

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
26th May 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017)

Bags to school

FoSS Meeting – all welcome!

Sport's Day (plus reserve)

Green Token collection at Waitrose

24th & 25th July

Wed June 7th

Friday June 9th 8.45am

Fri 23rd June (Mon 10th July)

throughout June

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>
Seth	Reuben	Cecily	Maisie, Rosalind	Mima
Cecily	Issy	Flynn	Lizzy, Sophia	Faith
			India	Imogen

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Fun Run on Saturday. The total raised from the event is £5300. This is such a fantastic achievement. The Sparsholt Golden Mile event is also making a significant contribution with £1730 being the total raised so far. It would be much appreciated if any outstanding sponsor money is returned by Wednesday 7th June. We would like to send home thank you gifts on Friday 9th June. We are grateful for every single donation, however big or small and we have additional gifts for all the children. We will send all the prizes home in envelopes for you to open with your children. Today has also seen the cake sale and book sale. We will let you know how much has been raised. I can't thank you all enough for your support, ideas and positive actions to ensure the playground refurbishment is completed. You have ran through woodland in the rain, baked cakes, donated books, sponsored children, organised events, giving your time and support. I have no doubt that the Sparsholt Spirit will ensure our children get the playground they all deserve to have. THANK YOU!

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that following interviews on Thursday, we have appointed a new teacher for Maple Class for September. I am delighted that Miss Olivia Conroy will be joining the team.

Just a reminder that with summer arriving, sun hats, sun cream and lots of water are important to keep the children safe. Please see more information below.

I hope that you all have a super half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th June.

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher

Sunny Weather Alert

The sun is out at last – please remember to apply and if required supply, sun cream (named, please!) for your children and pack a sun hat for play-time. Choose a sunscreen with an high SPF (for instance 50 for fair skinned children) which is also labelled broad spectrum to protect from UVA and UVB rays. Children should be shown how to apply sun cream themselves. A roll-on variety with a colour tint is great for the children to use. Alternatively there are 12 & 24 hr / once per day sun care products available which can be applied before school.

When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade of the canopies which have been erected in the school field. Water is always available for the children to drink. Sparsholt school sunhats are available to purchase from reception – a baseball cap with removable Legionnaire-style neck protector costs £4.50.

Please do not send children to school with *open toed sandals* or *flip-flops*. Although it's nice to have cool feet we are concerned about the increased chance of trips and injuries.

Waitrose Community Matters

For the month of June Waitrose Winchester has selected our FOSS Playground Fund for their Community Matters Scheme. Each month they split £1000 between three different charities based on how many tokens are collected for each. Please do remember to collect a green token each time you shop (even if you only buy one thing) and drop it into the allocated FOSS collection box at the store entrance. The more tokens we can collect will mean more money towards the playground.

If you can also spread the word to friends and family it can only help our cause. Many thanks.

Bag2Schools Collection – Wednesday 7th June

Bags will be coming home with children over the next week to give you a chance to clear out wardrobes...drawers...etc over the half-term and fundraise for the school at the same time.

Bags2Schools accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels; bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bags2Schools **DO NOT** accept: duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Bags2 Schools will be collecting on **Wednesday 7th June** – please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 7th and bring into school then. There will be a FoSS organised collection of bags from bus stops for those children using the dedicated bus service from Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt College.

Sparsholt Fete

FoSS have been chosen to run a Toy Stall at this year's fete on 24th June. We would be very grateful if you could have a sort over half term and donate any toys that your children may have finished playing with, are still complete and in good condition please.

If you have never attended Sparsholt Village Fete, it is worth putting the date in your diary. It is a wonderfully quintessential British day and always a pleasure to be associated with this annual event, even though it is generally in torrential rain!

Many thanks for your continued support.

WE DID IT!

Last Saturday, after months of training and fundraising, - 35 intrepid mums, dads, friends, teachers and pupils set off from the school to run 12k/ or half marathon. Mrs Gwilliam ran a "wake up, shake up" to get everyone in the mood – and then we were off! The scenery was lovely and the team spirit amazing from runners, marshals and supporters alike. The torrential downpour was less welcome; but although drenched through, everyone battled on rewarded by great cheers from the support team on the field!

It was a great day – despite the rain, with many people pushing themselves to achieve far more than they had imagined! The camaraderie and support was fantastic. What a great team – thank you to everyone who trained, ran, walked, marshalled, timed, first aided, cheered, sponsored, match funded and fundraised...

This massive Sparsholt team effort has raised a fantastic £5000!

All money will go towards the playground improvement project, which at a time when funding is being cut, relies completely on our fundraising efforts.

