

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

20th October 2023

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

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Visit from local author, Gina Rees



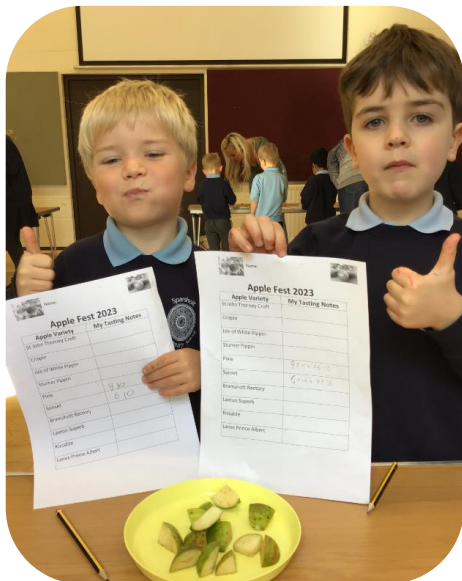
IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023

- ✓ "Marvellous Monday" for Maple, Rowan and Oak class parents
Mon 30th Oct 3:35pm - 4:15pm
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday :
"Army Corps Marching Band" - Simon Robertson - Tues 31st Oct 2:45pm
- ✓ "Thrilling Thursday" for Willow and Beech class parents
Thurs 2nd Nov 3:35pm - 4:15pm
- ✓ Sports for Champions - sponsored fitness circuit and Q&A session with Chloe Peplow
Fri 3rd Nov - sponsorship money to be brought to office from Wed 1st Nov
- ✓ Special bonfire-themed menu - Fri 3rd Nov
- ✓ Football & Netball matches vs Cherbourg Primary School (selected teams) - Fri 3rd Nov

Thanks to your incredible generosity today for our annual Apple Fest, we have managed to raise **£312** for Karis Kids!



Sparsholt Apple Fest 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous end to what has been a fantastic first half term. I can't tell you how proud I feel about how well the children, especially our new Year Rs, have settled into school life and are already making such a big difference to others within and outside our school community. The support and understanding the children show to each other, how they celebrate difference and how amazingly inclusive they all are is just phenomenal.

This week has provided another diverse and exciting range of opportunities for the children. On Monday, KS1 had a wonderful visit from local author Gina Rees who came in to talk to the children about her new book and all the amazing characters she has created. It was a really interactive visit and the children came away with such excitement and enthusiasm.

On Tuesday, Mrs Baber came in to talk to the children about their teeth and in particular the importance of brushing them! As always, the children listened intently and hopefully you will have seen a difference to their approach. Do check out the upcoming 'Tell Me Tuesday' events as there are some really interesting visitors coming in next half-term.

On Wednesday, the youth team from Christ Church came in to take Worship. They do such a fantastic job of getting their messages across in a really engaging way and the children really do enjoy the interactive nature of their assemblies.

And of course today it has been all about 'Apple Fest' and whilst I have not been able to attend, reports have come back as to how amazing our third annual Apple Fest has been. I have been told that the children loved the whole experience and it seems that the apple of choice this year is the "Laxton Superb". We must of course apologise to all parents and carers due to the fact that from now on it is quite possible that in your households an apple may no longer be considered just be an apple!! I would also like to thank both our parent volunteers at Apple Fest and our amazing FoSS team who yet again have done an incredible job of providing apple themed treats after school today.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be part of our School Comms working party. We met on Monday and discussed at length what they felt was working well and areas that could be improved. As a group, we have already come up with some ideas which will hopefully ensure our approach to communications are effective and efficient and will start to implement some of those ideas after half-term.

Finally, please don't forget that during the first week back we have "Marvellous Monday" for Maple, Rowan and Oak and "Thrilling Thursday" for Willow and Beech. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children to be able to share all the amazing learning they have been doing, with you as parents/carers. Also, please don't forget that our virtual Parent Evenings are taking place on the 7th and 9th November and the booking system opens at 8:00am tomorrow morning.

I want to thank all of you for the amazing support you continue to show us as a school and want to wish you all a wonderful half-term break.

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	Maxi	George	Arthur
Beech	Edward	Liv	Henry
Maple	Joshua F	Martha	Edi
Rowan	Bryony	Jannah	Fallon
Oak	Cara	Olivia	Isabella



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.

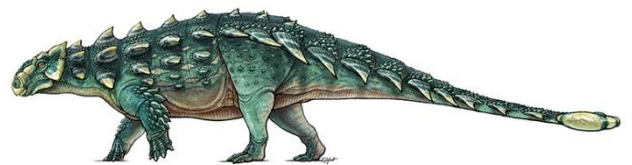
Gold “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:

GOLD:

SILVER:

**BRONZE: Henry N,
Oscar, Harriet**



Important Messages

Parents' Evenings

This term's parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 7th November** and **Thursday 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 (see e-mail sent on Wednesday 18th October).

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Saturday 21st October until midday (12pm) on Monday 6th November.

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

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

Tell Me Tuesday Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Talk</u>
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
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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 crowdfunder website above, and make this a truly memorable day for our children!

New lunch menus for October 2023 – April 2024

New lunch menus for October 2023 – April 2024 can now be found on the school website at:

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/school_meals/210528

The picnic menu will not be available for this period.

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.



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 2023			
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited
Mon 30 th Oct	Marvellous Monday Come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm to 4:15pm	Yes Maple, Rowan & Oak
Tues 31 st Oct	Tell Me Tuesday Army Corps Marching Band	2:45pm to 3:15pm	Yes
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Thrilling Thursday Come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm to 4:15pm	Yes Willow & Beech
Fri 3 rd Nov	Sports for Champions Q&A & sponsored circuit with Chloe Peplow	Morning	
Tues 7 th Nov	Online parents evening Bookings open 8am Sat 21st Oct	3:45pm to 7:00pm	Yes
Thurs 9 th Nov	Online parents evening Bookings open 8am Sat 21st Oct	3:45pm to 7:00pm	Yes
Tues 21 st Nov	Tell Me Tuesday Outstanding Orchids	2:45pm to 3:15pm	Yes
Fri 8 th Dec	KS1 nativity	9:30am	Yes
Sun 10 th Dec	St Stephen's Church Carol Concert	6:00pm	Yes
Tues 12 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	2:15pm	Yes
Fri 15 th Dec	Last day of term 3:30pm finish		

FoSS Updates

We now have two amazing mums who have volunteered to become our co-chairs for FoSS:

Kelly - mum to Joshie and Tabatha

Miriam - mum to Jemima and Peter

We cannot thank them enough in taking this role on. We know they will be a great team and have a strong group of class reps, secretary and treasurer working with them.

Other Events

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
Twiit twoo! Twiit 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.

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

SCC CULTURE CLUB

Southampton Culture Club for Kids (6½-12yrs)

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 6½ 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.



LET'S 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



LET'S 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

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

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ALONGSIDE OUR USUAL MENU

KIDS HOT CHOC	KIDS HOT DOGS
BOOZY HOT CHOC	POSH DOGS
MULLED WINE/CIDER	TOFFEE APPLES

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