

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023



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

- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General information

*Please look through the general information carefully as it contains lots of really useful details about events, school trips, PE days, school clubs and much more.*

- ❖ FoSS Update
- ❖ Other useful information



Make sure that you don't miss out on all the school events taking place next 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!





**NO LIMITS**  
Helping Young People Help Themselves

Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised **£233** for this amazing cause.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly amazing week this has been, culminating in the children 'Dressing to express'! The children have relished every experience during children's mental health week and comments from staff and parents indicate how much they have valued our learning journey this week.

I really hope you have enjoyed the daily updates around the thoughtful activities that have been taking place. For me, one of the highlights was the visit from our esteemed VIP 'Dino' who I have been reliably informed has decided to transfer the house points he was awarded for exemplary behaviour into edible treats! We really hope you will be able to undertake some of the ideas and activities at home to help support you and your family's wellbeing going forward. Please don't forget that on the website there is a whole section which can be accessed from the home page by clicking on the 'Support and guidance for parent's' tile that offers guidance and support around mental health and wellbeing.

Straight after half-term we have a packed event schedule with parents and carers being able to come into school to look at work with their children. In the first week back it is 'Terrific Tuesday' for Willow class taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 3.35pm to 4.15pm and Wonderful Wednesday taking place for Maple, Rowan and Oak on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3.35pm to 4.15pm. Beech class's 'Thrilling Thursday' is taking place a few weeks later on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. In the second week back, we will be holding our virtual parents evenings on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March for Willow, Maple, Rowan and Oak, with virtual parent evenings taking place for Beech class on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please do look out for the information being sent out today as to how you can book on.

I really hope you all have a fabulous half-term break and please don't forget that the children start back on **TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

Thank you again for all your continued support – we really do have a wonderful whole school community.

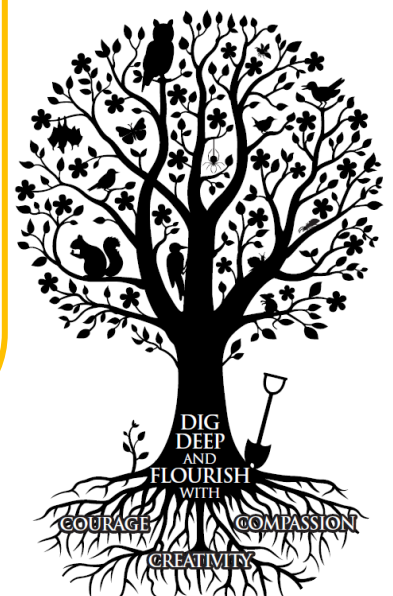
Kind regards,

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
<b>Willow</b>	Eliza	Eliza	Eliza
<b>Beech</b>	Daisy	Gus	Hemming
<b>Maple</b>	Ishaan	Zevon	Bryony
<b>Rowan</b>	Henry P	Cara	Alfie
<b>Oak</b>	Ollie	Aubrey	Lola



## 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
<b>Inset Day</b>		<b>All children</b>		<b>Monday 20th February</b>	<b>8:45am - 3:30pm</b>
<b>Terrific Tuesday</b>	Children and parents invited into classroom to look at books	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Tuesday 21st February	3:35pm - 4:15pm
<b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>	Children and parents invited into classroom to look at books	<b>Maple Rowan Oak</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Wednesday 22nd February	3:35pm - 4:15pm
<b>Bags2School Collection</b>		<b>All children</b>		Tuesday 28th February	Bring donations at drop-off
<b>Virtual Parents Evening</b>	Booking system will open at 8am on Saturday 11th February and close at 8am Sunday 26th February	<b>Willow Maple Rowan Oak</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Tuesday 28th February	4:00pm - 7:00pm
<b>Virtual Parents Evening</b>	Booking system will open at 8am on Saturday 11th February and close at 8am Sunday 26th February	<b>Willow Maple Rowan Oak</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Wednesday 1st March	4:00pm - 7:00pm
<b>World Book Day Celebration</b>	Children invited to dress as their favourite characters from books	<b>All children</b>		Friday 3rd March	8:45am - 3:30pm
<b>Thrilling Thursday</b>	Children and parents invited into classroom to look at books	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Thursday 9th March	3:35pm - 4:15pm
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<b>FoSS Mother's Day Shop</b>	More information to follow	All children		Friday 17th March	TBC
<b>School Easter Presentation</b>	More information to follow	All children	<b>Yes</b>	Thursday 30th March	2:15pm - 3:30pm
<b>FoSS Easter Fair</b>	More information to follow	All children	<b>Yes</b>	Thursday 30th March	From 3:30pm

### School Clubs

Please note that, unfortunately, Netball Club and Junior Football Club are cancelled on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March due to "Wonderful Wednesday" and parents evening. There will be an extra session put on for both of these clubs in the last week of term – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, when all other clubs will NOT be running.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## List of upcoming trips / events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Pupils involved</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Things to remember</u>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 8:45am	Year 5 in <b>Rowan</b>	Science session at Henry Beaufort	Parent transport to and from session.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb and Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6	Bikeability course	Children to bring bikes and helmets into school at 8:30am on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb and collect at the end of the day on Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 8:45am	Year 5 in <b>Rowan</b>	Science session at Henry Beaufort – <b>last one.</b>	Parent transport to and from session.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9:00am – 1:00pm	Willow and Beech	“The Giant Sing” at The Anvil, Basingstoke	Children to bring a packed lunch.

## Virtual Parents Evenings

This term’s parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** for **Willow, Maple, Rowan & Oak classes**. We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child’s teacher. Details of how to do this have been sent out in a letter today.

**Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February until 8am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent’s section;

[https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents\\_evenings](https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings)

For **Beech Class**, this term’s parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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## PE Days

Please see the table below regarding changes to PE days after half-term (starting from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February).

The days highlighted in blue indicate the days when your children should come into school in their school PE kit.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Willow</b>					
<b>Beech</b>					
<b>Maple</b>					
<b>Rowan</b>					
<b>Oak</b>					

## Head lice

Please could we ask that all parents check their child’s hair over half-term for head lice. We have had cases reported this week and it would be great to have a determined effort to clear them over the break from school.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Please send any applications to [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) by 12pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP as a parent governor!

The school Governors are here to support the Staff, you, and the children in ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction at our school.

Our task is also to make sure the school budget is well spent, and we hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. Parent Governors are valued members of the Governing Body who provide a parental perspective. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this key role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

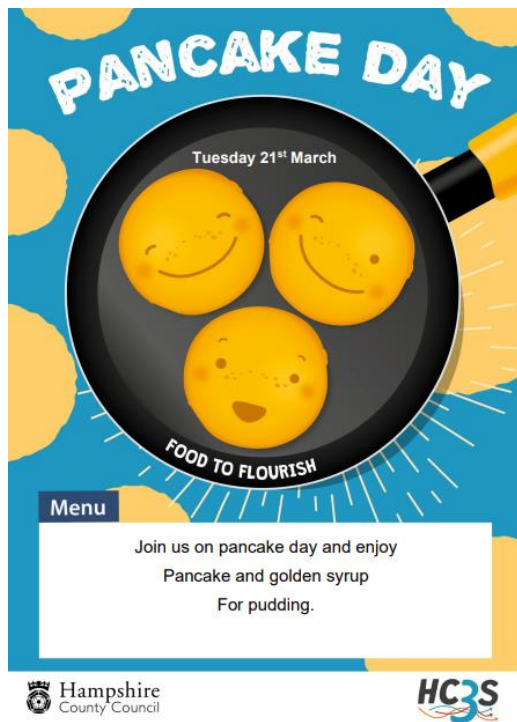
If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the school office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

For more information about the role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Caroline Horrill, at [caroline.horrill@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:caroline.horrill@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) or on 07710 067620.

## Themed lunches

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we will be running a special World Book 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.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the pudding option will be pancake and golden syrup



# PANCAKE DAY

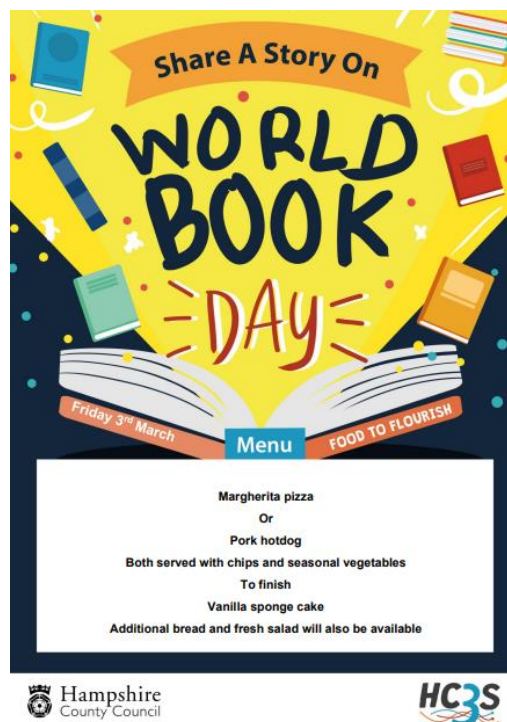
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

FOOD TO FLOURISH

### Menu

Join us on pancake day and enjoy  
Pancake and golden syrup  
For pudding.

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# Share A Story On WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

### Menu

Margherita pizza  
Or  
Pork hotdog  
Both served with chips and seasonal vegetables  
To finish  
Vanilla sponge cake  
Additional bread and fresh salad will also be available

FOOD TO FLOURISH

Hampshire County Council HC3S

## School Uniform

Please be advised that the Direct4logos shop will be closed on Saturday 11th February 2023.

## FoSS Update

**Don't forget about Bags2School on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – perhaps half-term is a perfect opportunity for a spring clean and to gather things ready for this Bags2School collection. Thank you!

## Other events / useful information

**FREE FOR ALL AGES**



All day at the ARC on Jewry Street and across the city centre

**COWfest**  
Children of Winchester Festival

**SATURDAY**  
**11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**2023**

COWfest 2023 is supported by  


Try something new at half-term!  
Music, relaxation, toddler gym  
Inclusive sports  
Art and crafts  
Stories, games and more

Pre-book or drop in  
Learn more at [cowfest.org.uk](http://cowfest.org.uk)

**KEEPING EVERYONE UP TO DATE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**COW Fest - 11th February 2023 - 10:00 - 16:00**  
Offering Soft Play Sessions (under 5s) & Top Rock (Ages 4-16)  
Booking required. Please call Reception.

**PT Launch Day - 27th February 2023**

<b>SWIM LESSONS</b>	<b>TOP ROCK</b>
Flexible Choice Start Anytime Track your Progress Badges and Certificates AND Free Swimming All Year Round Call us today for more information	Our Auto Belay Park is perfect for the whole family with a variety of routes  Open throughout Half-Term Sessions run 10:00 - 16:00

**MEMBERSHIPS**

February Offer (Available until 28/02/23) - £10 Joining Fee - Save £30  
ADDITIONAL Valentines Offer (Available until 15/02/23)  
Join as a couple or refer a friend to us for one free month each. Offer only valid in centre.  
For more information email [winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com](mailto:winchestersportparkma@everyoneactive.com)

<b>HOLIDAY CLUB</b>	<b>UNDER 5'S</b>
<b>Fit for Sport</b> 13th - 17th February 2023  To book please visit the Fit for Sport website <a href="https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/">https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/</a>	<b>Active Antz</b> Play and build bonds with your child. Sessions running Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Adult & Child Gymnastics For 18 months up to the child's 3rd Birthday. Classes running Monday & Thursdays.

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