

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

3rd May 2024

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 6th May
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for the Diary - **NEW**
- ❖ Important Notices
- ❖ FoSS Update
- ❖ Other Information



Maple Class enjoying their "Chomping Chocolate" topic this term.

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 6th MAY 2024

- ✓ Bank Holiday – School Closed - Mon 6th May
- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday – Course Fishing by Mr Findley - Tues 7th May
- ✓ No Mrs Leitzell music lessons (keyboard / recorder) – Thurs 9th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

I need to start this newsletter by telling you how uplifted and proud I felt this week due to the proactive and caring nature of some of our children who, without any prompting or guidance, decided to undertake some self-directed fund raising activities in aid of 'Water Aid'. Last week, Mrs Gwilliam had shared with our newly appointed UNICEF Ambassadors that she wanted the school community to support the work of 'Water Aid'. Two different groups of children: Cara, Lucy and Annabel, and Fearn, Pippa, Lori, Toby, Erin and Harrison each decided to make cupcakes and sell them to friends and family in their localities. Between the groups, they raised over £30 and did a fantastic job of raising awareness of this charity and also demonstrating their courageous advocacy in the wider community. I want to say a massive thank you to each and every one of them (and those that supported them in their endeavours). We truly do have amazingly caring and compassionate children in our midst!

On Wednesday, we had an amazing Brass demonstration from Mr Potter our Brass Peripatetic music teacher. The children were wowed by his rendition of both the Harry Potter and the Star Wars theme tunes and loved his practical explanation of how to play a brass instrument.

We also had the wonderful Christ Church Assembly schools team in this week, who did an amazing Worship all about Forgiveness. Their ability to engage the children and get across really important and thought provoking messages is second to none.

We are now one step closer to completing our pond project with the students from Sparsholt Agricultural College readied to come back in the next few weeks to undertake the planting of the array of flora that will adorn the area. It has been carefully chosen to ensure that it can flourish in the pond area's environment and we can't wait to get the children enjoying this wonderful outdoor resource.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and am hopeful that the forecast improves and some 'fun in the sun' can take place.

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	Jonathan	Zachary	Tillie
Beech	Phoebe	Max & Allana	Henry R
Maple	Gus	Tom	Aanika
Rowan	Madeleine	Hannah	Rory
Oak	Hugh	Molly	Aubrey



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:

SILVER: Abel, Bryony

**BRONZE: Aanika,
Zachary, Evie L**



Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed	All day		
Mon 13 th May - Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All day		
Fri 24 th May	Whole school "Musical May" concert	2:15pm	Yes	
Fri 24 th May	Last day of half-term - 3:30pm finish	All day		

Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school after half-term	8:50am	N/A	
Mon 10 th June to Fri 14 th June	Year 6 Residential	N/A	N/A	
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day	1:15pm	Yes	
Fri 21 st June	Class photos	N/A	N/A	
Fri 28 th June	INSET DAY	N/A	N/A	
Mon 1 st July	Marvellous Monday - all classes Invitation to come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes All parents / carers	
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. Hampshire Music Service – Brass Tuition for next academic year

We currently offer group Brass Tuition for children in Years 3 to 6 through Hampshire Music Service. The commitment to these lessons is for one academic year, with an expected cost for next year being £80 - £85 per term, payable termly in advance. This cost covers a minimum of 30 lessons per year, with lessons being at least 20 minutes in length (dependent on the size of the group). Group sizes are between 2 and 4 children.

This week the children were lucky enough to hear our brass teacher, Mr Potter, play some well-known songs in an assembly, and the brass version of “Baby Shark” proved to be very popular!

We wanted to give you one last opportunity to sign your child up for brass lessons for next academic year. We have to sign-up with Hampshire Music Service by the end of Tuesday 7th May, so if you would like your child to have brass lessons next year, please let us know before this date and we will take your email as a commitment for next year. Please be aware, however, that if we do not receive sufficient interest, we may not be able to offer these lessons.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.

2. Polite Reminder – School Uniform and Footwear

Please can you ensure that children are coming to school in the correct uniform each day. On non-PE days, uniform should include a school jumper or cardigan and suitable school shoes. Please refer to previous newsletters (on the school website) for clarification around class PE days. As a reminder, the correct school uniform is:

- Light blue short sleeved polo shirts
- Navy blue or charcoal grey tailored shorts, trousers, dresses or skirts – grey or navy tights
- Light blue and white striped or checked dresses are acceptable for girls in summer
- A Sparsholt School jumper or cardigan displaying the school's mosaic emblem*
- Sensible blue or black leather shoes

*Please note that these uniform items without the school logo are also acceptable.

3. Polite Reminder – Earrings / Jewellery in school

This is just a reminder that if your child is wearing earrings to school, please can we ask that they are small, plain stud earrings. We have also noticed that some children are coming into school with other items of jewellery on e.g. bracelets – please can you remind your children that these should not be worn to school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

FoSS Update

Thank you all for your contributions for Bags2School this week – we raised £113.20!

Other Items



LTA
BIG TENNIS WEEKENDS

GIVE TENNIS A GO

Try tennis for free at our Open Day. Our team will be here to welcome you and get you playing!
Sunday 19th May, 10am-12pm.

Littleton Tennis Club
The Hall Way
Winchester SO22 6QL

Book your free place at:
www.littletontennisclub.com



Stanmore
May Half Term 2024
Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May

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Stanmore, Winchester,
Hampshire, SO22 4AJ

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