Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

24th March 2023

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

- Headteacher weekly update
- Core Christian Value Awards
- General Information including new list of after-school clubs for Summer Term
- Foss Update
- Other useful information



Make sure that you don't miss out on all the school events taking place this half-term!

Find all the dates and information under General Information!

And don't forget that all these dates are also in the calendar on our School Website!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week here at school with the children continuing to impress us with their focus, enthusiasm and motivation.

Our 'Tell Me Tuesday' event this week was a real hit with the children. They very much enjoyed meeting the 821st Mayor of Winchester who regaled them with his experiences of being a former mayor. Some of our older children posed some fantastic open questions generating a chat show atmosphere. These revealed things such as a Mayor being expected to attend at least 550 engagements in the year and also that the Mayor does not choose to be Mayor but is selected and voted in by his colleagues. Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend, I hope you found it as interesting as the children did. Please look out for future 'Tell me Tuesday' events in the Summer term where we have some fantastic guest speakers including a toy inventor!

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to welcome Christchurch's worship team into school. They did a wonderful re-enactment of the Easter story with a message around the sacrifice Jesus made for us all and how we can live our lives showing love and forgiveness. Also on Wednesday Oak class enjoyed a whole day of being young engineers designing, making and testing bridge structures which had to meet certain criteria. They showed fantastic ingenuity, collaboration and presentation skills as the task included explaining their design and testing them for stability and strength. The engineering expertise continued on Thursday with Rowan designing and making ski lift prototypes using pulley systems.

As I write, the school's football squad are preparing for their match against Weeke School which is taking place at 3.45pm today. I am sure they will do the school proud regardless of the end result due to their sportsmanship and teamwork.

Next week is another fun filled and busy week with Rowan and Maple off to Sparsholt Agriculture college to experience some amazing orienteering and to tour their farming facilities including seeing all the animals.

As you know, our Easter presentation will be taking place next Thursday at 2.15pm out on the playground. All of the children will be taking part and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to this amazing event. After the Easter presentation, our wonderful FoSS team will be holding the Easter Fayre which will be taking place from 3.30pm.

The children have been getting very excited about this week's special Easter theme whole school home learning challenge of making an Easter garden (please see details below). All of the gardens will be on display as part of our Easter presentation.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

Courage

Jack

Skyla

Sam

Isabella

Annabel

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.

Willow
Beech
Maple
Rowan
Oak

Compassion Florence

Florence Martha Hannah Pearl Emily Creativity Henri Liv Tom Jemima Oliver / Viva



General Information

Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Spring Term 2						
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time	
Presentation	Tour the 'Easter Garden Gallery' before our Easter presentation on the school playground	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	2:15pm - 3:30pm	
FoSS Easter Fayre	Refreshments, games and prizes for all the family on the field!	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	From 3:30pm	

List of upcoming trips / events

Date and Time	Pupils involved	Event	Things to remember
Monday 27 th Mar 9:15am – 2:30pm	Selected team	Tag Rugby Tournament – Winchester Rugby Club	Children will need to bring track suit trousers, football boots, warm top, school PE Shirt, school hoodie, wet weather clothing (if the forecast is for rain) and a packed lunch/snacks and drinks
Tuesday 28 th Mar	Maple and	Trip to Sparsholt College	Children to bring a packed lunch, a
9:30pm – 2:30pm	Rowan	(orienteering and zoo)	drink, and a snack in a backpack. Children will need warm clothing – school uniform or PE kit supplemented by coats, hats, gloves and wellies.
Friday 31 st Mar	Year 3 and 6	Last Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring
9:30am – 11:30am			their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.

Clubs for w/c 27th March

As it is the last week of the Spring Term next week, there will be no school-run clubs running **EXCEPT for Netball** and Junior Football on Wednesday 29th March (as an extra session to make up for previously cancelled sessions due to book look event and parents evening).

For clubs run by external providers, please check with these providers about whether their clubs will be running for the last week of term.

Clubs for Summer Term

Please see below the timetable for after-school clubs in the Summer Term. Please refer to the separate communication sent out from the office with details and form to complete to register for school-run clubs.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes	
Monday	Outdoor Lacrosse Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Taking place on the school field. Payable termly in advance. £25 per full term (reduction due to additional bank holidays and inset day)	
Tuesday	Mad Science Club (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	<image/>	
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6) Rounders Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdsportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320 Run by the school. Payable termly in advance.	
Thursday	(Years 2 - 6) Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	£30 per full term.Run by the school. Payable in advance.£30 per full term.	
	Cricket Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.	
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – will@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398	
	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children cannot stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – will@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398	

Menu Changes

On **Thursday 30th March**, the menu choices will be fish & chips, macaroni cheese or jacket potato with cheese & baked beans.

On **Friday 31**st **March**, we will be running a special Easter themed lunch menu. We will send a reminder out about this menu the day before – ordering this lunch will just be like normal – you do not need to book in advance. Jacket potatoes remain an option on this day.



FoSS Update

Please come and join us at the **FoSS Easter Fayre** at 3:30pm on Thursday 30th March on the school field.

There will be refreshments, lots of egg-citing activities for the children to take part in and, of course, prizes to be won!



Other Useful Information





SUNDAY 7TH	12:30 PM	DRINKS RECEPTION Memorial Green		
MAY 2023	1.30 PM	TAKE YOUR SEATS National Anthem		
Cash/card bar	2:00 PM	LUNCH (TICKET REQUIRED) Woodman Lane		
open from 12.30pm-7pm	3:00 PM	SPARFEST BEGINS Live Music all afternoon		
and a tea and coffee stall after lunch.	3:30 PM	SPARSHOLT BAKE OFF RESULTS Memorial Green		
Once the Bake Off has been judged the	4:00 PM	SPARCRUFTS DOG SHOW AND GAMES Woodman Lane & School Field		
goodies will be sold for dessert.	7:00 PM	LIVE MUSIC ENDS		
		More info on events, entry forms		

More info on events, entry forms and drinks pre-order form available in the shop.

The event is being held on behalf of the Village Shop and is open to all. Please do come and celebrate with us.

Lunch tickets are available in the shop. Adults £10 - Children (12 and under) £5 LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE - BUY NOW! Wine pre-order available.

Please bring your own non-breakable crockery, cutlery & drinks receptacle. Payment & dietary requirements requested at time of booking.

