Sparsholt C of E Primary School

INSET DAY
ON MONDAY
26th JUNE



Weekly Newsletter

23rd June 2023

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

- Important notices for next week
- Headteacher weekly update
- Core Christian Value Awards
- General information inc. parent survey
- FoSS update
- Other useful information





3rd place in the Girls County Cricket Finals.

Amazing performance girls!



IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 26th JUNE

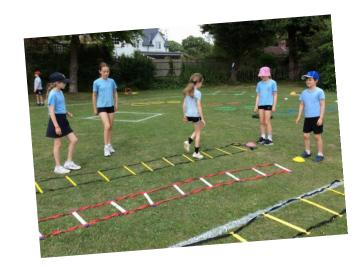
- ✓ INSET day Monday 26th June
- ✓ Year 5 Sports Festival at Henry Beaufort Tuesday 27th June





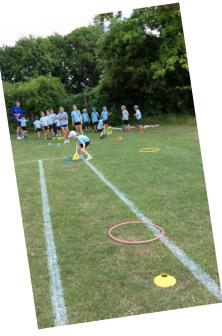












Dear Parents and Carers,

Sport has definitely been the focus of this week, with all of the children performing amazingly, both in school events and in inter-school events.

On Tuesday our amazing girls' cricket team took part in the Hampshire schools cricket final at The Ageas Bowl, having won the Winchester district competition held at Kings School a few weeks earlier. The final consisted of the 12 winning schools from each of the Hampshire districts and I am really proud to announce that our girls came 3rd overall having reached the semi-finals and then winning the playoff match for 3rd and 4th place. It is an absolutely amazing feat to finish in the top 3 of all schools in Hampshire for cricket. Not only did the girls show their fantastic sporting prowess, they also demonstrated every single one of our values: Courage in going for every opportunity; Compassion for each other and the other teams' players and Creativity in how they approached every single game thinking about tactics, positioning and their batting strokes. Well done!

Thank you so much to all of you who were able to attend our wonderful Sports Fest on Wednesday afternoon. I am sure you would agree it was a fantastic event that ensured all children could confidently participate in a range of sporting activities and work together as a team. The children were adamant that they wanted to work collaboratively again, with children from all year groups making up the teams. Our amazing Sports Leaders designed the carousel of activities that the children took part in and did a great job of marshalling their stations. It was also wonderful to see the determination during our more traditional races including the sprint, egg and spoon and relay races and the hush that settled across the field just before starters order. Whilst the winning house team was Wave, I think you would all agree that every team performed phenomenally. I would also like to say a massive thank you to our amazing FoSS team who provided delicious refreshments during the event and also offered the added benefit of both a uniform and plant sale.

Please can I ask, if you haven't already, that you complete our Parent Survey which can be found at the following link: <u>Parent Survey 2023</u>

It should take no more than about 5 minutes to complete and your feedback is so important in enabling us to get a really clear understanding of what we are doing well and also how we can continue to improve.

Thank you for all your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely long extended weekend, and that you are able to relax and enjoy the sunshine.

Please do remember that Monday is an INSET day!

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

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	Krish	Henry R	Cora
Beech	Skyla	Daisy	Reuben / Jemima
Maple	Tom	Bryony	Elise
Rowan	Lucy	Scout	Seb
Oak	Lola	Sophie	Nancy S / Clara



General Information

Key dates for the diary

Key dates for your diaries - for Summer Term 2						
Event	Additional Information	Children involved	Parents involved	Date	Time	
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 26th June	All day	
Year 5 Henry Beaufort Sports Day	Year 5 invited to Sports Festival being run by Henry Beaufort	Year 5	No	Tuesday 27th June	Morning	
Trip to Winchester Science Centre	School trip for Maple Class	Maple Class	No	Thursday 6th July	All day	
Whole school outdoor production		All children	Yes	Monday 17th July	TBC - afternoon	
	Weather dependent - on school field	All children	Yes	Tuesday 18th July	6:00pm	
Leaver's Service	Service for Year 6	Year 6	Yes - Year 6	Friday 21st July	9:30am	
Last day of term	Last day of the school year	All children	N/A	Friday 21st July	From 3:30pm	
Summer Holidays	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 24th July - Thursday 31st August		
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Friday 1st September	All day	
Inset Day	School closed to pupils	All children	N/A	Monday 4th September	All day	
First day of Autumn Term	First day of the school year	All children	N/A	Tuesday 5th September		

Parent Survey

As you know we are always very keen to improve what we do to ensure that your children get the best education possible. Last year, we sent out a Parent Survey to which many of you responded. Your responses were incredibly important to us and helped us to understand and celebrate the many successes of the year and also to help develop our School Improvement Plan for this academic year.

To help us to understand your experiences in this academic year, we would be incredibly grateful if you could take some time to complete this year's short Parent Survey. You can access the survey by clicking on the link below.

Parent Survey June 2023

We very much want to understand what the strengths of our school are and what we do well and also what we can improve on including next steps. This will help to ensure that we meet the needs of our whole school community.

We really would appreciate it if you could complete the survey as soon as possible and I want to thank you for the amazing support you continue to show us.

Learning Support Assistant Vacancy for September

We are currently looking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant for September. We would like to advertise this role in as many places as possible, and so if you have any contacts or access to local Whatsapp / Facebook pages etc, then please feel free to share.

Here is the link to the Hampshire Education Jobs website, where the vacancy has been posted:

https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/109976

FREE Meet the Author book event

Taking place at P&G Wells, on College Street, this Saturday starting at 11am.

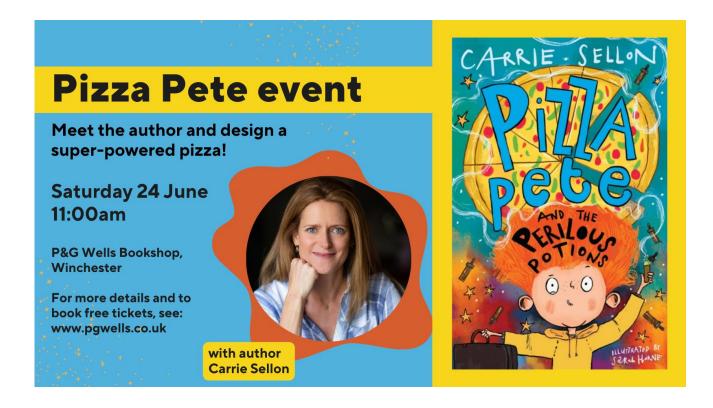
Author Carrie Sellon will be in P&G Wells with a suitcase full of magical potions and pizza-based activities, to read from her new book 'Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions'. It's a funny chapter book, ideal for 7+ readers, with real-world problems and a large dollop of magical chaos.

Review of the book can be found here:

https://www.instagram.com/p/Ctt5wmPMH7S/?igshid=YmM0MjE2YWMzOA%3D%3D

Tickets for the event are free, and can be booked online at www.pgwells.co.uk.

It will be a wonderful and really memorable outing for Sparsholt C of E Primary School children and friends!



Your views count in our search for a new Rector!

Dear Parents,

As you may know by now, Reverend Jax Machin will be leaving our Benefice in mid-September to take up a new position in Devon. The Parochial Church Councils of the 5 Parishes of Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell which make up the Downs Benefice have started the process to find a new Rector. To do this, we need to put together a Parish/Benefice Profile quickly, which will provide information to potential candidates about our Parishes, and also detail the characteristics and/or skills of the type of candidate we are looking for.

If you have a view or opinion about what type of rector you would like or think would be beneficial for you and your family, we would like to hear your views. I will be collating information on behalf of Sparsholt PCC. Please could you send your views to my private email address (see below); answers will be in confidence. I am contacting you as PCC representative, not as a School Governor.

As we only have a short time to put together the Parish Profile, please could you send your responses to me by Friday, 7th July.

Sally Wesley	
sally.weslev@bt	internet.com

FoSS Update

Foss will be supporting the school production and sports day with refreshments. More information to follow.

Other Useful Information

https://www.westgate.hants.sch.uk/open-events





YEAR 5 OPEN AFTERNOONS

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 girls and their families to our open afternoons on:

Monday 26 June | Monday 3 July | Thursday 6 July Friday 7 July | Wednesday 12 July

2pm start

Pre-booking is not required

For more information, please visit www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk





Only Girls Here Cricket Camp



DAY-LONG SUMMER CAMPS RUN BY GIRLS, FOR GIRLS!

DATES 8-12 yrs old

24th July 27th July 31st July

12-15 yrs old 25th July 28th July 2nd August





Our camps are run by Southern Vipers player Finty Trussler and St-Cross player Lucy Counsell



Contact us: Onlygirlsherecricketcamp@gmail.com

Location: St Cross Symondians Cricket Club, Saint Cross Road, Winchester, SO239RX