

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for your diary
- ❖ FoSS Update
- ❖ Other Information



Mathematical Outdoor  
learning with Maple and  
Oak Classes



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fabulous week full of the children continuing to show their love of learning and desire to be fully involved in school life.

On Monday we had the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in again to lead some more outdoor learning sessions, this time with Maple Class and Oak Class. The focus for these sessions was around Maths skills. In the morning, Maple Class were focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. They learnt all about how the Ancient Egyptians used a twelve knotted rope system to help build the pyramids. The Egyptians used the knotted rope as an aid to constructing right angles in their buildings. The rope had 12 evenly spaced knots, which could be formed into a 3-4-5 right triangle, thus giving an angle of exactly 90 degrees. The children went on to experiment with making other 2D shapes with the knotted rope. They went a step further and used sticks to make other 2D shapes and learnt how to calculate the perimeter of these shapes.

In the afternoon, Oak Class used quadrants to survey the different plant species on the field and then calculate what percentage of each type of species there were. They then discussed how this information could be used to try to calculate what amount of each species might be on the entire field.

As you will remember, last term we sent out some information about online safety and the use of smart phones which also included the opportunity for parents to complete a survey, This week, I attended a meeting with other local head teachers in which one of the speakers shared some of the statistics around the use of smart phones and the dangers that their use is and can present to children. Even as seasoned head teachers, we were shocked by some of the information we were presented with. I have attached some extracts of the information that was shared with us and would ask that you look at it. Whilst we know that there is a lot of pressure to provide children, especially those in the older years, with smart phones, I would urge you to take a look at this information before deciding whether a smart phone is appropriate for your child. As a school, we do not permit children to bring phones into school and all of the local secondary schools have this year updated their mobile phone policies and have stated that children are not allowed to use phones, including smart phones in school and teachers will never ask children to undertake any learning tasks in school where access to a smart phone would be required.

With this in mind, we are very lucky to be welcoming the Police Education Partnership Team in next week to speak to Years 5 and 6 about both Hate Crime and online safety. It is essential that as a whole school community we educate children about both the positives and dangers of the digital world.

This afternoon, our wonderful Worship team led an amazing Celebration Worship on the theme of courage. They re-enacted the story of Anne Frank and did a fantastic job of showing how courage is such an important value and why we must always dig deep especially in times of adversity.

Finally, can I just remind parents of the importance of reading the newsletter in full including the later sections. In an attempt to not overwhelm parents with constant and excessive correspondence, we are trying to include all important information in the newsletter including reminders about trips and events and our intent is that the newsletter can be used as an 'at a glance reference'.

I really hope you all have a fantastic weekend, despite the upcoming forecast of some wind and rain, and are able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

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
<b>Willow</b>	Leo	Evan	Liam
<b>Beech</b>	Krish	Arthur	Alice
<b>Maple</b>	Theo	Reuben	Henri
<b>Rowan</b>	Pippa R	Daisy R	Clara
<b>Oak</b>	Henry R	Megan	Neve



### 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.



### Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- \* Henry Rickman – Scored multiple goals in his weekend football matches and was awarded "Man of the Match" in his football match on Saturday
- \* Beni – completed a 4km run at the weekend
- \* Joshie – achieved a personal best time in the Winchester Park Run
- \* Zachary – player of the day and player of the week at his football training
- \* Ishaan and Krish – completed a rapid 10km walk without stopping



Also well done to Joshie for completing his first Shooting Stars Sports Challenge card.

**Well done everyone! Please do keep sending your achievements into us!**



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## Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Spring 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 6th Jan 2025	First day of term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Thurs 13th Feb 2025	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	INSET on Friday
Fri 14th Feb 2025	INSET Day	Home	All day	n/a	

### FoSS Update

#### 1) SECOND HAND UNIFORM \*\*FLASH SALE\*\*

next week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan!



- Up to 50% off whilst stocks last
- Discount applied at checkout
- Please add your child's name and class to all orders
- Orders will be sent home with your children on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan



#### 2) UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be sending out a WhatsApp message with a poll on the Announcements group in the coming week to gauge what the interest is for a few of the bigger events we would like to organise. These events will need a minimum number of attendees or require a lot of planning so we are really keen to find out if the events are viable before we start organising 😊. We would therefore really appreciate as many of you filling out the polls as possible. Thanks in advance.

### 3) EVENTS FOR THIS TERM (SO FAR)

Event	When / Where	Details
<p><b>FoSS Movie Night</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>*18:00 – 19:45</li> <li>*Memorial Hall</li> </ul>	<p>Tickets cost £6.50 and include a slice of pizza and chocolate bar.</p> <p>Tickets are limited and sell quickly so please buy early to avoid disappointment</p> <p><a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=93085">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&amp;eventId=93085</a></p>
<p><b>Valentines Day Themed Bake Sale</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>*After school</li> <li>*Outside the front gate</li> </ul>	<p>All baked goods to be sold at £1 each.</p>

# General Information

## ENDANGERED SPECIES



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FREE TUITION!

FREE INSTRUMENT LOAN!



Saturday 1 and Saturday 8 February 2025, 10.00 - 10.50am

We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 1 & 8 February 2024. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Perins School, Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band



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