Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

24th February 2023

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

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

Please look through 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 this 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!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed half term and were able to do some fun and exciting things together – I am sure that like us it now seems an age ago!

Despite this only being a four day week for the children, we seem to have packed an awful lot in alongside our normal curriculum learning.

We very much enjoyed welcoming those of you who could come into school for 'Terrific Tuesday' (Willow class) and 'Wonderful Wednesday' (Maple, Rowan and Oak class). I always find it such a joy listening to the pride and enthusiasm your children display when showing you all the wonderful work they have been doing. It has so much more value for both you and the children that they can articulate all that happened and all that they learned whilst producing the outcomes shown in the books, which are only a part of their amazing learning journeys. As a quick reminder for parents in Beech Class, don't forget that you will be able to come in for 'Thrilling Thursday' on Thursday 9th March from 3.35pm to 4.15pm.

Please remember that next week we are holding our virtual parent evenings for Willow, Maple, Rowan and Oak classes on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March. If you haven't already booked on, please make sure you do as the school-parent partnership is essential to children's education. If you have any issues booking on (you should have received a number of emails with instructions) please do contact the office immediately. Virtual parent evenings for children in Beech class will be taking place on Tuesday 14th March and Thursday 16th March, with the booking system opening for this on Saturday.

On Wednesday, the children attended a wonderful 'Ash Wednesday' Service over at the church with our amazing Pupil Worship Team leading the proceedings. They did a fantastic job of explaining the meaning behind both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and the 40 days of Lent. It was so fantastic hearing what the children had decided to give up including some mentioning 'tech' due to how much fun they had found 'Tech Free Thursday' during Children's Mental Health Week.

Yesterday was all about cricket, cricket and more cricket! Every class had a cricket lesson with a fantastic coach from "Chance to Shine". Teachers all commented on how engaged the children were and how much they all enjoyed it. We are so lucky to be able to access "Chance to Shine" and all the children will continue to have lessons every Thursday up to the Easter break.

Next week is another packed week with Year 6 undertaking Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday, virtual parent evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday and World Book day on Thursday so lots to look forward to.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and please do not hesitate to contact us if you are struggling to book on for parent evenings.

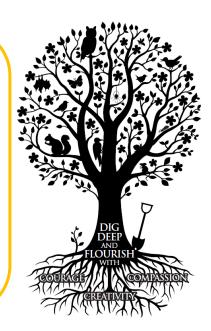
Kind regards,

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	Finbar	Krish	Benett
Beech	Beth	Clara	Sophia
Maple	Hannah	Jannah	Harrison
Rowan	Erin	Seb	Cara
Oak	Molly	Adam	Isabella



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
Bags2School Collection		All children		Tuesday 28th February	Bring donations at drop-off
Virtual Parents Evening	Booking system will open at 8am on Saturday 11th February and close at 8am Sunday 26th February	Willow Maple Rowan Oak	Yes	Tuesday 28th February	4:00pm - 7:00pm
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World Book Day Celebration	Children invited to dress as their favourite characters from books	All children		Thursday 2nd March	8:45am - 3:30pm
Thrilling Thursday	Children and parents invited into classroom to look at books	Beech	Yes	Thursday 9th March	3:35pm - 4:15pm
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FoSS Mother's Day Shop	More information to follow	All children		Thursday 16th March	ТВС
School Easter Presentation	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	2:15pm - 3:30pm
FoSS Easter Fair	More information to follow	All children	Yes	Thursday 30th March	From 3:30pm

School Clubs

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

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

List of upcoming trips / events

Date and Time	Pupils involved	<u>Event</u>	Things to remember
Monday 27 th Feb and Tuesday 28 th Feb	Year 6	Bikeability course	Children to bring bikes and helmets into school at 8:30am on Monday 27 th Feb and collect at the end of the day on Tuesday 28 th Feb.
Friday 3 rd Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Tuesday 7 th Mar 8:45am	Year 5 in Rowan	Science session at Henry Beaufort – last one .	Parent transport to and from session.
Friday 10 th Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Wednesday 15 th Mar 9:00am – 1:00pm	Willow and Beech	"The Giant Sing" at The Anvil, Basingstoke	Children to bring a packed lunch.
Friday 17 th Mar All day	Willow and Beech	Stubbington Study Centre	Children should wear trousers, long sleeved t-shirt, school sports hoodie or jumper and bring a lightweight coat. They must wear wellies. Children to bring a packed lunch and drink together with a spare set of clothes, including comfortable shoes, in a backpack.
Friday 17 th Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Friday 24 th Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.
Friday 31 st Mar 9:30am – 11:30am	Year 3 and 6	Swimming Lesson	Children to come in PE kit and bring their swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a plastic bag for their wet things.

Virtual Parents Evenings

This term's parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 28**th **February** and **Wednesday 1**st **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 along with reminder emails have been sent out.

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Saturday 11th February until 8am on Sunday 26th February.

Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section; https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

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PE Days

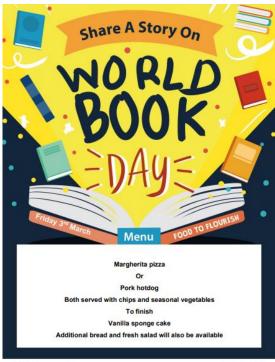
Please see the table below regarding changes to PE days after half-term (starting from Tuesday 21st February).

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Themed lunches

On Friday 3rd 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.







<u>Creative Kidz – After-school extended provision</u>

Please see below for the updated price list from Creative Kidz:



Hampshire's Spring Into Action 2023



We are pleased to be supporting Hampshire's Spring into Action 2023 event, which runs from Monday 27th February to Sunday 5th March 2023.

A Spring into Action Toolkit is available at: https://myjourneyhampshire.com/springintoaction.

It provides families with a daily activity to enjoy each day of the school week while they walk, wheel, scoot or cycle on their journey to and from school and during the weekend. Families are invited to try a daily activity during the week from the toolkit. You can follow the daily suggestions or mix them up to suit your family!

The toolkit provides a fantastic opportunity for families to spend time talking and having fun together!

KNOW THE 5Cs TO STAY SAFER

















FoSS Update

Thank you to Beech class parents for the amazing bakes for the cake sale before half-term. We managed to make £182!

Remember it is Bags2School on Tuesday. Mrs Rees will be following the bus to collect bags or they can be left at school by 9am. Please have a sort out this weekend. The more bits we have the more money we raise.

Mother's Day sale will take place on Thursday 16th March. All the children are invited to bring in some money to choose a gift for a special lady in their lives. More information to follow.

Other events / useful information



