



## Weekly Newsletter

24<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 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Willow</b>	Finbar	Krish	Benett
<b>Beech</b>	Beth	Clara	Sophia
<b>Maple</b>	Hannah	Jannah	Harrison
<b>Rowan</b>	Erin	Seb	Cara
<b>Oak</b>	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
<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>		Thursday 2nd 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		Thursday 16th 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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>
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.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <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.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9:00am – 1:00pm	Willow and Beech	“The Giant Sing” at The Anvil, Basingstoke	Children to bring a packed lunch.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>must</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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<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 along with reminder emails have been sent out.

**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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

## 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.

Share A Story On  
**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Menu  
FOOD TO FLOURISH

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

## Creative Kidz – After-school extended provision

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



### PRICE LIST SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL

After School club	Contract	Ad hoc
Session 1- 3.30pm to 6:00pm	£ 14.50	£ 15.50
Session 2- 4.30pm to 6:00pm	£ 9.20	£ 10.20

Penalties	Price
Late collection charge - Per 10 mins past booked timeslot	£ 15.00
Late payment charge - Charged weekly on overdue invoices	£ 15.00

#### General information

All After school club sessions include a cold healthy and nutritious snack.

Fees are charged by the session.

Outing Fees - Parents are responsible for outing related fees

Creative Kidz Childcare Ltd  
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The following Terms and conditions apply to all bookings.

## Hampshire's Spring Into Action 2023



We are pleased to be supporting Hampshire's Spring into Action 2023 event, which runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## TO STAY SAFER

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### Carbon Monoxide

Do you know if your landlord's job to make sure a carbon monoxide alarm is fitted in your home if needed?



### Cooking

Barbecues and camping stoves are unsafe to use indoors and put you at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.



### Chimneys

Get yours swept and checked professionally if you're planning to light an open fire.



### Clothing

Think about where you dry clothes. Clothes can get caught on electric heaters and burn.



### Candles

Keep lit candles away from curtains and bedding and be sure to blow out when you leave the room.



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## **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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



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