



Weekly Newsletter

21st October 2022

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

- ❖ Important dates for your diaries
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Core Christian Value Awards
- ❖ General Information
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Thank you for your incredible generosity!
Apple Fest 2022 raised over £220 for Karis Kids!



Dates for your diaries

Inset Days 22/23

KS1 Thrilling Thursday – children and parents invited to look at books

KS2 Fab Friday – children and parents invited to look at books

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Parents Evenings (online)

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Thursday 3rd November (in classrooms)

Friday 4th November (in classrooms)

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th November

Wednesday 9th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end to this half term! The children have had the most amazing day what with 'Apple Fest' this morning and an afternoon of 'Golden Time' chosen by our coin challenge winners Oak class.

It was such a delight to see the children outside enjoying such an amazing array of different apple varieties, many of which I have never sampled before. One particular variety which stood out was the 'Wagener' with so many children commenting on its sherbet-like flavour. Another variety that was a firm favourite was the 'Newton Wonder'. Apologies if your children have decided that the good old Granny Smith is no longer acceptable!

Thank you to all of you who supported the FoSS-run Coin Challenge. It was a huge success and the children really enjoyed the competitive element. The winning class were able to choose a treat for the whole school and decided that an afternoon of 'Golden Time' was what they wanted. The children have had a lovely time and have raised very worthwhile funds for our school.

As you know from the letter that I sent out in September about the amazing fundraising work done by FoSS and supported by you as parents, we have some exciting projects planned for the year ahead using the money raised. Our main projects are the redevelopment of the pond area in conjunction with Sparsholt Agricultural College and the creation of some cooking facilities within the school to enable the children to undertake more variety of food technology activities. As I am sure you are aware, projects such as these can't be completed overnight and being a school we are bound by various restrictions, but we are currently working on making these things a reality and are really excited about the difference both projects will make to the children.

As those of you who currently use our After School Care know, we have been looking this term for an outside provider to take this over from us as a school. We are aware that many parents need more flexibility and longer hours than we can currently offer and therefore felt this was an important step. We are pleased to announce that from the 8th November, Creative Kidz will be our After School Care provider. Please make sure that you look out for the e-mail explaining what they provide and how to book.

Finally, I want to say a massive thank you to our whole school community for a really successful and productive half term. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and am really looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 31st October and you as parents in on Thrilling Thursday and Fab Friday for the opportunity to look with your children at the amazing work they have produced.

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	Benett	Florence	Olive
Beech	Evie	Reuben	Camille
Maple	Dolly	Olivia	Megan
Rowan	Cara	Verity	Erin
Oak	Sophie	Beatrix / Oliver T	Fred



General Information

Extended Provision – After School Club

Thank you for submitting your responses to the Extended Provision survey that we sent out on behalf of an external provider, Creative Kidz, a few weeks ago.

We are excited to announce that Creative Kidz will be taking over our After-School Club extended provision from Tuesday 8th November.

Please look out for a separate e-mail coming from the School Office providing all the details about how to register and sign-up to this After-School Club, along with information about the company, prices and what they offer.

Please note that Breakfast Club will be continuing as normal, operated by School Staff.



**New and exciting
After School Club**

**SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPENING 8TH NOVEMBER 2022**

 Click here to book online

     

www.creativekidz.org.uk
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admin@creativekidz.org.uk

Parents' Evenings

This term's parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 8th November** and **Wednesday 9th November** for all year groups. We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child's teacher.

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Monday 31st October until midday (12pm) on Monday 7th November.

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

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

Please note that due to parent-teacher meetings, Netball and Junior Football Clubs are cancelled on Wednesday 9th November.

Year 7 Applications – Deadline Fast Approaching!

The national deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2023 is almost upon us - Monday 31st October 2022. More information from Hampshire can be found on their website;

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

School Lunches after Half-Term

- **Price Increase**

From **Monday 31st October**, the price of school meals for children in Key Stage 2 will be further increased from £2.60 to **£2.80**.

Please do feel free to check your eligibility for receiving free school meals, using the link below:

[Free school meals | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7)

- **Menu choices**

New menus for October 2022 – April 2023 have been sent out to all parents. Please note that from Monday 31st October, we will also be offering a jacket potato option each day, alongside the classic meat and vegetarian hot dinners.

We will also be offering a different Bonfire themed menu on Friday 4th November – see leaflet below.

Money for School Lunches

The school requires that school lunches are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Scopay website or app but cheques and cash are also accepted in the office. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office.

To help you calculate the correct payment for next half-term on SCOPAY, please see below:

Number of meals per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for hot lunches Autumn 2 half-term	£19.60	£39.20	£58.80	£78.40	£98

FOOD TO FLOURISH

BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday 4th November

Menu

Catherine wheel pizza
Or
Pork sausage in a hot dog roll
Served with Baked beans and diced potatoes

To finish
Homemade shortbread
additional bread and alternative dessert available

Other Information



OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL COACHING



This October, Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe 360 and Aquila Nuclear Engineering Ltd are providing 8 football coaching sessions at various locations across the district. Each day will be packed with fun games, matches and drills with a chance to make new friends and learn new skills.

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022

Colden Common	9.00 - 10.15am	Colden Common Recreation Ground, SO21 1RP
South Wonston	9.00 - 10.15am	South Wonston, Recreation Ground, SO21 3HP
Bishop's Waltham	11.00 - 12.15pm	Priory Park, SO32 1SQ
Kings Worthy	11.00 - 12.15pm	Eversley Park, SO23 7NJ
Wickham	1.15 - 2.15pm	Mill Lane Community Centre Car Park, Wickham, PO17 5AL
Stanmore	1.15 - 2.15pm	Somers Close Recreation Ground, SO22 4EJ
Whiteley	3.00 - 4.00pm	Meadowside Leisure Centre, All Weather Pitch, PO15 7LJ
Winchester City	3.15 - 4.30pm	North Walls Recreation Ground, SO23 7DD

If you would like further information or have any questions please email

hello@activeme360.com

To book your space please visit:

bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list



FoSS Update

- Thank you all for your incredible donations towards the “Penny War” coin challenge – we know it has not been an easy task for parents to find loose change! Also a huge thank you to the helpers who diligently counted all the coins! It was incredible to see the number of coins collected!
- Congratulations to the winners, Oak Class! We hope that the whole school enjoyed their prize this afternoon.
- Please come and make a visit to the apple cake sale this afternoon – there will be an amazing array of apple-themed baked goods! Thank you to all those who volunteered to make something, it really is appreciated.
- We hope that you have a great half-term and come back fully re-invigorated, ready to raise more money for the school. Keep an eye out for some fun events coming soon!

