

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
23rd June 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates

Inset Dates (2017/18)

Non-Uniform Day (donations for FoSS raffle)

Summer Production Dates

24th & 25th July

4th Sept 17, 26th Jan 18, 19th Feb 18,

25th May 18, 23rd July 18

Friday 14th July

Tue 18th 1.30pm & Wed 19th July 6.30pm

Weekly Update from Mrs McCarthy

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to inform you that our Mosaic Awards for this week have been presented to;

<i>Willow Class</i>	<i>Beech Class</i>	<i>Maple Class</i>	<i>Rowan Class</i>	<i>Oak Class</i>
Casper	Ollie J	Flynn	Rufus	Max
Finn	Sophia	Gracie	Gracie	Thomas
Adam				

Congratulations to Bende who was awarded 2nd place regional winner for the South East region in the recent Amazon and Civil Aviation 'Design a Drone' competition. This was a competition open to members of our Computing Club. Bende's drone was very unique, supporting environmental issues by searching out fly tipping around the country side. Great job Bende!

I would like to wish the Lacrosse Team, who are competing in the Pop Lacrosse Nationals in Sheffield representing our school this weekend, the very best of luck. Again, thank you to parents, Mrs Gwilliam and Mrs Laver for supporting the competition and of course, thank you to Julia for her expert coaching!

The Year 6 pupils will be off to Fairthorne Manor for their residential on Monday and I am sure that a good time will be had by all. With Miss Barber attending the residential, Mrs Archer, Mrs Rowe and myself will be teaching Maple Class. Thank you to all the adults who are supporting the residential this year.

Thank you to the children who have volunteered to dance at the Sparsholt Village Fete tomorrow. The Country Dancing will start at 2.30pm. Thank you to Mrs Laver for helping the children to learn the dances.

As the Westgate School is having its Year 6 parent and pupil induction evening on Tuesday 18th July we have changed the time to 1.30pm start for the Summer production on this date only. The production will again, take place outside and we will have ample space for all parents, family and friends of Sparsholt C of E Primary School to attend on either date.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher



Year 6 children outside Winchester Cathedral before their Leaver's Service

New Parent Governor

Following my recent notice regarding our Parent Governor vacancy, I am pleased to announce that Matt Stagg is our new Parent Governor. Matt will officially join the Governing Body at our next meeting on 5th July and will join the Curriculum Committee, taking on responsibility for Early Years. The Governing Body is thrilled to have Matt's support and experience.

Victoria Parker, Chair of Governors

Update on the Headteacher recruitment from the governors.

We are currently putting everything in place to ensure that we find the best Headteacher possible to continue the amazing job that Mrs McCarthy has done over the last three years.

The full advertisement will be published at the end of this month and will give potential applicants the summer to apply. This will be followed by interviews during September.

We are extremely lucky to have Mrs Laver as Acting Head during this interim period but if you have any questions at all about the recruitment process please contact Kathy Bamber (07872 422375), Katy Cobbold (07881 786357) or any of the other governors whose details can be obtained from the office.

Lunches, Music Tuition, Trips & Clubs Payments

We would very much appreciate prompt payment for Summer term music tuition, trips and clubs, and also lunches taken up to and including 26th May 2017. Invoices have been sent out to parents via your child's

book-bag at the end of the last-half-term. Please contact the school office if you have yet to receive one. We accept payment online, by cheque or cash. Thank-you.

Music tuition from September 2017

With our Year 6's leaving us we have some space for paid-for music tuition. Recorder (Yr 2+) – 2 spaces, Clarinet (Yr 3+) – 1 space, Flute (Yr 3+) – 1 space, Keyboard (Yr 2+) – 2 spaces. First-come-first-served. Please contact the school office if interested.

Tag Rugby Club

Tag Rugby Club is cancelled on **26th June**. Please confirm home arrangements – thank-you.

Beat That Louse

We have recently had several cases of head lice reported. Please can you be extra vigilant and check your children's hair. Although lice can be seen in dry hair, the best way to check is by the combing of wet hair with a fine toothed "detector" comb and treating if necessary, every three or four days for two weeks or until you cannot see any eggs. Treatment can either be by using over the counter treatments from the chemist, or the wet comb method and using lots of hair conditioner.

Threadworms

During hot weather there is often an increase in threadworm infection and we would like to bring your attention to information about it so we can take steps to limit the spread of possible infection. If you or your child has a threadworm infection, it is not necessary to stay off school. However, it's important to inform us.

Hygiene measures

A single dose of a medication and strict hygiene measures can help clear up a threadworm infection and reduce the likelihood of re-infection. The life span of threadworms is approximately six weeks, so it's important that the hygiene methods are followed for at least this long. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

'CrawleyFest' returns to Crawley Village for its third year running on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th August 2017.

Co-organised by Amelia, William and Imogen Baker's Dad, CrawleyFest is a fun and friendly boutique festival in the village of Crawley.

Join us for a Friday Night Warm Up Party and a Saturday of DJs, Live Bands, Dancing, Drinking, Eating, Crafting, Meditating and Yoga with loads of cool stuff for kids to do, over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

This year the event is raising money for The Murray Parish Trust and other local good causes. The Murray Parish Trust are raising funds for the Children's Trauma Unit at Southampton General Hospital.

Info and tickets at www.facebook.com/crawleyfest - Under 12s go free!