

## **Dates for your diaries**

Inset Dates (2017) SATS Week – KS2 Yr 6 Residential Parent Meeting

Weekly Update from Mrs McCarthy

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

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

Willow Class	Beech Class	Maple Class	Rowan Class	Oak Class
Sophia	Megan	Olivia	Freya	Max
Seth	Emily S	Grace B	Maisie	Ollie

Congratulations to our 24 strong Lacrosse Squad who represented our school at the Southern Regional Championships this week. All three teams performed extremely well with the Serpents, Captained by Jackson and Jasmine, finishing in 4th Place and the Scorpions, captained by Jacob and Abby, coming in 1st place. The final was fantastic with the team winning in extra time. The Scorpions will compete at the National Championships in June. Well done to everyone and thank you to Mrs Gwilliam, Julia and all the parents who helped with transport.



Thank you to Mrs Laver for presenting the Maths Reasoning

Workshop on Thursday. I hope that the parents who attended found it useful. If you were unable to attend, the presentation is available on the website.

The Year 2 pupils will be starting their Key Stage 1 tests next week. The tests will take place at various times over the next few weeks and Mrs O'Connor is keen for the experience to not cause the children any unnecessary anxiety. They have completed some practise papers and the first test is reading. The children have all worked incredibly hard.

Thank you to all Year 6 parents for your support with revision for the Year 6 Tests. We could not have asked for any more from the children. Just a reminder that the order of the tests is;

- Monday: Reading

- Tuesday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Wednesday: Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Reasoning Paper 2
- Thursday: Reasoning Paper 3.

The Year 6 children are invited to join us at 8.30am for breakfast each day. The cost is £10 for the week and if this could be sent to school as a cash payment that would be much appreciated.

I would like to thank Mrs Ward and her team of helpers for organising this evening's event for the children. I hope they have a lovely time.

Please look out for the letter regarding the launch of The Golden Mile at Sparsholt!

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids vouchers can no longer be collected from Sainsbury's, but they can still be donated to Sparsholt CE Primary School until 30<sup>th</sup> June. Remember, every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment.

Get your children to look in the car, on the fridge, under the sofa and in every old shopping bag for any missing vouchers and bring them into school – thank-you.

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6pm

## Beech Book & Cake Sale - Friday 26th May

Mrs Andrews (mum of Thomas, Oak Cl and Charlie, Beech Cl) is organising a book and cake sale on Friday 26th May after school on the playground.

She would be very grateful for any donations of second hand children's books. The coming weekend is a good opportunity to clear out any unwanted books and bring to school for Mrs Andrews to collect from the playground. Donations of bought and home-made cakes on the day of the sale (no nuts!). Home-made cakes should come with a list of ingredients please! All proceeds will go towards the continuing fundraising for the playground – thank-you

## CALLING ALL WALKERS!

As you know – on 20th May 25 brave and fearless parents and friends of parents will run from Sparsholt School to Farleigh Mount and back and some will do this twice! Each lap is 10km.

We are appealing for walkers to join us - to cheer on the runners and help us create a great school community spirit on the day. Come and walk a lap (10km or 6 miles). It will take a couple of hours. Bring older children if they are up for it...bring the dog.....make a donation to the playground...and have a fun morning. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE FIT - if you can walk, you can do this!

There will be hot dogs and drinks at the end. The walk/ run starts at 10am on 20th May in the school field.

Every £ raised goes to phase 2 of the playground development. Phase 1 looks great - it was paid for entirely by all the amazing fundraising efforts last year. To complete Phase 2 and actually put some play equipment in we need another  $\pounds7000$ . Come and join in the push to get there!

If you can't make it on the day please, please sponsor us. All team sponsorship is going through Victoria Parkers My Donate page – which is <u>https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/victoriaparker1</u>

Thank you....and if you can come on the 20th, please let us know.....kathod@hotmail.com