

## SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS  
17th February 2017

### Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017)

Bags4Schools next collection

World Book Day

School Photographs (Classes & Groups)

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm

### 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>
Ollie	Sophia, Blake	Jenna	India	Faith
Nancy	Nathan	Millie	Luke	Cassie
	Charlotte			

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mrs Wollam has a new addition to her family. Lola weighed a healthy 8lb 15oz! We can't wait to meet her.

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Mumford and Mr Firman have returned to Sparsholt to complete a three week research placement as part of their Winchester University Degree. It is lovely to have them back in school.

*Beech Cl Outcome* - it was wonderful to see so many of our parents and grandparents supporting the children in visiting the Stuart Ordinary (café). Well done to those brave parents who tried the Stuart hot chocolate! How wonderful it was to see all those incredible Stuart houses ranged along the river Thames - a walk through will be available on the VLE shortly.

*Oak Class Shadow Puppet Theatre* - I was so proud of Oak Class today! The Clockwork Shadow Puppet trailers were outstanding. The children clearly demonstrated our learning value of Interdependence through their original musical composition, their atmospheric voice overs and intricate shadow puppets.

Thank you to all the children who represented the school on Thursday for our football match with Colden Common. As always our teams were exemplary role models.

Willow Class have had a very exciting visit this week. We had a character 'survivor' - Mary - who joined the class to explore the Titanic topic and the children have been telling all the staff all about it!

On Thursday 2nd March Sparsholt will be participating in World Book Day. We would like to invite the children (and staff) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Children are also invited to bring along their favourite / current reading book to share in their worship groups. World Book Day is also an opportunity to raise money for Book Aid International which, for many years, has funded literacy projects in Africa. We would like therefore to ask children to bring in a £1 towards fundraising for this fantastic cause. Stuck for dressing up ideas? - download Bookaid's free character costume ideas from [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday)

During the morning of World Book Day we will have a range of fun book-inspired activities which the children will complete in their House Groups; Rope, Key, Star and Wave. The children will bring home a £1 Book Token on the day which can be swapped for a free World Book Day book or used against the purchase of a book over the value of £2.99. The token can be used at various bookshops supporting World Book Day.

I would like to finish this newsletter by telling you how incredibly hard the children have worked throughout the first half of the school year. Our focus on ensuring children make the very best progress in their learning is key, and we always aim to achieve this by delivering a broad, exciting curriculum. This half term has seen projects such as Titanic, The Great Fire of London, The Iron Man, A Night at the Oscars and Shadow Puppets. The children should feel very proud of their achievements.

Kind regards,

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher

### Mini Circuit Club – 27<sup>th</sup> February

Unfortunately due to other commitments Mrs Laver is unable to run the mini-circuit club next half-term.

The children are very welcome to join Miss Barber's circuit session with the older children on *Tuesdays* as an alternative. Please let the office know if your child would like to do this.

## Reception Children Photo

For parents of children in Reception year – the photograph of our 2016 intake will appear in the Daily Echo on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

## Thank-you from FoSS

Firstly many thanks to all those who supported us at last week's FoSS meeting. Also many thanks to Mrs Laver for talking us through the playground design - having the different zones explained in person was really appreciated by many and made for some great comments that the sub committee have taken away and are acting upon.

However I am very conscious that we did not have any time to discuss what FoSS do best.....fundraising! Therefore I am proposing another FoSS meeting early next term on **Friday 17th March at 08:45am** drop-off mainly to discuss the exciting upcoming events, with an update on the playground too. Firstly the Film Night, kindly being organised by Alenka Ward on **28th April** and then The Run/Walk being co-ordinated by Kath Edgecombe on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** – see a message from Kath below.

I am also aware that we have some amazingly keen class reps who are redundant at the moment! So I would also like to propose and discuss that each of the 5 class reps liaise with their respective teachers to coordinate and organise a cake sale, toy sale, car wash, (mine please!), sponsored silence...whatever takes your fancy to raise perhaps a few hundred pounds per class, which would be another £1000 into the pot! It does not have to happen in school...perhaps Oak Class pupils could all clean a couple of their neighbour's cars one weekend.

We are doing amazingly well with our fundraising with much activity going on in the background recently. We are working on a fundraising thermometer to put up in reception to keep you up to date on how we are all doing and how close we are getting to the increased **£28k** target! Don't despair - we are over half way already which is fantastic. Huge thanks for your continued support.

## Half Marathon Update from Katherine Edgecombe

Thanks to everyone who has committed to join the team, to train for the half-marathon and raise £100 each towards the playground. We have had interest from friends and family outside the school community too and have decided to open it up to them for a £20 donation towards the playground fund. So if you know anyone who would be interested please email [kathod@hotmail.com](mailto:kathod@hotmail.com) for application information. Remember this is both a **walking** and running (staggering) event – so open to ALL abilities! Please spread the word! It's on the **20<sup>th</sup> May 2017** – Broughton to Sparsholt. We also need volunteers to marshal on the day, so if you are a non-runner but would like to help this big fundraising push, please let us know – Thank-you!

*The team so far – Sarah Pickup & Jeremy Bennett, Mr & Mrs Stagg, Amy Ainsworth, Carly Wilson, Leanne Hall, Helen Weeks, Kathy Bamber, Sara Rees, Alenka Ward, Clare Davies, Nicky Prentice-Jones, Emma Blades, Veronica Fernando, Mr & Mrs Wardill, Debbie Caldwell, Victoria Parker, Mr & Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs Sullivan, Kate Simpson, Jane Gwilliam, Mr & Mrs Edgecombe, Alistair Cobbold, Charlotte Vaughan.*

If there is anyone missing off the list please let me know and if you wish to join in please do - [kathod@hotmail.com](mailto:kathod@hotmail.com) - thank you!

## Change of school lunch menu for Week 1 and Week 2 menu until further notice

Please note that the *beef roast* option in Week 1 will be replaced by *chicken roast* and the *beef roast* option in Week 2 will be replaced by *pork roast*. This is due to supply problems and will be in place until further notice, thank-you.

## Increase in School Meal Price from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

At the Decision Day on 18 January 2017, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Keith Mans, approved the increase of the school meal price to £2.15 with effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

All lunch invoices sent out at the end of the Spring term will, therefore contain amount owed up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at £2.10 plus any lunches taken during the w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at the new price of £2.15.

## Increase in Uniform Prices from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

We have been informed by our suppliers that they are increasing school uniform prices from March this year. We will therefore, be increasing some of our uniform prices to reflect this increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

## Sainsburys' Active Kids 2017

Active Kids 2017 has now launched. There are three ways to collect; in Sainsbury's Supermarkets and online at [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk) you'll be given one voucher for every £10 you spend, and in Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend. Please ask your family and friend to collect the tokens for Sparsholt C of E Primary School!