

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

8th September 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for next week
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General information
- ❖ FoSS update
- ❖ Other useful information



Our "community circles" have been taking place in each class this week



IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Children to come into school in PE kits on PE days
- ✓ School clubs to start for the Autumn term
- ✓ Peripatetic music lessons to start for the Autumn term
- ✓ Year 6 parents to return Bikeability forms on Monday

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to the year! I'm pleased to say that despite the heat, the children have returned with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. Walking around the school, it has been so wonderful to feel that air of excitement and the joy at being in their new classes or with new peers. I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for the positivity you have shown and the continued support you offer both us and your children. Having spoken to some of the new Year R parents, they too have commented on the amazing welcome they have received. We are all very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Our new Year Rs had their first full day with us today and to see them in the classroom, on the playground and in the lunch hall you would have thought they had been here for months. They too have amazed me with how quickly they have settled into school life and how enthused they are about learning.

Throughout the school the children have been showing our school values of **Courage, Compassion** and **Creativity** in abundance. The new Year Rs in Willow class have shown real courage in starting school this week. In Beech class they have been busy making their own 'Birds of Courage' and learning that they all need courage if they are going to 'fly'. Our new lunchtime leaders have been showing real compassion for volunteering for the role and helping the younger children at lunchtime. They have also been incredibly creative in thinking up fun and exciting activities to keep the younger children entertained during lunch! Our Year 6s have shown real courage in applying for the role of prefect and I have no doubt they will all be the most fantastic help and role models.

"Community Circles" have been going on in all the classes giving the children a chance to share their thoughts and feelings and share positive things that have been going on. Community Circles support our restorative practice approach. On our return we as staff had a community circle and we had to share an example of when someone had shown kindness to us. I have to say by the end of it we all felt quite emotional but definitely uplifted.

As I'm sure you know our wonderful FoSS team are going to be holding a family BBQ on the school field on Friday 15th September 2023. From comments made about last year's BBQ I have no doubt that not only will it be a wonderful fundraiser but also a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other families and have a brilliant evening. FoSS do an absolutely amazing job of raising funds for the school which enable us to provide some fantastic resources and opportunities for the children and I can't thank them enough for the amazing work they do.

Can I just give a quick reminder about protocol in the car park, **please can all vehicles remain stationary when staff bring the children through the car park to get on or off the bus.**

Finally I want to wish you all a lovely weekend and have no doubt that the coming year will be one filled with amazing learning opportunities, laughter and gratitude for where we all find ourselves.

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		All of our new Yr Rs	
Beech	Louis	Alice	Harry
Maple	Edi	Sophia	George
Rowan	Renis	Zevon	Berkeley
Oak	Livinia	Cecily	Pearl



General Information

Key dates for the diary

Look out for a new list of dates for this academic year being sent out soon!

Inset Days for 2023 - 2024

All remaining inset days are on the calendar on the school website:

- Monday 9th October 2023
 - Tuesday 2nd January 2024
 - Friday 28th June 2024
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PE Days for Autumn Term

PE Days for each class are as follows starting from 11th September 2023:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

Lunch Payments for this half-term

The school requires that school lunches (for KS2) are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. The current price for a school lunch is £3.00. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Scopay website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office.

To help you calculate the correct payment for this half-term on SCOPAY, please see below:

Number of meals per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for hot lunches Autumn 1 half-term	£21.00	£42.00	£63.00	£84.00	£99.00

School Car Park Guidelines

We would like to remind you of our car parking guidelines:

- Please do **not** move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for a few minutes longer and allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-ways in the car-park
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office (where the white lines are painted) impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour.
- There are 3 parking bays closest to the shop which are for the use of Post Office/Shop staff.
- For safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park
- If you double-park in the car-park please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible.
- An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground – we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays or private driveways in front of some of the houses in the Close.
- Please note we will not be able to offer the field as an over-flow car park during wet weather.
- Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass.
- Finally we ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park.

School Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be CLOSED on Saturday 9th September 2023.

After-School Clubs – Autumn Term 2023

All school-run after-school clubs will be starting next week, w/c 11th September. Please remember that if your child is registered for a school-run club, we will assume that they are attending this club unless we are informed about alternative arrangements.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Mad Science Club (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Mad Science. Please book and pay directly at Wessex.madscience.org
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdssportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 4 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable in advance. £30 per full term.
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. FULLY BOOKED
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – will@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children cannot stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – will@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398

Annual Pet Service – 10am Sunday 24th September

DO YOU HAVE A PET ?

The annual **Pet Service**, led by Mrs Wesley and Sparsholt School will be held on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt** on **Sunday 24th September** at **10.00 a.m.**



Bring your Pets (and a chair to sit on)!
If you don't have a pet, still come to see the animals, bring a cuddly animal toy, join in the Service & enjoy the refreshments

FoSS Update

- **Back to School – FoSS Family BBQ**

Looking forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new members of our school at the Family BBQ next Friday 15th September!

Please buy your tickets online before Wednesday 13th Sept at:

[FoSS Family BBQ tickets](#)

Tickets include a Hot Dog or Burger and a drink (wine or beer for adults, soft drinks for children).



- Second hand uniform can be purchased through the 'shop' tab of our website [FoSS PTA](#) - save money and the environment whilst supporting FoSS!

Other Useful Information

H3CS Vacancy

We are still looking for a Catering assistant to work between Weeke and Sparsholt. Would you mind sharing the link below with your families please. Thank you.

[Catering Assistant \(LH\) - Weeke and Sparsholt Primary School, Winchester - HC3S 610743 \(E\) \(newjob.org.uk\)](#)



Year 6 Activities Morning

Saturday 16th September
8.45am-12.20pm

Year 6 children are invited to try out different lessons and activities for the morning:
Computing • Maths • Science • History • Music • Art
Geography • Drama • Modern Foreign Languages
Religion and Ethics • PE • Food and Nutrition • DT

Simply [click here](#) to book Activities Morning

Open Evening

Thursday 5th October
4pm-7pm

Families with children of all year groups are welcome.
Head teacher introduction 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Tour the grounds and classrooms
Talk to teachers and current students
Refreshments available

Simply [click here](#) to book Open Evening

To find out more contact Mrs Sam Sharp, Registrar:

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