

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



28th February 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
World Book Day come as your favourite character
Class / Groups Photographs
Bag2School Collection

26th June, 22nd July
Friday 6th March
Friday 20th March from 1.15pm
Tuesday 24th March 9am

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure, like me, that for most of you half term now seems like a distant memory. I'm pleased to report that the children came back after the break and got straight back into the swing of things showing a real focus with their learning. They were delighted to see our new library space and be able to use our amazing new laptops.

In Worship, we started the week talking about Lent and the meaning behind it. The children have been tasked with instead of thinking just about something they could give up for Lent, thinking about something positive they could start doing instead. All children have been given a Lent Challenge calendar to record their good deeds.

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in an Ash Wednesday Service at St Stephens church. The Service was led by Rev'd Jax and our Year 6 children who read out some really thought provoking prayers that they had written. The whole school sang beautifully and the service was very moving.

Please check out our 'redesigned' be bright be seen uniform designed and created by our Be Bright Be Seen competition entrants and overseen by our 2 Junior road safety Officers, Emily and Oscar. This ongoing project can be seen in the library area and a fashion show will be coming soon!

Next week, we are really looking forward to our World Book day celebrations on Friday 6th March. You should have received a copy of the letter outlining the day and with ideas for amazing World Book day costumes. Please note - we are now celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY!

For those of you attending tonight's FOSS bingo evening - I wish you all the best of luck for a full house!

And finally, I would like to congratulate our new Parent Governor Mr Scott Underwood, and thank him for stepping forward to assist and support with the governance of our school. This is such an important job and without the support of the Governors, we as a school would not be able to function as well and efficiently as we do.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Financial Year End

As the financial year end fast approaches, we would appreciate overdue payments as soon as possible, thank-you. Please note that the school charging policy states meal payments, music lessons and after school club fees must be paid by parents **half termly in advance**.

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Melisa	Nancy	Sophia	Oli	Gracie
Compassion	Mia	Oliver	Scarlett	Hannah	Jacob
Creativity	Rory	Inigo	Ollie	Cecily	Anya

Libresoft Consent Form

A letter requesting parental consent for us to share pupil's name, gender and unique pupil number with Libresoft Software, was sent out earlier this week. A copy of this can be found on the parent's letter's page of the school website. We would like to have all forms completed and returned to school by Thursday 5th March enabling us to send the correct database over to the company on Friday 6th March and have our online library resource ready to use. Many thanks

WI Jumble Sale

The Sparsholt WI are holding their jumble sale on 14th March from 11am at the Sparsholt memorial Hall

Request for Sewing Bees!

Is there a parent / grandparent / friend of the school who could come into school on Wednesday 25th March with their sewing machine to help with a creative project? Please contact the school office if you are able, many thanks.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Advice to parents

Please share Catch it, Bin it, Kill it to stop the spread of germs, and remind children to frequently wash their hands.

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If you think you have symptoms of coronavirus, call NHS 111 for advice. Visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information on Coronavirus.

Pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self-isolate, and NOT attend school for 14 days.



Catch it!

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



Bin it!

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



Kill it!

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.