

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

19th January 2023

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

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Tell Me Tuesday



A fascinating "Tell Me Tuesday" looking at World War II artefacts

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024

- ✓ All classes – "Chance to Shine" cricket lessons Mon 22nd Jan – PE kit
- ✓ Maple Class – swimming lessons – Fri 26th Jan, Winchester Leisure Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful sunny winter's day it has been. It has been so fantastic seeing the children wrapped up and enjoying the sunshine. It was such a pleasure to see our amazing lunchtime leaders setting up an activity trail on the AstroTurf for the children in Willow and Beech to enjoy during lunchtime play. The care and attention they show towards the younger children really is so uplifting to watch.

Things have been very productive here again. The refurbishment of the staff room is nearly complete with just a few jobs still to be done. Everyone is really looking forward to using it as a food technology resource and Mrs Gwilliam has already booked a slot for Oak!! The new decking in the pond area has also been started with Sparsholt Agricultural students and staff doing an amazing job in what were frigid temperatures at the beginning of the week.



Hopefully by now you will have all received your Arbor Parent App signup email. Thank you so much to all of you who have already signed up and the positivity you have shown to what I am sure will really enhance our communication capabilities and make elements of school life and admin so much easier and straightforward for parents. If you haven't received an email please do check your junk folder and if it is still not there do not hesitate to contact the admin staff who will be happy to help.

'Tell me Tuesday' was another great success with grandparents of some of our children coming in to talk about their family history in relation to World War II. The children were fascinated by not only the amazing artefacts including toys, medals, baby clothes made out of parachute silk and a World War II metal helmet but also hearing extracts from a member of the family's war-time journal.

Geography has very much been the focus of this week with atlases, maps and globes being at the forefront. KS1 have been using maps of Antarctica to track the phenomenal journeys of explorers trying to conquer the South Pole, whilst Maple have been learning about scale using maps of Sparsholt. Rowan have been studying atlases to locate the mountain ranges across the world, whilst Oak have been using globes and atlases to find out about longitude and latitude.

Thank you so much to all of you who have already returned your slips indicating that you want to attend the KS2 Parent Maths Workshop. If you haven't and would like to attend please do return your slip as soon as possible so we can ensure we plan a meaningful session.

Thank you again for all that you do as parents and carers and if you haven't already signed up to the Arbor App please do so ASAP so that you can make full use of this wonderful resource.



Have a fabulous 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.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Peter	Erin	Tillie
Beech	Harry	Jemima	Louis
Maple	Teddy	Joshua	Sophia
Rowan	Fallon	Rory	Zevon
Oak	Scout	Gregory	Cecily



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: Wilf,
Edward K, Cora**



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Spring Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 29 th Jan	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	3:45pm	Yes Maple, Rowan & Oak Class parents only	
Tues 6 th Feb	Year 6 SATs Information Evening	5:30pm	Yes Year 6 Parents only - no children	
Fri 9 th Feb	Last day of half-term	3:30pm		

Important Notices


Planned road closure

Woodman Lane from Dean Lane to Woodman Close and Watley Lane – Monday 22nd January to Tuesday 23rd January.



I am sure that many of you will have seen the road signs indicating that there will be a road closure through Sparsholt village on Monday and Tuesday next week. As a school we were not informed or provided any information in advance about this closure.

We have therefore been in contact with Openreach who have told us that they are expecting for there to be access throughout these days for our school. The work is not expected to start until 9:30am and so should not affect the start of the school day and should finish before home time. The bus company are also aware and have been told that there will be access for the bus.

If there are any issues on the day, we will raise this immediately with Openreach and try to resolve as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding with this matter - unfortunately it is outside of our control but hopefully you will not experience any difficulties on the day!



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 3BN, London, GB

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?


Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



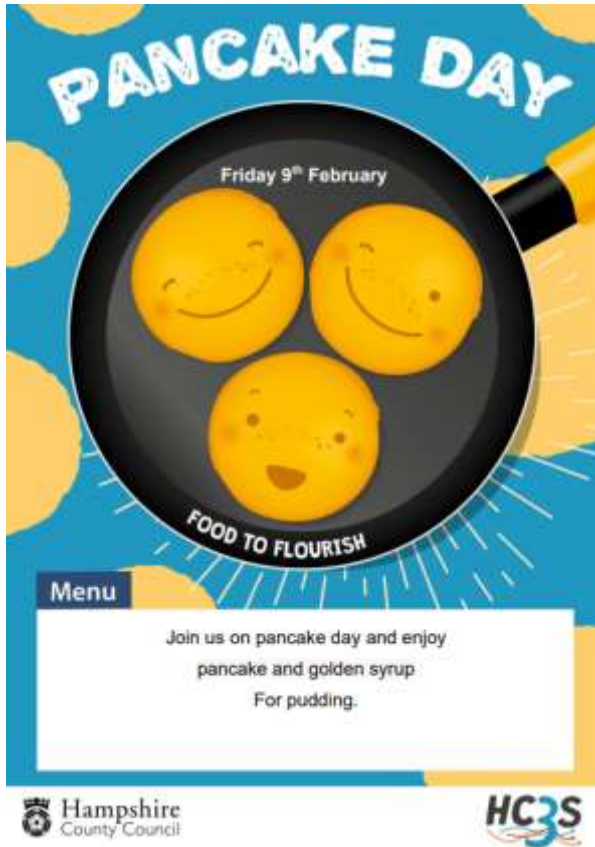
We are now using the Arbor Parent App!

This app will allow you as parents and carers to see all key information regarding your child / children e.g. attendance statistics, list of trips and clubs your child is registered for. We will also be able to send in-app messages to you to remind you about school events etc. Finally, in the coming weeks all payments will also move over to the Arbor App and replace SCOPAY - more details about this will follow shortly.

You should have received a separate email from Arbor this morning (Friday 19th Jan 2024) with your log-in details. For this system of communication to work effectively we really do need all our parents to sign-up to this app, so if you could please sign-up as soon as possible that would be much appreciated.

If there are any parents / carers who do not receive an e-mail, this is likely because the school does not hold a current email address for them. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like access to the app but does not get sent a log-in, please encourage them to provide the school office with their e-mail address.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are! Obviously this is a substantial change for the school office, and so please do bear with us over the next few weeks as we iron out any issues that arise. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office.



On Friday 9th February, H3CS will be running a special Pancake Day 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

FoSS would love to invite all parents/guardians to complete a short survey, to share what events you have appreciated (or not) to date and to understand what ways you are able to support in fundraising for the school. We know life is busy but we would find your feedback really helpful. The survey will close on **Monday 29th January 2024**: [FoSS Survey 2024](#)

FoSS film night for kids coming after half term!!! Date to be confirmed....

A big thank you for all your efforts and giving over the last couple of years in fundraising for the new school kitchen and pond area. As you will see from the newsletter, these projects are now coming to fruition which is very exciting to see! We look forward to hearing from the children as they benefit from using these over the coming months....

Other Information

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The advertisement features a collage of photos showing children smiling, a family on a red inflatable slide, and a group of children playing with balloons. A smartphone on the left displays the Barracudas website interface with a 'FIND A CAMP' button. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.