

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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Learning about  
penguins in  
Willow Class!

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

- ✓ All classes – "Chance to Shine" cricket lessons Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – PE kit
- ✓ KS2 Maths Parent Workshop – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3:45pm in school
- ✓ Maple Class – Ancient Egyptian Day – Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan
- ✓ Maple Class – swimming lessons – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Winchester Leisure Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to finish the week with such positivity. This week's worship theme has been all about the story of David and Goliath. On Monday we discussed how we often come up against what seem like insurmountable challenges but with courage to have a go, creativity as to how we are going to approach something in a different way and compassion and support from others we are able to beat those 'Goliaths'. It was so wonderful in Celebration worship today to hear the pride in the children's voices as they recounted the stories as to how they had beaten their own Goliaths.

Thank you so much to those of you who have already signed up to the Arbor Parent App – at the moment 86% of parents and carers have signed up which is great. If you haven't signed up, can I please encourage you to do so this weekend as we will be moving our payments system from ScoPay to Arbor very shortly. We also intend to use the In-app messaging facility to help with communications so messages can get to parents quickly and easily through their mobile devices which will be fantastic for reminders and in cases of short notice changes/updates in particular.

As you know, next Monday (29<sup>th</sup> January) we have our KS2 Maths Parent Workshop and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of you who have said you will be attending. Please can I ask that you collect your children as normal at 3:30pm and then come back to the front gate and come in with your children through Reception where we will ask you to sign-in. For parents in KS1, please remember that the date for the KS1 Maths Parents Workshop is 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 3:45pm.

During the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> February we will again be holding our wonderful 'Children's Mental Health week' with a variety of activities planned daily to help support children with their emotional wellbeing. We are incredibly pleased to announce that we will again be welcoming our incredibly popular celebrity 'Dino the dog' who no doubt will be a huge hit.

The forecast for this weekend is looking good so I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and are able to get outside and enjoy the winter sunshine.

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.

	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>Willow</b>	Jonathan	George	Arthur
<b>Beech</b>	Alice	Wilf	Olive
<b>Maple</b>	Clara	Evie	Gus
<b>Rowan</b>	Ishaan	Megan	Lucy
<b>Oak</b>	Annabel	Oscar	Pearl



### 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: Adam**


**BRONZE: Skyla, Fearne,  
Elise, Harry, Alexia, Verity,  
Abel, Inigo, Annabel, Erin,  
Louis, Henri**



## Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Spring Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	3:45pm	Yes Maple, Rowan & Oak Class parents only	
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 SATs Information Evening	5:30pm	Yes Year 6 Parents only - no children	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of half-term	3:30pm		

## Important Notices



**We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App**

**We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.**

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

- Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
- Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
- Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
- Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
- Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
- Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic.  
W10 3BN, London, GB

Enter your password

Log In

Forgotten password?


### Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

**Some tips to try:**

- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
- Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
- Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
- Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
- Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



We are now using the Arbor Parent App!

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to the app – we have had an **86%** uptake so far!

This app will allow you as parents and carers to see all key information regarding your child / children e.g. attendance statistics, list of trips and clubs your child is registered for. We will also be able to send in-app messages to you to remind you about school events etc. Finally, in the next 2 weeks all payments will also move over to the Arbor App and replace SCOPAY - more details about this will follow shortly.

For this system of communication to work effectively we really do need all our parents to sign-up to this app, **so if you have not yet signed up, please can I ask that you do so this weekend!**



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## FoSS Update

**SAVE THE DATE - FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**



Thank you to those who have filled in the survey we sent out last week. We will start to look through the responses and use this to inform upcoming events. If you haven't yet completed it, there is still time :)

[FoSS Survey 2024](#)

The link was also sent out via WhatsApp by class reps on Wednesday. The more responses we get the better, as we are keen to represent what everyone would like.



## Other Information

### Sparsholt Village Shop

Sparsholt are looking for new volunteers to help run the community shop. If you have a couple of hours spare one weekday (or Saturday) morning and would like to be involved in a friendly team please pop in and chat to Janette or one of the volunteers. Parents, carers, grandparents or anyone in the locality would be welcome.

Alternatively, if you are short on time please do pop in to the shop at drop off – we have a wide selection of goods and may save you a trip to the supermarket! We are grateful for your support.



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### BE A CHORISTER FOR AN AFTERNOON

Unlock your child's musical potential and find out what it's like to sing in a professional choir



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**2.30pm – 6.30pm**

Experience being a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral  
Sing with the Cathedral Choir, hear the mighty organ and try on a cassock  
Open to all girls in years 5, 6 and 7. Recruiting from current Years 6 and 7

Please contact [choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk) or call 01962 857200 to book