance” – Mr Sawyer

School PE Uniform

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Mrs Gwilliam spoke to all the children about PE Kit. Just like school uniform, we want the children to feel smart and ready to learn especially as they are wearing their PE clothing all day. Mrs Gwilliam clarified to all the children about what the correct PE uniform should be and that it is important that they still take pride in their appearance as they do when wearing their school uniform. She also discussed appropriate footwear for PE.

As clarification from my letter at the beginning of term, our PE uniform is as follows:

- Black or navy shorts/skortis (not lycra shorts) or black or navy jogging bottoms/full length leggings
- Light blue school PE T-shirt
- Navy blue School Jumper/Cardigan or Navy blue school PE hoodie (optional)
- Trainers/plimsolls (with appropriate grip)

Please note: with the exception of trainers, ALL PE CLOTHING SHOULD BE NON-BRANDED.

After the October half term we also ask that children do not wear shorts as part of their PE uniform due to the lowering temperatures and the importance of them remaining warm throughout the day especially when they are not undertaking physical activity.

Thank you for your support with this.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Year 7 admissions round - Open

Applications are open for the next

18 days

until the national application deadline

31 October 2023

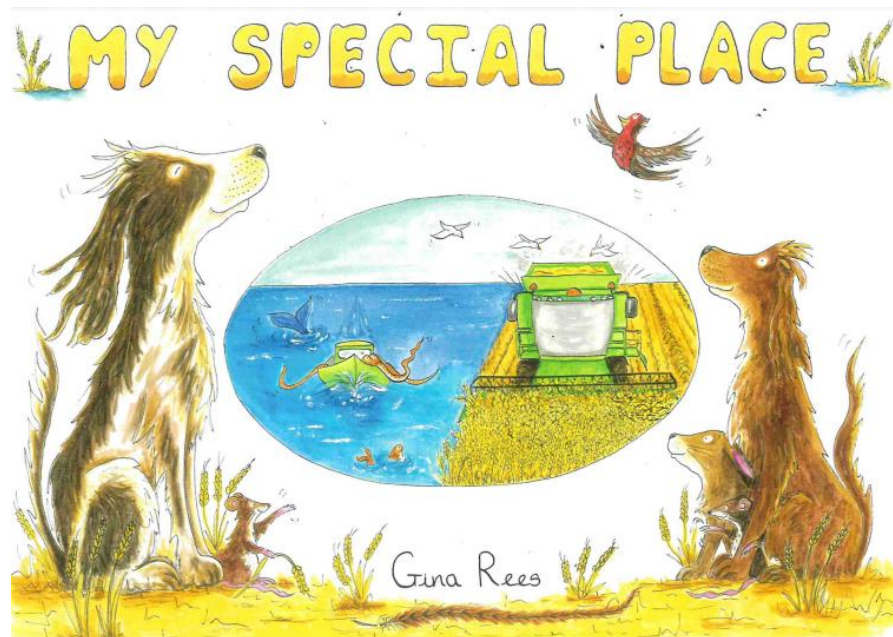
[Learn more about the Year 7
application process](#)

Make an application >

For parents of our current Year 6 children, please remember that the deadline for making your applications for your child's Year 7 secondary school place is fast approaching – 31st October 2023.

Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information or help.

Visit from author, Gina Rees – Willow and Beech Classes - Monday 16th October 2023



We are very fortunate to be able to welcome Gina Rees, a local author and illustrator into our school on Monday 16th October.

She will be coming to share her story "My Special Place" with Willow Class and Beech Class and, as a Farmer's wife, talk to them all about harvest time.

Sports for Champions UK – Chloe Peplow visit to school, Friday 3rd November



We are so excited to be hosting an inspirational workshop and sponsored fitness circuit with England Under 20s Women's Third Place Play-Off Winner Chloe Peplow on Friday 3rd November. Chloe needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help the school and other athletes across the country.

The children should all have come home with a sponsorship form now and there is also a crowdfunder website, <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sparsholt>, which has lots more information about Sports for Champions UK, Chloe Peplow, what will happen on the day and where the money raised will go.

This will be an amazing opportunity for our children, not only to meet an inspirational athlete but also to raise some essential funds for the school. We will be asking for ideas from the children as to what they would like to see bought with the money raised. So please direct your friends, families and local community to the crowd funder website above, and make this a truly memorable day for our children!

Special Bonfire Night Menu – Friday 3rd November 2023

On Friday 3rd November, we will be running a special Bonfire Night 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.

A promotional poster for a Bonfire Night menu. The background is black with yellow stars and colorful fireworks. A large pencil is depicted as a rocket, with its eraser at the top and its body forming the rocket's body, launching upwards. The text 'FOOD TO FLOURISH' is in the top left. 'BONFIRE NIGHT' is written in large, white, stylized letters. Below that, 'Friday 3rd November' is written. A blue box contains the word 'Menu'. The menu items are: 'Vegetable Pizza Swirl or Pork Sausage in a roll served with chipped potatoes, sweetcorn, baked beans' and 'Toffee Apple Crumble and Ice cream'. At the bottom, it says 'Salad and additional bread available'.

FoSS Update

- FoSS held our AGM this week – please look out for a separate e-mail coming out soon with our Chair’s and Treasurer’s reports, along with more information about how you can support FoSS this year.
- **Your new FoSS team are:**

Treasurer - Sam - mum to Jack

Secretary - Melissa - mum to Enid

Uniform and online sales - Rachel - mum to Cora

Chair position is still vacant and we would welcome anyone to discuss this with one of us.

We really want to thank the new team for taking these roles on. We have had a lot of fun doing it over recent years and I am sure they will too.

The following parents have kindly volunteered to support FoSS as your new class reps this year:

Willow

Katie - mum to Tillie

Kayleigh - mum to Hugo

Beech

Nicky - mum to Olive and Nancy

Miriam - mum to Jemima and Peter

Maple

Caroline - mum to Emily and Oliver

Kelly - mum to Joshie and Tabitha

Rowan

Alex - mum to Isaac and Pippa

Liz - mum to Pearl and Elise

Oak

Kath - mum to Isabella

Katy - mum to Aubrey and Madeleine

Thank you all your support to FoSS, the school and the children is much appreciated

- **Other news - cake sale next Friday after school**

Other Useful Information

Little Lunch Club

Monday 23 October until Friday 27 October 2023.

FREE nutritious, freshly-made children's lunches available daily from Projects Store, for school-aged children from low-income families living in Winchester City and District, who receive free school meals. Also for families who are worried about affording food for their children throughout the Half Term. Just ask Projects' Staff for the Little Lunch Club menu.

Want to stay and play? Kids craft activities available. No need to book. Available **Monday 23 October until Friday 27 October 2023**. Just ask staff for a Little Lunch Club menu.

Special dietary requirements? Use the QR code or link below to direct message Projects Café ahead of your visit and they'll happily cater to your needs. www.instagram.com/projectsstore

Can't get to Projects? No problem! Families from participating schools* can collect a food parcel from their school instead from 18 October. Each parcel contains ingredients for 10 x Little Lunches. Yum!

*Sun Hill Jr. School, Kings Worthy Primary, Weeke Primary, Stanmore Primary, Winnall Primary, Bishop Waltham Jr. School

Projects Store & Kitchen
6 Middle Brook St, Winchester SO23 8BQ



WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER HALF-TERM AND CHRISTMAS
Tudor House, SeaCity Museum & Southampton City Art Gallery



To book and for detailed information on any of our activities visit

www.wegotickets.com/southamptonculture

ART FOR ALL: Watercolour and Wax Autumn Paintings (5yrs+)
Mon 23 Oct / 10am, 11.30am or 1.30pm / Art Gallery / £7
Join us in amongst the paintings at the gallery to create a beautiful mixed media autumn picture using wax crayons, watercolours and collage.



HANDS ON HISTORY: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6yrs+)
Mon 23 Oct / 10.30am, 1pm / Tudor House / £8
Venture into Dr Frankenstein's lair and mould your own hideous clay creation to take away with you. The session will also take a look at some other nasty ways people used to ward off ghosts in the past.

ART FOR ALL: Clay Owls (5yrs+)
Tues 24 Oct / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8
Twit twoo! Twit twoo! Enjoy a relaxing hour and a half, playing with clay to create a seasonal owl sculpture and at this fun and friendly workshop.

ART SCHOOL: Zombies sculptures (7yrs+)
Wed 25 Oct / 10am-3pm / Art Gallery / £28
Be inspired by the sculptures on display in the gallery to create a maquette from wire before coating with layers of clay to create a spooky sculpture of your choice and a surrounding scene.



TOUR FOR All: Scary and Spooky Southampton Walking Tour (6yrs+)
Wed 25 Oct / 11am, 2pm / Tudor House
£7 per person, £24 family ticket
Join guide Andy Skinner in exploring the hidden histories of Southampton by venturing into vaults and scale the town's ancient walls. Discover tales of war, plague, villainy and ghosts! Bring a torch and wear sensible shoes.

SCC CULTURE CLUB
Southampton Culture Club for Kids (6yrs-12yrs)
Mon, Tues, Wed: 9am-4pm
(drop off from 8.45am) SeaCity Museum
£35 per day (£90 for 3 days)

Days of investigation, imagination and discovery for children aged 6yrs to 12yrs who love being creative and learning through fun activities. Led by the experienced cultural services learning team, at Kids' Club children will explore the past, experience the museum and gallery and make really cool things!

Halloween
Mon 23 Oct: SPOOKY SHIPS AND HAUNTED HOUSES

Get spooky making your own ghostly ship and haunted house using range of arty techniques

Tuesday 24 Oct: 2D MONSTER MASH UP!
Try your hand at art techniques and create some gruesome pictures of amazing monster from your mind.

Wednesday 25 Oct: 3D MONSTER MASH UP!
Get creative and invent your own monster using recycled toys. A fun sculpture day full of making.

Halloween at Tudor House
Family Fun Day Thurs 26 Oct
Museum admission FREE!*

friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day! There'll be creepy crafts, gruesome games, face painting and a haunting trail! Join one of our famous spooky ghost tours to discover the stories hidden in the house.

*Charges apply for some drop-in activities. Tours are pre-book.



LETS GET FESTIVE
TOUR FOR ALL: Christmas Lantern Tour
Sat 16 Dec / 5pm, 7pm / Tudor House
£7 per person, £24 family ticket

ART FOR ALL: Winter Watercolours (8yrs+)
Mon 18 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm
Art Gallery / £8

ART FOR ALL: Brilliant Birds (5yrs+)
Tues 19 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm
Art Gallery / £8

ART FOR ALL: Print your own Wrapping Paper (4yrs+)
Wed 20 Dec / 10am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm
Art Gallery / £8



LETS MAKE A: Christmas at Hogwarts (6yrs+)
Tues 19 or Wed 20 Dec / 10.30am or 1pm
Tudor House / £8

ART FOR ALL: Wire Reindeer (12yrs+)
Tues 19 Dec / 11am-1pm / Art Gallery / £22

ART FOR ALL: Wire Christmas Decorations (12yrs+)
Wed 20 Dec / 11am-1pm / Art Gallery / £22

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Christmas Holidays
Monday 18 Dec: CHRISTMAS CHARACTERS
Tuesday 19 Dec: CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
Wednesday 20 Dec: ALL WRAPPED UP!



Birthday Parties for kids



If you've got a history fan or art enthusiast at home then why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities. From £10 per child. Email museums.education@southampton.gov.uk



Father Christmas & Christmas Crafts at Tudor House (all ages)

Sat 9, Sun 10, Sat 16, Sun 17, Mon 18 Dec
£15 per child

Discover the magic of a Tudor House Christmas with your family this year. Enjoy a festive visit to Father Christmas in beautiful surroundings, complete with a traditional gift and craft activity where you can make a decoration to take home.

Ticket includes entry to the house, where you can enjoy our super cute Christmas Tudor House Mouse trail.

Why not add a festive afternoon tea at our café where the whole family can enjoy a range of tasty seasonal sweet and savoury treats while overlooking our beautiful garden. Book in advance
Adults £17.50 Children £10.50

KEY: Dress for mess 🍴 Bring a snack 🥗 or packed lunch 🍷 Venue/tour has accessibility issues ♿

SPARSHOLT FIREWORKS BY PETER YEATES @ THE PLOUGH INN

**SATURDAY
4TH NOVEMBER 2023
FROM 6.30PM**

KIDS BEST GUY COMPETITION AT 6:45
BONFIRE AT 7
MAIN EVENT FIREWORKS AT 7.15

ENTRANCE FEE

	ADVANCE	ON DAY
ADULTS	£5	£7
KIDS	£3	£4
FAMILY OF 4	£15	£20

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MULLED WINE/CIDER	TOFFEE APPLES

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