

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

19th April 2024

A fascinating "Tell Me Tuesday" by Mrs Wesley all about her travels in India

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

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Beech Class –
Magical Moon
Buggies!

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024

- ✓ Clubs re-start this week
- ✓ "Tell Me Tuesday" – Kayaking Adventures – Ms Christie – Tues 23rd April at 2:45pm
- ✓ Years 5 and 6 Computer Science Day at Winchester College – Tues 23rd April
- ✓ FoSS Yoga Session for Parents and Carers – Wed 24th April at 9am

Dear Parents and Carers,

I very much hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to have some fun despite the atrocious weather. The children have come back refreshed and raring to go and their enthusiasm, as always, abounds.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Sally Wesley in to present our first 'Tell me Tuesday' of the Summer term. Her fascinating and detailed talk about her recent visit to India and her travels utilising the Indian mountain train system had the children captivated. She showed the children artefacts and souvenirs of her adventures which they very much enjoyed.

This week has been jam packed with exciting learning experiences going on in every class.

Willow Class have been learning about seasons with a focus on Spring. They made season wheels to show the order of the seasons and how the seasons change. They have gone on to write all about Spring, make Spring flowers and create Spring themed art work which was beautiful. Beech Class have been working hard to complete their amazing moon buggies as part of their DT project. They have designed and made their creations using moving axles and as you can see from the pictures there is some real talent and ingenuity.

Maple Class have started their Chocolate project by learning all about the Ivory Coast and unsurprisingly are somewhat excited about the fact that as part of the project they will be designing, making and eating their own chocolate delicacies! Yesterday, Rowan Class took a trip to the local park as part of their science work looking at forces. They looked at the park equipment and undertook various investigations around the many forces that affect how the equipment works. They also looked at air resistance and trialled parachutes carrying eggs to see how successful they were – there may have been a few casualties! Oak Class have also been busy honing both their interview techniques and research skills. They have been writing fictional interview transcripts based on research they have done on the author Tim Tilley. The quality of questioning and responses is breath-taking.

Today a mixed Year 5/6 team attended the Winchester schools Tag rugby event at the Winchester Rugby club run by Sparsholt College. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout, making it all the way through to the semi-finals.

Next week we have another busy week with Years 5 and 6 off to Winchester College on Tuesday for an amazing Computer Science Day. Also on Tuesday we have our next 'Tell Me Tuesday' event with Ms Christie in to talk about kayaking. On Wednesday we are all really excited about the Author visit from Nicky Smith-Dales. Thank you so much to all of you who have returned your orders for her amazing book.

Finally, I really hope you all have a fantastic weekend and are able to get outside to enjoy the better weather.

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	Livi	Arthur	Enid
Beech	Alexander	Jack	Henri
Maple	Emily	Sophia	Felix
Rowan	Lucy	Fallon	Alfie
Oak	Abel	Harriet	Isabella



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: Livinia

**SILVER: Nancy, Jemima C,
Gus, Hugh, Pearl, Julia**

BRONZE: Scarlett



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 15 th Apr	Children return to school	All day		
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed	All day		
Mon 13 th May - Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATS Week	All day		
Fri 24 th May	Whole school "Musical May" concert	2:15pm	Yes	
Fri 24 th May	Last day of half-term - 3:30pm finish	All day		

Important Notices

1. School-run clubs – w/c 22nd April

All clubs start from w/c Monday 22nd April.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Upbeat Pop & Rock (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Upbeat Pop & Rock. Please book and pay directly at upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com / 07816901396 Booking link for Sparsholt children - Summer Term
Tuesday	Rounders (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. FULLY BOOKED – Contact the office to put your child on the waiting list
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 3 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. Please book and pay directly at hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Cricket Club (Years 4 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. FULLY BOOKED – Contact the office to put your child on the waiting list
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – info@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 – info@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398

There are still spaces available for Artiology Club and Upbeat Pop & Rock. Please contact them directly if you would like your child to take part in either of these clubs.

2. PE Timetable – Summer Term 1 – please note change for Rowan Class

PE days for each class for this term are highlighted in blue below:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WILLOW					
BEECH					
MAPLE					
ROWAN					
OAK					

3. Tell Me Tuesday Timetable for the Summer Term

We are very excited about all of the amazing “Tell Me Tuesday” events we have lined up for this term!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Tuesday 23 rd April	Ms Christie	Kayaking adventures
Tuesday 7 th May	Mr Findley	Course Fishing
Tuesday 14 th May	Mr Wesley	RNLI
Tuesday 4 th June	Ms Lewis	Life in Uganda / ‘Project Embabazi’
Tuesday 18 th June	Jemima & Olivia	Jolly Hockey sticks
Tuesday 25 th June	Mr Alexander	Architect

FoSS Update

The Easter Eggstravaganza was a lovely way to finish off last term. The children looked like they were having great fun. Thank you to everyone who helped with organising, running a stall, baking, donating etc. This event ended up raising a **total of £546!**

On to this term... We have **Yoga** for parents/carers coming up on **Wednesday 24th April, 9-10am**. If you are interested, please come along to this FoSS fundraiser! We would love to see you there!

Event		Details
Yoga for parents and carers Wednesday 24th April 9-10am Sparsholt Village Hall	 <p>The poster features a woman in a blue top and orange shorts performing a yoga pose against a blue background with yellow stars. Below the image, the text reads: 'YOGA FOR PARENTS AND CARERS. Support FoSS and come and try out Iyengar Yoga with qualified local instructor Sheena Sultan. All abilities welcome. Wednesday April 24th 9-10am Sparsholt Memorial Hall Only £9 (includes tea/coffee after) Sign up via class reps. Bring a mat if you have one. If not, some spares will be available.'</p>	<p>Join us for yoga with a qualified yoga instructor. All abilities welcome. Sign up with your class rep. ONLY £9 to include the class and tea/coffee afterwards.</p> 
Bags2School clothes collection Tuesday 30th April		<p>Donate your unwanted clothes and raise money for school. Clothes can be left in the school hall before 9am and a parent will follow the school bus in the morning to pick up donations</p>

Other Items

The Westgate will be holding another Open Morning event for prospective trainee teachers. This will be on Thursday 9th May, at The Westgate School, from 9am - 1pm. We would be grateful if you could advertise this opportunity within your school community, by circulating the message below:-

Train to Teach Event:

The Westgate School, Winchester

Open Morning: 9th May 2024 (9am – 12.30pm)

Find out about the different pathways to train to be a teacher

Participate in classroom observations – an opportunity to see a school “in action”

Chat to current teachers about their career journey

To book a place please email wtsa@westgate.hants.sch.uk

Spaces are limited, so book early!

<https://wtsa.info>

