Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter
30th June 2023

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

- Important notices for next week
- Headteacher weekly update
- Core Christian Value Awards
- General information inc. parent survey
- FoSS update
- Other useful information



Musical show for Maple and Rowan





IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 3rd JULY

- ✓ Teacher's Strike Beech, Maple & Rowan classes out Wed 5th July
- ✓ Maple Class Trip to Winchester Science Centre Thurs 6th July
- ✓ Teacher's Strike Beech, Maple & Rowan classes out Fri 7th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week here, with the children continuing to show their amazing commitment to the school and their courage and creativity in all that they do.

On Tuesday and Wednesday 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 with many really insightful comments and questions being raised. The workshops ranged from 'All about me' for Year R to 'Decisions' for Year 6.

This week children in Maple and Rowan Classes who have been having peripatetic music lessons put on a mini musical extravaganza for their classmates and their parents and carers. For many of the children, it was the first time that they had ever performed in front of an audience and I have to say it was such a privilege to watch them and see not only their talent but the enthusiasm with which they played. Next week, the children in Oak and Beech will be playing for their peers and parents/carers and I have no doubt that they too will show that same enthusiasm.

Preparations for our end of year whole school performance are now underway, with characters being cast; costumes being planned and props being gathered. We have so much talent in this school and I have no doubt that you will be blown away by the quality of the production and the enthusiasm of the children at being a part of it.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have taken the time to complete our parent survey. We have now had responses from over half of our families. The survey will be closing this Sunday 2nd July so if you still haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so now as we really do appreciate your feedback. Please click on the link below which will take you to the survey. It should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

Parent Survey 2023

Please do remember that there is industrial action taking place next week by members of the NEU which will affect pupils in Beech, Maple and Rowan class on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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
Louis	Max	Olive
Hemming	Allana	George
Jannah	Megan	Tom
Adam	Zac	Annabel
Amelia	Beatrix	Inigo
	Louis Hemming Jannah Adam	Louis Max Hemming Allana Jannah Megan Adam Zac



General Information

Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Summer Term 2						
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time	
Musical Showing	Small musical performance in the hall for children from Beech & Oak class who have HMS or Mrs Leitzell music tuition	Beech & Oak Class	Yes - those with children taking part have been e- mailed	Thursday 6th July	2:30pm	
Trip to Winchester Science Centre	School trip for Maple Class. Children to bring in a packed lunch, snack and drinks. Children to wear school uniform.	Maple Class	No	Thursday 6th July	All day	
Trip to Cameron's Cottage	School trip for Oak Class	Oak Class	No	Tuesday 11th July	All day	
Whole school		All children	Yes	Monday 17th July	TBC - afternoon	
outdoor production	Weather dependent - on school field	All children	Yes	Tuesday 18th July	6:00pm	
Leaver's Service	Service for Year 6	Year 6	Yes - Year 6	Friday 21st July	9:30am	
Last day of term	Last day of the school year	All children	N/A	Friday 21st July	From 3:30pm	
Summer Holidays	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 24th July - Thursday 31st August		
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Friday 1st September	All day	
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 4th September	All day	
First day of Autumn Term	First day of the school year	All children	N/A	Tuesday 5th September		

Parent Survey

As you know we are always very keen to improve what we do to ensure that your children get the best education possible. Last year, we sent out a Parent Survey to which many of you responded. Your responses were incredibly important to us and helped us to understand and celebrate the many successes of the year and also to help develop our School Improvement Plan for this academic year.

To help us to understand your experiences in this academic year, we would be incredibly grateful if you could take some time to complete this year's short Parent Survey. You can access the survey by clicking on the link below.

Parent Survey June 2023

We very much want to understand what the strengths of our school are and what we do well and also what we can improve on including next steps. This will help to ensure that we meet the needs of our whole school community.

We really would appreciate it if you could complete the survey as soon as possible and I want to thank you for the amazing support you continue to show us.

Learning Support Assistant Vacancy for September

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We are currently looking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant for September.
Here is the link to the Hampshire Education Jobs website, where the vacancy has been posted:
https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/109976
Your views count in our search for a new Rector!
Dear Parents,
As you may know by now, Reverend Jax Machin will be leaving our Benefice in mid-September to take up a new position in Devon. The Parochial Church Councils of the 5 Parishes of Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell which make up the Downs Benefice have started the process to find a new Rector. To do this, we need to put together a Parish/Benefice Profile quickly, which will provide information to potential candidates about our Parishes, and also detail the characteristics and/or skills of the type of candidate we are looking for.
If you have a view or opinion about what type of rector you would like or think would be beneficial for you and your family, we would like to hear your views. I will be collating information on behalf of Sparsholt PCC. Please could you send your views to my private email address (see below); answers will be in confidence. I am contacting you as PCC representative, not as a School Governor.
As we only have a short time to put together the Parish Profile, please could you send your responses to me by Friday, 7 th July.
Sally Wesley sally.wesley@btinternet.com
FoSS Update
Foss will be supporting the school production and sports day with refreshments. More information to follow.

https://www.westgate.hants.sch.uk/open-events





YEAR 5 OPEN AFTERNOONS

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 girls and their families to our open afternoons on:

Monday 26 June | Monday 3 July | Thursday 6 July Friday 7 July | Wednesday 12 July

2pm start

Pre-booking is not required

For more information, please visit www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk



Only Girls Here Cricket Camp



DAY-LONG SUMMER CAMPS RUN BY GIRLS, FOR GIRLS!

DATES
8-12 yrs old
24th July
27th July
31st July
12-15 yrs old
25th July
28th July

2nd August

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Our camps are run by Southern Vipers player Finty Trussler and St-Cross player Lucy Counsell



Location: St Cross Symondians Cricket Club, Saint Cross Road, Winchester, SO239RX