

THE HERALD

Bringing you news of the courageous, compassionate and creative life of Sparsholt C of E Primary School Community



Welcome to the latest edition of
The Herald

Bringing you the Summer 2022 news round-up of the school year!

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Similar: proclaimer, announcer, messenger

2. verb - a sign that something is about to happen

Similar: announce, signal, indicate, point to

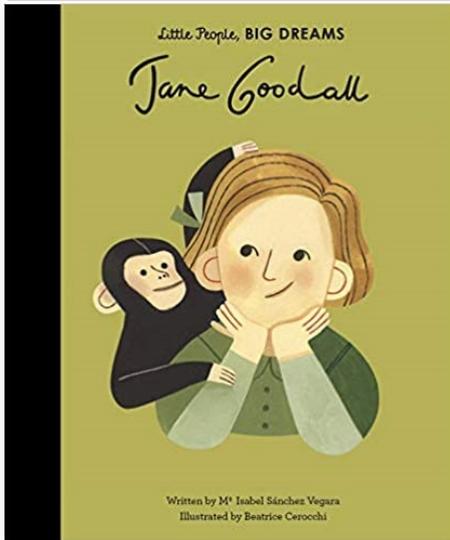
Through our publication, 'The Herald' we hope to give you a snap-shot of the vibrant life of our school as we live out our core Christian values of courage, compassion and creativity. Our mission is to shine a light on the courageous advocacy of our wonderful school community.

The Herald Summer 2022 Highlights....

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Little People BIG Dreams

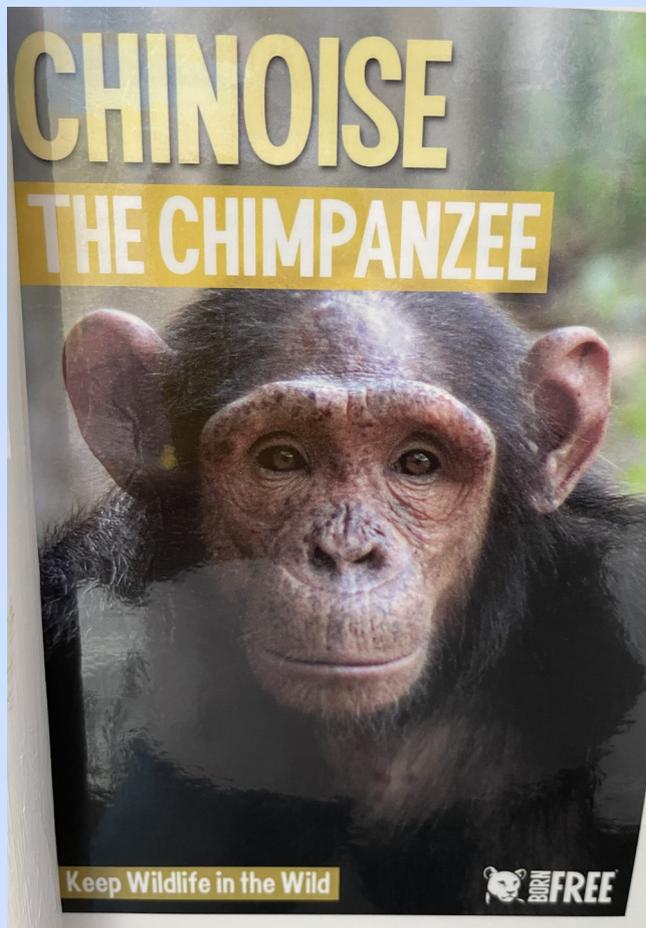


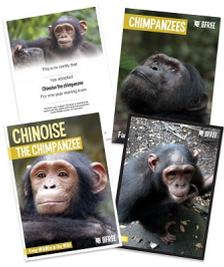
After reading about the amazing life of Dr. Jane Goodall, (the world expert on chimpanzees) in the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series we were inspired to raise money to adopt two chimps! In this true story of Jane Goodall's life, we learned that when Jane was little, her father gave her a toy chimpanzee called 'Jubilee' which sparked her early love of animals. As an adult, Jane travelled to Tanzania to study chimpanzees in a new way – by living with them in their habitat. This inspiring book provided a powerful message and motivated us to make a difference to the animal world and

specifically chimps.

We were extremely happy that our 'adopt-a-soft-toy-sale' was a huge success, and the money raised has meant that we have adopted two chimps...

Meet Sara and Chinoise...





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Meet the two newest members of our School Community – Sara and Chinoise. Sara is a young chimpanzee who lives on Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, in Uganda.

She was confiscated from a wildlife trader in South Sudan who tried to sell her as a pet. However, thanks to the expert care of Ngamba Island she has recovered and enjoys life on the island as an active member of a troop of chimpanzees.

“Cheeky Sara is the second-youngest female in her troop of rescued chimpanzees and a low-ranking individual amongst the other orphans at the island sanctuary,” explains Born Free’s Animal Care & Rescue Manager Maggie Balaskas.

“As well as having a strong bond with older female Connie, Sara has a close relationship with the other youngsters, especially Eazy. Sara is very protective, treating him as a brother, and has done ever since they were both ‘adopted’ by Connie,” she adds.

Chinoise is a young chimpanzee who lives at Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC), in Cameroon.

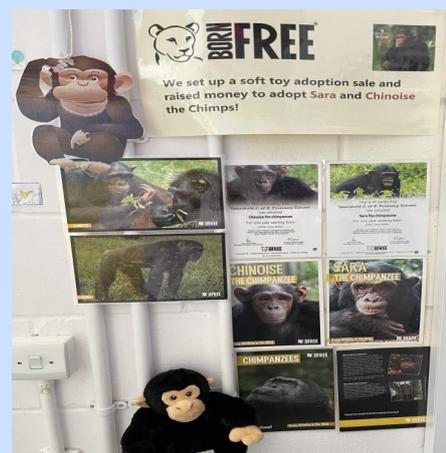
When Chinoise was just a few weeks old, her mother was killed by poachers and she was sold as a pet to a Chinese restaurant in Douala, Cameroon. But she was rescued and now receives expert lifetime care at Limbe.

Chinoise is loving life at LWC. “Chinoise always has a playful and cheeky expression on her face and loves eating the plant aframomum,” says Born Free’s Rescue & Care Manager Maggie Balaskas.

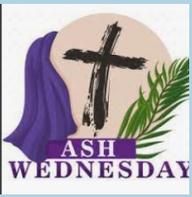
“Chinoise is still too young to be

integrated into one of the big chimpanzee groups. But in the meantime, she happily remains in the comfort of the nursery, together with other chimps.”

- ★ Chimpanzees share about 99% of our DNA, making them the closest living relative of humans.
- ★ Chimpanzees are highly intelligent, with complex social structures and distinct cultures.
- ★ Chimps are known to make and use tools, including stick tools for the extraction of ants, termites, honey and bees; stone and wood tools to crack nuts; fishing rods created from long branches to fish for algae; and sponges made from leaves. Sick chimps have also been known to eat potentially medicinal plants.
- ★ Chimps are quite vocal and use a variety of grunts, squeaks, screams and barks to express different emotions.



Photograph of our adopted soft toys and our chimp adoption display



Ash Wednesday



Revd Jax and the Pupil Worship Team led a whole school Ash Wednesday Service on the 2nd March.

Ash Wednesday is the first day after Lent. Lent is the time before Easter, when Christians try to give something up or do a good deed for someone else.

Revd Jax told us that a long time ago, people wore sackcloth and ashes, to show that they were sorry for their sins.

We reflected on Lent being a good opportunity to think about making the right choices and how it can sometimes be difficult to be strong in our daily lives. We thought about times when we need to 'dig - deep' and be courageous and compassionate. We thought of lots of examples:

When we are tempted to do what is wrong...

When we do not get what we want...

When we are afraid of doing new things...

When we want to do what is right...

When we want to be kind and thoughtful...

When we want to make friends with someone...

When we want to say sorry to someone...

When we want to make the right choices...



Revd Jax gave us a Palm Sunday cross as a reminder of welcoming Jesus into our hearts and a symbol of joy, love and peace. Photo above of Revd Jax, Mrs Wesley (foundation governor) and the Worship Team



Fantastic Community Effort! Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

A massive heartfelt thank you for all your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries over the last few months. A number of our Sparsholt residents have ensured these essential goods have been delivered to a local depot and dispatched to Ukrainian families in desperate need of support. We are so proud of the generosity of our school community! your compassion and positivity in supporting this cause is hugely appreciated, what a fantastic team effort!





Marvellous Map Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal



We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and fellowship of the Sparsholt Community in all of our fund raising appeals. William N from Oak Class, inspired Map Challenge raised over £600 for the British Red Cross Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)'s Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We set up our Map Station outside the village shop and were delighted with the support of village shoppers and passers by as they donated money and praised our fund raising efforts!





Berkeley's Brilliant Record - Breaking Bike Ride!



The end of the summer term saw temperatures rise to the high 20s. However, this didn't put off the ambition of 6 year old Berkeley from Beech Class cycling a total of 18 miles into school and back. Once the idea had sown a seed in his head, he wanted to show his compassion and be a courageous advocate for children in war torn Ukraine by raising money to help them.

Berkeley set off at 7.30am before the heat could build up too much (already 21.5oC). Cycling with his father at his side, Berkeley's enthusiasm and speed had to be curbed several times during the 9 miles cycle for fear of heat exhaustion. How wrong his parents were – as a friendly parent commented on Berkeley's arrival at school, "he looked so fresh that he could have just climbed out of bed!"

By the end of the day, the sun was still shining and temperatures were now a consistent 27oC. This was no deterrent for Berkeley in his mission to smash his personal target of cycling the 18 miles and children in Ukraine .



To date, Berkeley has raised over £400 for the Ukraine DEC Appeal and this is sure to grow further in the coming days. So, a BIG **"Thank You"** for your kind sponsorship thus far.



Berkey is off! On his 9 mile cycle to school!



That was thirsty work!

Back home after cycling another 9 miles at the end of the school day! Well done Berkeley! What a super star!





Volunteering Award for Mr John Wesley



The Herald are proud to celebrate members of our community who undertake courageous advocacy activities. In our summer edition we would like to shine a light on the voluntary work of John Wesley. Some of you may know John Wesley, who lives in Sparsholt and is one of the Churchwardens of St. Stephen's Church. He volunteers for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) by going round Schools and Clubs in the Winchester area giving talks about the RNLI and raising money for the charity. In his School talks, he shows pupils how to Respect the Water and keep themselves safe at sea, by rivers, anywhere there is water. He also gives talks to large groups of people about the amazing work of the men and women who volunteer on the lifeboats. The money raised for the RNLI provides safety equipment and training for the lifeboat crews so they can save as many lives as possible of those who get into difficulties in the water. Most RNLI volunteers, including John Wesley and the lifeboat crews don't get paid for the work they do for the RNLI. We are delighted to announce that In recognition of the volunteer work that John Wesley does, he recently received this invitation to Hampton Court Palace. Well done Mr Wesley!

The Chief Executive and Trustees of the RNLI request the pleasure of the company of

John Wesley (plus guest)

to recognise your volunteering award by inviting you to a garden party. This celebratory event will take place at Hampton Court Palace, London on Sunday xx September 2022 at 3pm



Jubilee Art Gallery



Sparsholt has the smallest Post Office in the World (not fact checked!) We also have the coolest, smallest, and most creative art gallery in the kingdom too! Inspired by Janette, from the Sparsholt Village Shop, we were invited to showcase our artwork to celebrate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Watch this space for exhibitions in 2022-2023





Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



At the end of May we marked the historic event of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with some fun, royal themed activities and workshops. We had a great time at 'department and elocution' including walking in a straight line whilst balancing a book on our head! Saying the tongue twisters, 'the blue bluebird blinks' and 'four fine fresh fish for you', was hilarious! Parade marching in front of the Queen and her corgi was enjoyable as were the civilised croquet lessons. Everyone relished decorating cakes with royal icing, cucumber sandwich making and sampling six exquisite cordials. Our favourites were lime and mint, rhubarb and orange blossom and pear and elderflower. Our day of celebrations ended with every class performing in an Outdoor Royal Variety Performance

Cordial	My Tasting Notes
Pear and Elderflower	10/10. Wow, never had something that amazingly before. beautiful flavours and gosh-wow
Elderflower	10/10 Simple. You can't go wrong with elderflower.
Raspberry and Rhubarb	10/10 Just perfection the gosh taste of raspberry truly saves the deal.
Lime	10/10 The lime on its own actually surprises me how well cordialized it is.
Ginger	10/10. lovely spice, can't ask for any more with this one.
Crushed Lime and Mint	10/10. The lime is amazing but the mint, wow! Absolutely insensible.





Jubilee

Album



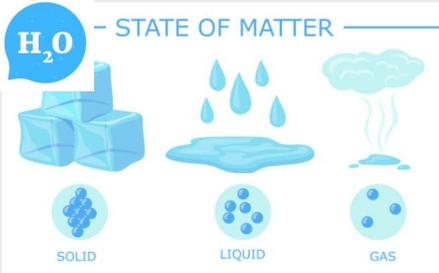


Outdoor Trinity Service

The Pupil Worship Team were invited by Revd Jax to help her lead the outdoor Trinity Service at Northwood Park on 12th June. We started our talk by saying that Christians refer to God as the 'Trinity'. That means three beings in one – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – a 'triune' God. This is a very confusing idea and very hard to understand. We explained that there ways of thinking about the Trinity that can help us to understand it better.



We explained the patron saint of Ireland Patrick, taught his people about the Trinity by using a shamrock. A shamrock leaf has three distinct lobes but they are all part of one leaf. It does look a bit like three in one. Next we talked about the idea of H₂O. Sometimes it's water, sometimes it's ice and sometimes it's water vapour. So, it's the same thing, but takes on three different forms. We were pleased with our idea, but Revd Jax said it wasn't quite right. God, she said, is *always* the Father, Son *and* Holy Spirit, not one sometimes and another on a different occasion.



Martha then told the congregation that she had cracked it and explained 'I'm three different things at the same time! I'm a daughter, sister *and* a granddaughter!'

We went on to explain the Trinity is all about relationships. God loves all of us and he cares for us as a perfect father should. He is also obedient to his father, as a perfect son, so there is no difference between them. We then reflected on the holy spirit. We explained that it's the feelings we have about each other. It gives life and energy to all our relationships – in our families, at school and everywhere. It's like the feeling you have when you feel easy, relaxed and happy with someone.



Spirituality



Spirituality means having a feeling of peace deep inside that lets you just be 'in the moment.' It makes you feel alive and connected to something bigger and more powerful than yourself. It can be surprising and linked with nature and God but it means different things to different people and that is okay.

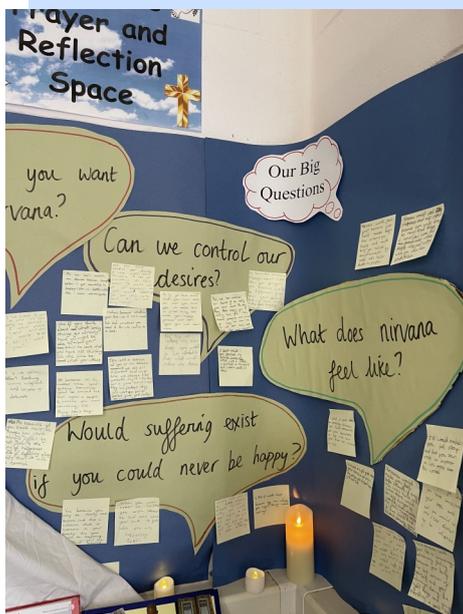
At Sparsholt C of E School, we have created several spaces around school to encourage spirituality. These areas are where the children can spontaneously reflect, pray or have a moment of stillness and quiet. At times they will be invited to go to the reflective prayer space in the foyer in response to a collective worship stimulus. Through our Indoor Reflective Area and Classroom Worship Areas, all children have the opportunity to engage in themed activities relating to our values or Collective Worship themes or to spend time in personal reflection as and when needed.



Spirituality means feeling part of something bigger than yourself. It makes you want to do things to give yourself and other people a reason to be alive and to experience joy, peace and love.

Classroom Prayer and Reflection Spaces

Left photo– Beech Class
Right photo– Oak Class
Below– Willow Class



Left photo– Oak Big Questions on Buddhism
Right Photo– Prayer and Reflection Space in Rowan Class



Gratitude Photography



Gratitude is about being thankful.

We can use lots of words to describe feelings of gratitude - we might say that we feel thankful, lucky, fortunate, humbled, or blessed.

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

A.A. Milne



Gratitude and the Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing

Gratitude is one of many positive emotions. It's about focusing on what's good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have. Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, pets. It's taking a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are when something good happens — whether it's a small thing or a big thing.



Finnegan from Oak Class took this incredible photograph (right). He said, I am so grateful for the amazing countryside on my doorstep!

Mrs Horrill, our Chair of Governors, sent us this beautiful photograph and told us...

'I am always grateful for the place that I live. This is a view from my garden.'



Gratitude Photography



Revd Jax send us this lovely photograph of some flowers she was given in gratitude of a wedding she had taken.

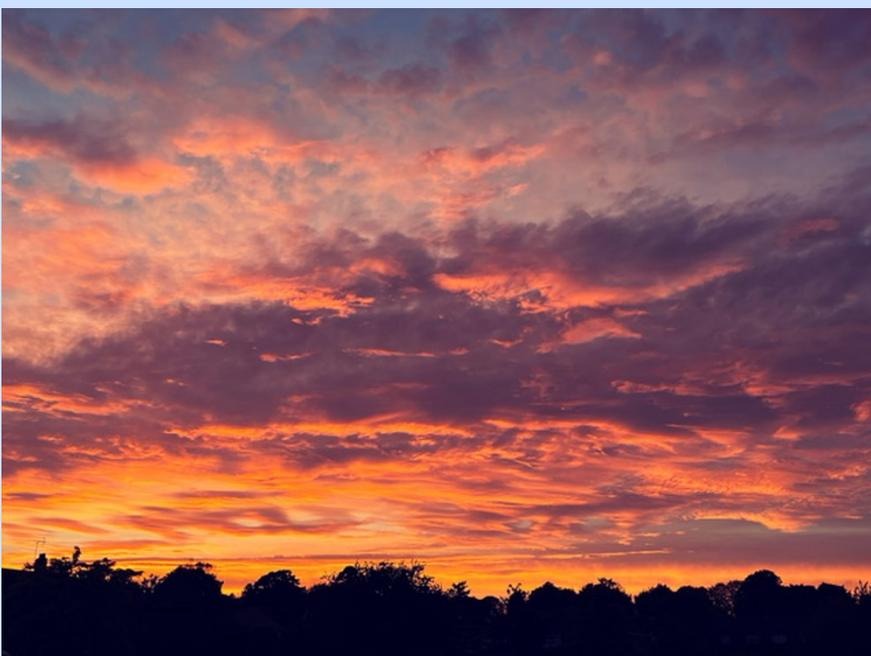
Mrs Wesley ,our Foundation Governor, send us this very special photograph of her first grandson, Henryk, with the following citation-

'I am deeply grateful to my son and daughter-in-law for producing my wonderful grandson I give thanks to God for guiding them to be loving, caring parents. I have immense gratitude for the staff at the hospital for supporting them through a difficult birth.'



Charlie A from Oak Class sent this stunning photograph with the following reflection...

"I learn to appreciate the small quiet moments in my life, having such an amazing view from back garden in Sparsholt village. Watching the amazing sky helps me reflect on how lucky I am to live in such a fabulous location".



Goodbye and Goodluck
Good Luck All the Best
KEEP IN TOUCH Luck Goodbye
All the Best
You'll be missed Keep in touch
Luck Goodbye and
Best of Luck Goodluck
You'll be missed GOODBYE
BEST OF Good LUCK
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Year 6 Leavers' Service

Class of 2022

Revd Jax led a moving and reflective Year 6 Leavers' Service. Year 6 read prayers, recited a poem, sang songs and presented peer generated word clouds to each other. It was a beautiful and creative service attended by parents and relatives who surprised Year 6 by blowing bubbles as they left the church! After the service Revd Jax guided us in a profound pebble meditation experience.



Rev. Jax asked us all to select a stone from her basket and invited us to talk about what the stone meant to us. Next we silently placed our stones at the altar to make a cairn.

The cairn is like a cairn on top of a hill, to mark the place where many people have arrived and from which they've moved on. We thought about how our pebble is a symbol of who we are and how we are all unique and have grown together. We've all arrived with different stones and now it's time to move on.

