

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
3rd November 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017/18)

Portrait photographs (retake)

26th Jan 18, 19th Feb 18,
25th May 18, 23rd July 18
Friday 10th November 1.30pm

Weekly Update from Mrs Laver

Dear Parents and Carers

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
Zac	Cecily	Oli B	Elliss	Freya
	Florence	Bertie	Gracie	Harry

Playground

The playground looks fantastic and the children love it! Thank you for your co-operation with new guidelines for using the playground. The children have all been very responsible in their use of the new equipment and have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges.

School Handwriting Competition

We were delighted to welcome Winchester Cathedral scribes on Monday to judge our handwriting competition. We are proud to say the scribes were extremely complimentary about the standard of the handwriting and also the excellent manners of our children. They are returning to school next week to present a bespoke certificate for each entrant. The winners were Annie, Anna, Rocco Patch, Charlie D, Sophia W, Olivia M, Cecily N, Tallulah, Reuben C, Lucas, Eddie, Sophia J, Claudia, India, Lizzy, Maisie, Jasmine, Mima Lucy, Emily K, Jamie R, Bende, Nancy S and Seth.



Out of Class Learning This Week

Maple class swapped their classroom for a Mesolithic house at Buster Hill on Monday. They made cordage by twisting dried grass, created a chalk carving and drew picture using a flint. Stunning Bronze Age jewellery was made from copper and brought back to school for everyone to admire.

Beech also had a very successful and enjoyable visit to Milestones museum in Basingstoke to launch their new project 'Toy Story'. The children took part in interactive workshops including sorting and ordering toys from Victorian times to modern day and placing on a timeline.

NSPCC Buddy Safeguarding Day

You would have noticed your child coming home with a green ribbon, this is to remind you to talk with your child about the NSPCC presentation they took part in on Thursday. We appreciate the help the charity gives to schools to help safeguard children and give them the confidence to SPEAK OUT and STAY SAFE. Your thoughtful contributions raised £80 for the valuable work of the NSPCC charity.

Golden Broom Award!

I have thoroughly enjoyed swooping around the school this week on my golden broomstick, inspecting each classroom for tidiness. The children have responded incredibly well as have the staff and the standard has been outstanding!

This week's winner is *Willow* and the runner up: *Rowan*

Our Worship Thought For The Week

In worship this week we reflected on God's care and love for us and that he knows and understands every single one of us. We thought about how God made each one of us a special and unique individual. We used this to reflect on God being with us everywhere in our lives.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and I wish you all an enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards, Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher

Feel God
in every gentle touch.
See God
in every happy face.
Hear God
in every caring word.
Receive God's blessings
every day of your life.

Roofing work at St. Stephen's Church

The church roof is due to be retiled on the South side, i.e. on the side next to the footpath through the churchyard. The work is due to start on **Monday 13th November** and finish on **Wednesday 20th December**. There will be scaffolding erected adjacent to the church and we would like people to take extra care when walking along the footpath, particularly when the scaffolding is being put up and taken down. The scaffolding will be screened with a metal fence.

Please note that the contractors will need to place a skip in the churchyard parking area on Church Lane and will also need access for their vehicles. It would be very helpful if parents would avoid parking in this area whilst work is in progress on the church.

Rowan fundraiser!

Please could parents donate school uniform items, in good condition and washed, that children have outgrown?! Rowan class will then sell them after school one day after half term. Date of sale to be confirmed. Have a look through your uniform collection over the weekend and bring what you no longer need to school. It will be collected by Rowan class reps Sara Rees and Amy Ainsworth. We will sort things into age/size ready for Rowan class to sell. Thank-you

Invoices

The school will be sending out invoices for unpaid lunch (half term to 20th October plus overdue from previous half-term/terms), school trips and after school clubs today. We would appreciate full payment as soon as possible. We can accept payment by cheque or cash in school; alternatively use the online payment facility via the school website: www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/online_payments

Children's Photographs

Carwell & Simons will be coming back into school on **Friday 10 November** (p.m.) to reshoot the children's portraits following feedback from both staff and parents. They will be changing the background colour and will be sending a different photographer.

All orders that were returned to school and collected by the photographers will be returned to the school and then to the parents so that they can then choose whether they would like to order the original pictures or the re-shot portraits. The photographers have assured us that photographs will still be ready in time for Christmas.

Tesco Bags of Help

Sparsholt School has been selected to bag a substantial cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco's community funding scheme, sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores - being awarded to local community projects.

During NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2017 shoppers can vote for our school by shopping in store and putting a blue token in the box by the door. Please head to local Tesco stores and spread the word (participating stores will be confirmed as soon as possible) as we have the chance to win £4000!

Bag2Schools Collection – Monday 6th November

Bags are coming home today! Bags2 Schools will be collecting on **Monday 6th November** – please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 6th 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.

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.

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for FoSS? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sparsholtsch/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and FoSS will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.