

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Class / Groups Photographs

Bag2School Collection

FoSS Eggstravaganza

26<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 1.15pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well despite a few challenges this week including no water and no internet, today has been amazing. With the sun finally shining, it was such a joy to see the children coming in today dressed up as their favourite book characters in celebration of World Book Day. I have to say the creativity and ingenuity was spectacular.

Our parade today highlighted the variety of stories the children are exposed to from Harry Potter by JK Rowling to the Demon Dentist by David Walliams. In our celebration Worship, staff shared extracts from some of their favourite books including Matilda by Roald Dahl, The Adventures of Tin Tin by Hergé and Pippi Long Stocking by Astrid Lindgren. After Celebration worship, children from Oak Class positioned themselves around the school and the younger pupils were able to listen to stories read by them. It was amazing to see all the children engaged in reading. Reading together is such an important activity and such a lovely way to spend time together. Photographs of our celebrations can be seen on the website. Our new library area was used to its fullest with children making excellent use of this lovely space.

We are going to delay our book swap until later in the term and will let you know the details in due course. Thank you so much to all of you who have already donated some books, your generosity is much appreciated.

As I write this, the children are currently in the process of writing a whole school story. Willow and Beech have already completed their sections with Maple about to start. At the end of the day we will be sharing the completed story with all of the children and will make sure it is published on the school website. You never know it could end up being a best seller!

Thank you so much for the effort you as parents have made in making today so special and for your patience on Wednesday with our water emergency. We really do appreciate all the support you show the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## Financial Year End

As the financial year end fast approaches, we would appreciate overdue payments as soon as possible, thank-you. Please note that the school charging policy states meal payments, music lessons and after school club fees must be paid by parents **half termly in ADVANCE!**

## Choir Club next week

Due to staff absence, choir club will not be taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

## Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Lori	Fearne	Ollie	Will J	Tom
Compassion	Matilda	Olivia	Sophie	Jack	Madsy
Creativity	Hannah	Adam	Nancy	Charlie D	Livvy

## **FOSS news**

Thanks to all who attended our Bingo night on Friday night, it was a great opportunity for Sparsholt School families to catch up and have a fun evening together... and the best bit... we raised over £500 for our school!

Next event for your diary is our Easter Eggstravaganza! Friday 3rd April straight after school at 3.30 - 5pm. Lots of Easter fun for all the family, including an egg hunt, egg rolling, face painting, biscuit decorating, arts and craft and lots more! (Please note that children must bring a grown up!)

### **WI Jumble Sale**

The Sparsholt WI are holding their jumble sale on 14<sup>th</sup> March from 11am at the Sparsholt memorial Hall

### **Request for Sewing Bees!**

Is there a parent / grandparent / friend of the school who could come into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March with their sewing machine to help with a creative project? Please contact the school office if you are able, many thanks.

### **Have your say on the future of Hampshire Library services**

Hampshire County Council is asking people who live, work or study in Hampshire to have their say on proposed changes to libraries.

The way people use library services is changing. Hampshire Library Service continues to evolve in response. As well as responding to changing needs, the library service is looking to make savings of £1.76 million. All areas of work across the County Council are being looked at, to find savings needed to bridge the current funding gap faced by local authorities across the country, as demands for council services grow.

The proposals set out in the consultation impact all Hampshire libraries. There are two options:

- Reduce opening hours of all Hampshire libraries by 25%; or
- Close up to 10 libraries and reduce opening hours of all remaining libraries by an average of 15%

Children and young people are welcome to take part in the consultation. Organisations, including schools, may also take part.

Visit <http://www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation> to give your views.

### **Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Advice to parents**

On Monday the DfE launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687
- Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)
- Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

If you think you have symptoms of coronavirus, call NHS 111 for advice. Visit NHS.UK to find out more information on Coronavirus.