

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

27th September 2024

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

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Thank you to those who attended the Pet Service last Sunday and to the animals who behaved so well, even with the last minute move into the Church!

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Bikeability for Year 6 – Mon 30th September and Tues 1st October
 - Bring bikes and helmets into school via back gate at 08:30am on Monday
 - Wear PE kit on Monday and Tuesday
 - Collect bikes at the end of the day on Tuesday
- ✓ Census day – Thurs 3rd October
- ✓ No keyboard / recorder lessons Thurs 3rd October due to staff absence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the torrential downpours we have experienced throughout this week, the children have not let the weather dampen their spirits, and they have continued to show great resilience and determination in producing amazing, high quality work.

It was lovely to hear that despite the awful weather, the Pet Service was able to go ahead in St. Stephen's Church with some of our children doing a wonderful job of not only offering a prayer to the congregation but simultaneously ensuring some immaculate behaviour from their pets!

This week, Willow class has been a hive of activity focusing on the topic 'All about me'. The children have been continuing to tell us all about their families, even drawing some wonderful portraits of their loved ones.

Beech class have been reading the 'Paddington Bear' stories and finding out about all of the main characters in preparation for next week where they will be starting to write their own stories based on these classic books.

Maple class have started learning all about religious celebrations, focusing on Diwali and thinking all about its spiritual symbolism of good over evil.

In Rowan class, the children have been learning the art of persuasive letter writing, whilst Oak class have focused on finding out all about the key features of biographies, with a particular emphasis on the life of Dr Barnardo.

Our pupil leadership teams are now in full swing with our Pupil Governors having been elected by their classmates. The team had their first 'working lunch' with Mrs Gwilliam today and were welcomed into the role. They have already undertaken some in-depth discussions around the issues they want to tackle during the year ahead and I have absolutely no doubt they will be incredible ambassadors for our school and invoke some real and meaningful change.

Next Thursday 3rd October is census day, which is a really critical day for all schools. The Government use census day to calculate amongst other things how much funding they will provide schools to support them with the cost of the school meals every child in Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are entitled to for free. HC3S (our food provider) will be making a change to the usual menu for census day (look out for information about this next week) and we very much hope that as many children as possible in those year groups will choose to have a school meal on that day to ensure that we receive sufficient funding for the year ahead. This really can make a huge difference to our funding in school, so we really appreciate your support with this.

Despite the somewhat autumnal weather today, I do hope that you all managed to grab a cake, or two, from the sale on the Memorial Green (opposite the shop) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Have a fantastic weekend.

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.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Louis	Grace	Chloe
Beech	Grace	Evie	Erin
Maple	Harry	Allana	Skyla
Rowan	Daisy L	Jannah	Pippa R
Oak	Neve	Isaac	Tabatha



House Point "Rosette" Awards

Following on from last year's scolosaurus awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely rosette badge.

Bronze "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Zevon – completed his 50th Park Run, earning his ultra-marathon bracelet
- * Henri – medal winning performance at a BMX competition
- * Cara – medal winning performance at gymnastics regional qualifiers
- * Tom – man of the match in his football match against Alresford
- * Martha – superb performance in goal for Winchester City Flyers

Well done everyone!

Please do keep sending your achievements into us!



Key Dates for the Diary



Sparsholt C of E Primary School Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Autumn 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 7th Oct 2024	Open morning for prospective parents	School	9:30am - 12:00pm	n/a	Please share with the community
Mon 7th Oct 2024	Phonics Information session	Willow classroom	3:45pm	Yes	For parents of Reception children only
Fri 11th Oct 2024	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	
Fri 18th Oct 2024	School Harvest Festival	Playground / Hall	9:15am	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 25th Oct 2024	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Keyboard / Recorder lessons – no lessons next week

Please note that there will be no keyboard or recorder lessons next week due to staff absence. Lessons will start again on Thursday 10th October.

2. Census Day – Thursday 3rd October - IMPORTANT

Next week, Thursday 3rd October, is census day. The Government use census day to calculate amongst other things how much funding they will provide schools to support them with the cost of the school meals every child in YrR, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to for free.

For next week only, the meal choices will switch, with Wednesday's choice being available on Thursday and vice versa. We will send out a menu to confirm the choices next week. The jacket potato and picnic options will be available as usual.

We very much hope that as many children as possible in KS1 will choose to have a school meal on that day to ensure that we receive sufficient funding for the year ahead. This really does make a huge difference to the school's budget, so please consider asking your child in Yr R, 1 and 2 to try a school meal on Thursday next week. Thank you in advance for your support with this.





FoSS Update

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parents/carers Yoga on Monday night. The event raised **£120!**

££ Cashpot for Schools Scheme ££

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn’t stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

Event	Details
<p>Movie Night</p> <p><u>Friday 25th October</u></p>  A graphic for 'MOVIE NIGHT' featuring a yellow banner with the text 'MOVIE NIGHT' in black. The banner is surrounded by various movie-related items like a film reel, a clapperboard, and a camera.	<p>We will be running another film night open to all classes.</p> <p>More details / ticket information to follow.</p> <p>We would be grateful to anyone who could help with this event.</p>
<p>Disco</p> <p><u>Last week of term</u></p> <p><u>Date and time TBC</u></p>  A graphic for 'DISCO' featuring the word 'DISCO' in large, colorful, neon-style letters. The background is a dark blue with radiating lines, and the floor is a colorful, checkered pattern.	<p>KS1 and KS2 Disco. We will split the key stages with the younger ones going first and the older ones straight after.</p> <p>If anyone has DJing skills they would like to show off or knows a thing or two about a good disco – we would love for you to be involved!</p>