

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

5th July 2024

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

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Magical musical performances at the end of year concerts last week

Year 5 return from Henry Beaufort Sports Festival



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 8th JULY 2024

- ✓ Willow and Beech Class trip to Hillier Gardens – Mon 8th July
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday – 'The Life of a Pilot' with Mr Cobbold – 2:45pm Tues 9th July
- ✓ Year 6 trip to Cameron's Cottage – Wed 10th July (collection from school at 7pm)
- ✓ Non-Uniform Day in exchange for raffle prizes – Fri 12th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! The classrooms have been full of children singing, dancing and acting in preparation for our fantastic performance of Aladdin. I know I say it a lot, but the talent and enthusiasm here is incredible. Our older pupils are not only taking on the lead roles but also making adaptations to the script, creating the choreography and coming up with ideas for the stage directions. I can absolutely assure you, you are going to be thrilled and amazed by the experience – Broadway has nothing on us!

Whilst last weekend seems an age ago, I want to thank all of the children who took part in the dance performance at the Sparsholt Fete. Unfortunately, due to being struck down by a very nasty sickness bug, I was unable to attend but everyone I have spoken to said it was a truly wonderful performance with the children giving their all. I also want to thank FoSS for the hard work they put in running a stall at the fete and raising much needed funds for the school.

Thank you to all of you who attended Marvellous Monday. Again, I was really sorry to miss it due to still being unwell, as I really do love seeing the joy on the children's faces as they discuss with such pride all the work they have done. I really do hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work and getting them to talk through all the wonderful learning they have done – it makes it so much more meaningful than looking through it alone.

On Monday and Tuesday we had the SCARF team in to provide some wonderful PSHE workshops for all of the children. Each workshop was targeted to a specific year group with 7 workshops taking place across the 2 days. The children were fully engaged in their learning and very much enjoyed the 'inflatable classroom' that was erected inside the hall. The children raised many really insightful comments and questions and the SCARF presenter was incredibly impressed by our children's behaviours and enthusiasm – she said it was one of the best schools she had visited!

I am really pleased to announce that we took another huge step forward to completing the pond transformation. On Tuesday morning, Sparsholt Agricultural College delivered over 5 tonnes of wood chip and I want to personally thank Mr Sawyer, Mr Cobbold, Mrs Alexander and Mrs Sutton who valiantly came and proceeded to move it from the field into the pond area and then spread it across the whole area. It looks phenomenal and we can't wait for the children to be able to start using it.

Also on Tuesday, our Year 5s attended a fantastic Sports Festival put on by Henry Beaufort. The children were in colour teams rather than school teams which led to some lovely mixing of children from all the local schools. The children came back on cloud nine and said what a wonderful and enriching time they had had.

On Wednesday, we had our new Year Rs in for their second 'stay and play' session. This time the children went into Willow class on their own whilst their parents came up to the hall with me. What was truly amazing is every single child went in without hesitation and came out at the end beaming and telling their parents what a wonderful time they had had. It seems funny to think that 7 years ago that was our Year 6s who are about to embark on a new learning adventure as they move up into secondary school. And, I couldn't be prouder of the amazing role models they have all become.

Yesterday, Rowan made use of our wonderful cooking facilities in their quest to recreate Anglo-Saxon cakes. I have to admit I was drawn out of my office by the delicious smells that were emanating from Rowan class and had to go down to find out more. The children informed me that the cakes were taken out by farmers and hunters as a source of energy. As they hadn't discovered sugar then, they used dried fruit and honey instead to sweeten their snacks.

Whilst today we have woken up to a new Government and what this means for the education sector I don't know, what I do know is that whatever changes come we have a wonderful whole school community who will help and support us on our journey.

Finally, just a quick reminder that on Monday, Willow and Beech are heading off to Hillier's so please make sure you send them in with all the necessary items. I do hope you all 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	Niam	Erin	Livi
Beech	Grace	Henry	Beni
Maple	Daisy R	Pippa	Tom
Rowan	Bryony	Jack	Cordelia
Oak	Alexia	Toby	Henry



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: Jack

SILVER: Rory, Inigo

BRONZE:



Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Wed 17 th July	Whole school outdoor production	1:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 18 th July	Whole school outdoor production	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 23 rd July	Year 6 Leaver's Service	9:30am	Yes Families of Year 6	
Tues 23 rd July	Last day of school year	3:30am	N/A	
Wed 24 th July to Fri 30 th Aug	Summer Holidays	N/A	N/A	
Mon 2 nd Sept - Tues 3 rd Sept	INSET DAYS	N/A	N/A	
Wed 4 th Sept	Children return to school	8:50am	N/A	

Important Notices

1. Willow and Beech Class Trip to Hillier Gardens – Monday 8th July

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink in a backpack. The children should wear light long sleeved tops and trousers to minimise the risk of ticks and sensible covered shoes. Trainers or wellies are ideal. Please provide your child with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, a warm waterproof coat if cool weather is forecast and if hot, a sunhat. Please apply sun cream before leaving home. We will be out in the open all day!

2. Year 6 Trip to Cameron's Cottage – Wednesday 10th July

Please provide your child with additional snacks and a water bottle. We will travel in two minibuses departing Sparsholt at 11:00am and returning to school at approximately 7:00pm.

Please wear: **trainers, LONG trousers, and school polo and sweatshirt.**

Please bring: **waterproofs, water bottle, sun hat, sun cream in a small rucksack.**

3. After-school clubs – end dates for this term

Club	Last session of the term
Upbeat	Monday 8 th July
Rounders	Tuesday 9 th July
Netball	Wednesday 10 th July
Fencing	Wednesday 10 th July
Artiology	Thursday 4 th July
Cricket	Thursday 11 th July
Streetdance	Friday 19 th July

4. Non-Uniform Day – Friday 12th July

Children are invited to come into school in their own clothes on Friday 12th July, in exchange for raffle prizes e.g. wine, chocolates etc for FoSS for the Summer Production.

5. Donations of props for the Summer Production of Aladdin and his Magic Lamp

Does anyone have any of the following items that could be loaned to the school?

- Wooden barrels
 - Wooden crates
 - A mangle
 - A washing board
 - Brightly coloured striped duvet covers no longer required, (these will be cut)
 - Large pieces of fabric/curtain no longer required (these will be cut)
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6. Summer Outdoor Production - Aladdin and his Magic Lamp

We are delighted to invite you to our Summer Production, Aladdin, which is due to take place on **Wednesday 17th July at 1:15pm and Thursday 18th July at 6pm**. This year the performances will once again take place on the school field, weather permitting, and as we have plenty of space outside we do not need to limit numbers and issue tickets.



FoSS will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets on both days.

We will be holding a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 12th July, in exchange for raffle prizes, such as bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates etc. FoSS will also be offering a packed tea for the children on the Thursday evening before the show. If you would like to book a space for your child, please go to the following link; [FoSS Packed Tea for Show](#).

Wet weather

Unfortunately, this year, we have been unable to secure the Memorial Hall as an alternative for the Thursday evening performance. This means that if the weather is wet and the performance is unable to go ahead, the show will be postponed and the alternative evening date is **Monday 22nd July at 5:30pm**.

7. Costumes for the Summer Outdoor Production

The costume requirements (for Years R to 5) for our magical event are detailed below:

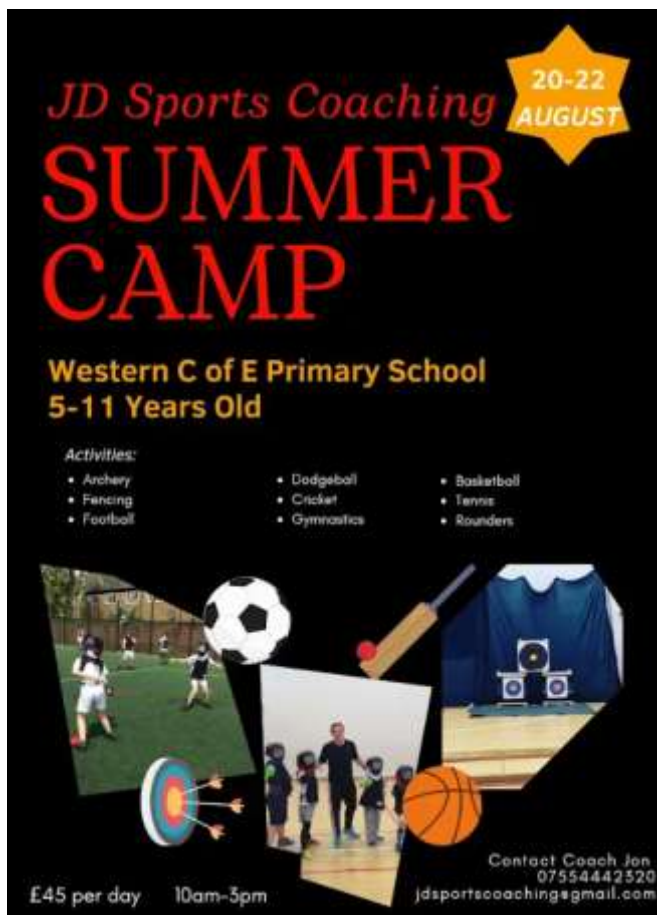
- Black, baggy, non-logo joggers **OR** harem loose baggy style / Ali Baba pants / genie pants (any bright colour)
- A bright coloured plain t-shirt (long or short-sleeved) - purple, blue, green, yellow, orange
- A silk-type scarf to tie around waist
- Black school shoes
- If you have a bright waistcoat with gold trim, this is optional

Please bring your costume into school in a named carrier bag on **Friday 12th July**.

FoSS Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the FoSS toy stall at the Sparsholt fete last Saturday. It was a popular stall and we managed to sell a large number of items with not much left at the end. Also, thank you to everyone who donated for the event'

Other Information



JD Sports Coaching 20-22 AUGUST
SUMMER CAMP
Western C of E Primary School
5-11 Years Old

Activities:

- Archery
- Fencing
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Gymnastics
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Rounders

£45 per day 10am-3pm
Contact Coach Jon
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