

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General information
- ❖ Other useful information



Maple Class  
and their woolly  
mammoths!

### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

- ✓ Sparsholt Village Fete – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- ✓ Annual Pet Service – 10am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, The Green (Woodman Close)
- ✓ Yr 6 Bikeability all week – bikes to be brought to school at 8:30am Monday

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the weather has been somewhat extreme this week, I am pleased to report that the work done over the Summer to try to stop our flooding issues seems to have done the job with no sign of the torrential rain entering the building. It also means we can finally get rid of the sandbags that have been stored by the entrance for the past 4 years or so. If anyone can make use of them, or the sand inside, please do feel free to contact the office to arrange collection.

I very much hope that those of you that were able to attend the Family BBQ last Friday, arranged by our amazing FoSS team, had a wonderful time. The weather was perfect and when myself and Mrs Gwilliam popped over, it looked like the children were very much enjoying themselves. Our FoSS team work tirelessly to raise extra funds for the school and any help you can provide including being part of the committee, helping out at events or just taking part is much appreciated.

This week, the school has been a hive of activity with Willow class focusing on the topic 'All about us'. They have been learning all about their bodies and had great fun making representations of the body using straws. They have also been using their senses and today have been using their sense of smell to identify mystery substances and their sense of touch to work out 'what was in the bag'.

Beech class have been reading the 'Naughty Bus' and finding out about all the antics the Naughty Bus has been getting up to – I can tell you, they were horrified!. Next week they will be writing to advise the Naughty Bus that he really does need to change his ways.

Maple class have been inspired by the story 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and have been following and evaluating a set of instructions as to how to make their own woolly mammoth. They will be using their experience to work out which instructions were clear and what elements were difficult to follow so that they can write a really clear and effective set of instructions themselves.

Rowan class have been very much focused on our Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing this week. They have been focusing on each of the sections and thinking about how they could make sure they fulfilled each one. They have been sharing their ideas with each other and have come up with some amazing ideas from giving the toys they no longer play with to others, to making sure they look out of the window for at least 10 minutes a day to truly appreciate the beauty of the world around them.

Oak class have been excellent historians and have been working in 'Time Teams' to complete chronology time challenges. They have now honed their skills and have become experts in ordering historical events and periods.

I am really pleased that the sun has come out today ready for what looks to be a busy and fun weekend. As I am sure you know, on Saturday the Sparsholt Village Fete will be taking place starting at 1pm and on Sunday the Pet Service will be on Woodman Green starting at 10am. Both events will be fantastic so please do come along to support them if you can.

Have a wonderful 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
<b>Willow</b>	Hugo	Jonathan	Niam
<b>Beech</b>	Cora	Phoebe	Beni
<b>Maple</b>	Emily	Pippa	Scarlett
<b>Rowan</b>	Elise	Isaac	Cordelia
<b>Oak</b>	Hugh	Annabel	Alexia



## 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	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
INSET DAY	3:45pm Phonics session for Year R parents			9:15am School Harvest Festival		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM		
30	31					
3:35pm - 4:15pm Marvellous Monday - Maple, Rowan & Oak parents						

## List of upcoming trips / events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Pupils involved</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Things to remember</u>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6	Bikeability	Children to wear PE kits, including navy or black joggers / leggings, and bring a lightweight waterproof top / coat. Children to bring their bikes and helmets to school at 8:30am on Monday (along with a lock) to store in the D-area all week. Bikes to be collected at the end of the day on Friday.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak Class	World War II history workshop – Creative History	Children to come into school dressed as World War II evacuees.

## School Communications

We would just like to remind you of the various e-mail addresses that we use at school and when we would ask that you use them:

<u>E-mail Address</u>	<u>Use</u>
<a href="mailto:absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk">absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk</a>	Please use this e-mail address to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. Please ensure that you let us know the reason for absence, whether the absence is going to be for a full day or part of a day and, where applicable, if you would like a school meal ordered for your child. If you do not request a school meal to be ordered, we will assume your child will bring in their own lunch if required. Please inform us about absences at the earliest opportunity, as due to safeguarding reasons, we must be able to account for all children each day. Please note that you will receive an automated response to this e-mail.
<a href="mailto:goinghome@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk">goinghome@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk</a>	Please use this e-mail address to let us know about any different home arrangements for your child <b><i>e.g. if your child is being picked-up by someone other than yourself, if your child is taking the school bus home, if your child is not attending a club they are registered for.</i></b> Please ensure that any home arrangements are communicated by 2pm at the latest – you will receive a “received and actioned” response from this e-mail to confirm that the office has actioned your request. If you do not get this response by 2:15pm or you have an emergency change of arrangements, <b>please ring the school office</b> , and then write a follow-up e-mail to this address.
<a href="mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk">adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk</a>	For any other, non-urgent enquiries, please use this e-mail address.

## E-mail distribution lists

Typically we add the primary contact for a child to our e-mail distribution lists (e.g. newsletter, parent information). If another contact would also like to be on one or more of the distribution lists, please contact the school office at [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) informing us and we can ensure that another contact is added.

## Head lice & Threadworms

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of both head lice and threadworms this week at school. Please could we ask that all parents check their child's hair over the weekend for head lice. It would be great to have a determined effort to clear them from school as soon as possible.

## Annual Pet Service – 10am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### DO YOU HAVE A PET ?

The annual **Pet Service**, led by Mrs Wesley and Sparsholt School will be held on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at **10.00 a.m.**



Bring your Pets (and a chair to sit on)!  
If you don't have a pet, still come to see the animals, bring a cuddly animal toy, join in the Service & enjoy the refreshments

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## Other Useful Information

Winchester Green Week

**WINCHESTER GREEN WEEK IS COMING GET INVOLVED**

GREEN WEEK:  
**23RD SEPT - 1ST OCT 2023**

FIND OUT MORE

SCAN ME

winchestergreenweek.org.uk

The poster is green with white and light green text. It features the Winchester Green Week logo at the top left, a stylized globe with a face in the top right, and a QR code in the bottom right. The main text is in large, bold, sans-serif fonts.