

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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

- ❖ Important notices for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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- ❖ Dates for the Diary
- ❖ FoSS Update

By Finbar  
Beech Class

Remembrance  
Service



### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

- ✓ **REMEMBER** – Please return your child's Christmas Lunch slip to the school office
- ✓ Years 5 & 6 – Wildlife talk at Winchester College – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1:15pm – 3:30pm
- ✓ Years 5 & 6 – Afternoon tea at Winchester College with parents – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm
- ✓ Mrs Leitzell music lessons moved to Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov for this week only
- ✓ "Funky Sock Day" for Children in Need – details to follow – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov all day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again we have had a really exciting and busy week with many wonderful things taking place.

On Monday, it was “Marvellous Monday” for parents and children in Willow and Beech Class. It is always so wonderful to see the enthusiasm the younger children show in discussing the background to every piece of work they have completed and the pride that they show in all of their accomplishments.

On Tuesday, we had our second ‘Open Morning’ for prospective Year R parents and all I can say is what a wonderful advert for our school, the children are. Some of our Year 6 prefects came up and spoke to the parents all about their experiences of the school before I then took families round on a tour. In every single class everyone was fully engaged in their learning and demonstrated exemplary behaviours and I have to say they really are an amazing group of children.

Our virtual Parent Evenings took place on Tuesday and Thursday, which I hope you found both useful and informative. If you were not able to attend, please do contact the office who will be able to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher, as being able to work collaboratively with parents really is such an important part of a child’s education.

On Thursday afternoon, we had ‘Perform’ in who undertook drama workshops with the children from Willow, Beech and Maple classes. The theme was ‘Around the World’ and the children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Today has been all about Remembrance and this afternoon the whole school went across to the war memorial next to the church. The Worship Team did an amazing job reading poems and prayers and all the children showed such amazing respect and understanding.

This week I also had the pleasure of meeting with our new FoSS committee and discussing future fundraising opportunities. I want to say a massive thank you to the old committee especially Bonnie Stagg, Caroline Thomas and Katie Simpson, who after quite a number of years are stepping down. They have been an absolutely amazing driving force behind so many events and have raised money for a plethora of things including, the re-development of the Willow Class outside area, the purchase of 32 laptops including a much needed charging trolley, the refurbishment of the library, and future projects including the re-development of the pond area, the creation of a kitchen area in the staff room and providing much needed funds to help with resources, trips and experiences that we would otherwise not be able to afford.

And finally in terms of those projects, I am really pleased to let you know that now the design for our new Wellbeing and Reflection pond area has been finalised, Sparsholt Agricultural college students will be undertaking the task of turning it into reality and will be starting work on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. We are also now in a position to start work on creating a cooking area in the staff room, so thank you to all of you for your continued support of FoSS and I have no doubt the new committee will be looking for your help and assistance for future events.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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.

	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>Willow</b>	Ezra	Niam	Zachary
<b>Beech</b>	Reuben	Skyla	Henri
<b>Maple</b>	Sophia	George	Evie
<b>Rowan</b>	Hannah	Isabella	Harrison
<b>Oak</b>	Zac & Livinia	Nancy	Inigo



### 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.

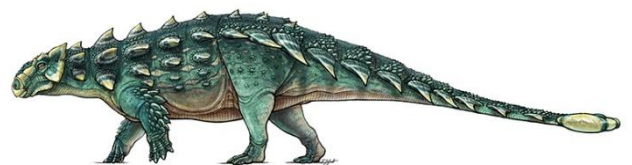
Gold “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:

**GOLD:**

**SILVER:**

**BRONZE: Cecily,  
Aubrey**



## Important Messages

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### Tell Me Tuesday Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Talk</u>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	2:45pm	“Outstanding Orchids” – Mr Norton

Other talks to watch out for – dates TBC

- “Archaeological Antics” – Dr Fluck
  - “Imagination and Dreams” – Mr Firth
  - “Working for the Air Ambulance” – Mr Sawyer
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**Sports for Champions UK:** Chloe Peplow visit to school, POSTPONED

**Rescheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

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### School Christmas Lunch

Please see separate order form.

For the kitchen to order stock we need confirmation of numbers by **17<sup>th</sup> November at the latest** – please **return this form to school office as soon as possible.**

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## Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 2023				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Years 5 and 6</b> Wildlife Talk at Winchester College	12:30pm to 3:30pm		<b>New</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Years 5 and 6</b> Afternoon Tea at Winchester College with parents for competition entrants	4pm onwards	Yes	<b>New</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Funky Sock Day</b> Children in Need	All day		<b>New</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Bags2School Collection</b>	Morning		<b>New</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>Tell Me Tuesday</b> Outstanding Orchids	2:45pm to 3:15pm	Yes	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Maple and Rowan Class</b> Trip to Butser Farm	All day		<b>New</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>KS1 Nativity</b>	9:30am	Yes	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>St Stephen's Church Carol Concert</b>	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope</b>	2:15pm	Yes	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Sports for Champions - Chloe Peplow Q&amp;A and sponsored fitness circuit</b>	Morning		<b>New</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Last day of term 3:30pm finish</b>	3:30pm		

## FoSS Updates

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
**FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS**  
In partnership with your school or organisation

**Sparsholt CE Primary School**



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



**PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).**



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*  
**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**  
*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***  
*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

**Monday 20th November 2023**

01609 780 222    www.bag2school.com    helpdesk@bag2school.com

*Order your Nordmann Fir Non-Drop Tree by Thursday 30th November for delivery on Sunday 10th December.*

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**SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREES 2023**

**EMAIL**  
**FRIENDSOFSPARSHOLTSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM**  
**FOR AN ORDER FORM.**

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All money raised will be shared between Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School.

