



20th November 2020

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days

1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Design a helmet (Road safety)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful day it has been. Watching children come in, in their 'blinged up' school uniforms for our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' initiative run by our Junior Road Safety Officers, Emily from Y6 and William and Isabelle from Year 5 just showed how important the children realise being visible is, especially as we continue to head into these darker evenings.

I have also had the pleasure of teaching in Beech class today. Their enthusiasm for their learning is something that makes me so proud. They were tasked to write diary entries about the Great Fire of London and their knowledge about the subject was astounding.

All week, the children have been engrossed in many different learning opportunities. Where 'Maths meets Art' was the theme in Oak class who have been creating a range of beautiful and complex geometric patterns using a 360° protractor. Rowan class have been building hovercrafts out of CDs and balloons to investigate both air and water resistance and showed their excellent investigative skills in science. Willow class have been learning all about Diwali and creating their own Rangoli patterned window decorations and earlier this week, Maple class were incredibly lucky as the 'Iron Man' came to visit them.

The theme for this week's worship has been 'Keeping Safe' which of course links to one of our Golden Rules, 'Be safe and sensible'. The aim has been to encourage children to be aware of danger and to help them become more responsible for their own safety which fits in nicely with our Junior Road safety's initiative including the competition they are running from today, to design a really bright and stylish cycling helmet.

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast, especially as the temperature continues to drop, to make sure your children are always suitably dressed for their time at school including on PE days.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

**Core Christian Value Awards**

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
Courage	Mia	Henry	Scout	Amelia	Tabitha
Compassion	Felix	Diya	Hattie	Scarlett	Florrie
Creativity	Joshua	Lucy	Oscar	Sam	Eddie

**Today is **Be Bright**, **Be Seen** Day**

Today Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Emily, Isabelle and William have been looking at all the children coming in to school with their amazing ideas on how to make their uniform bright and reflective. Well done to everyone! Visit the **Be Bright**, **Be Seen** photo gallery later on today on the school website!

The JRSOs are now hoping all the children will have a go at designing a 'be bright, be seen' cycle/scooter helmet. A template for this is with this newsletter. Fun prizes will be on offer for the most original, bright and colourful helmet across all ages - closing date for helmet design entries Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **How much does your family know about Online Safety? Win prizes for our school with The Legends Family Challenge!**

The Legends Family Adventure is a three-part animated series following a family of Internauts through Interland. It was developed by Google and Parent Zone as part of the Be Internet Legends programme — helping children to be safer and more confident online.

When Lumen's bear goes missing, her whole family must brave Interland to get it back. Along the way, the family learns lessons from the Legends Code — including helpful tips on what to do with cyberbullies, how to spot scams and set strong passwords, as well as important lessons on kindness. And, Lumen discovers she's stronger and braver than she ever thought she could be.

Once you've watched the films, it is time to test your family's online safety knowledge by entering The Legends Family Challenge, proving your legendary status and maybe even winning some prizes for our school along the way.

You can find out more about the free family resources and to enter the challenge from The Be Internet Legends programme by visiting [parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure](https://parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendsfamilyadventure)

## **FoSS News: - FOSSIL**

Here's the idea. Every year at this time, FOSS is doing amazing work raising money for our awesome school. This year though, their job is being made infinitely more difficult by the dreaded COVID! So, a small group of us thought we could all do something to boost their efforts and raise some extra cash, whilst keeping us fit and (maybe more importantly), sane during lockdown.

Our idea is that we all get out there and walk, run, ride, swim or whatever is your thing and donate £1 to FOSS each time you do any activity. Keep track of what you do and we will endeavour to make some sort of way of sharing our achievements and maybe introducing an element of competition to keep us all motivated. Of course, the real winners are those raising the most money and having the most fun! One thing that should also be made clear is that Lycra is NOT mandatory! (It just made for an awesome name.... Friends of Sparsholt School In Lycra - FOSSIL!) Please text **"I'm a FOSSIL"** to **07717134477** if you are up for taking part and happy to join a WhatsApp group!

For the Strava disciples among you, there is a club called FOSSIL that you can join to track all your activities and even have a little light-hearted competition on some running, road bike and MTB routes and segments!



## SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 8th year, Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School have teamed up with our reputable Christmas tree supplier to provide beautiful Nordmann Fir non drop trees at a reasonable price. The quality of the trees is excellent - if you want to know more, please ask around - we have provided hundreds of trees to the village and school over the last seven years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 6th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with either cash or a cheque (made out to FOSS) by **Thursday 26th November**. Please use your surname as reference and email [friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com) when done so we can trace your order

All money raised will go to both the school and the shop



### Christmas Tree Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop)	Price per tree	Quantity required	Total amount (£)
3 - 4 ft	£26		
4 - 5 ft	£30		
5 - 6 ft	£37		
6 - 7 ft	£47		
7 - 8 ft	£56		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

#### FOSS Bank Details:

Account name: Friends of Sparsholt School.

Bank: Santander Sort code: 090153 Account no: 35353282