

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
3rd March 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017)

Year 6 SATS info evening for Yr 6 parents

Parent Teacher Consultations (Beech, Maple, Rowan, Oak)

Parent Teacher Consultations (Willow)

School Photographs (Classes & Groups)

Spring Concert

24th & 25th July

Tuesday 14th March 6 – 6.30pm

Wed 22nd & Thurs 30th Mar 4 – 7pm

Wed 22nd 4-7pm & Wed 29th 3.45 – 5.45pm

Monday 27th March 1.30pm

Wednesday 5th April

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:

Willow Class	Beech Class	Maple Class	Rowan Class	Oak Class
Sophia, Seth	Charlie A, Charlie D Amelia, Megan, Ollie J	Max Olivia	The whole class!	Mima Josh

We have had a very exciting week at Sparsholt. Our World Book Day Celebrations have been enjoyed by all and it was fantastic to see all the book characters in our assembly this morning. Thank you for supporting with costumes and we will share some photographs on the website. Sparsholt raised a grand total of £76.20 which will support African Literacy Projects run by World Book Day International.

I would like to congratulate the children of Rowan Class and all the staff involved in the amazing work leading up to 'A Night at the Oscars'. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the event. Two reports of the evening written by Isaac and Josh can be found at the end of this newsletter and more photos are on Rowan Class VLE page.

Science has been the focus this week in Rowan and Oak Classes with a visit to the Science Centre for Year 6 followed by a visit to Years 4, 5 and 6 by Eddie Henbury from Exxon Mobil. We can't wait to see how the experiments performed this week will influence our very own Science Fair in Rowan and Oak Classes this term.

This academic year, the Chairman of Hampshire County Council has chosen to celebrate a year of music (CYOM), and is running a Schools Award Scheme to recognise the music that is taking place in all schools across the county. On a half-termly basis, activities are logged and certificates awarded based on the number and variety of musical activities offered.

We are delighted to have received various certificates for the Autumn Term, in both the KS1 and KS2 categories. KS1 has reached the 10 school-centric milestone level and KS2 has reached the 50 milestone level. This reflects the high number of our children who are involved in musical clubs, for example, choir, recorders, band, musical tuition. Well done to all involved and especially to Mrs Leitzell who continues to inspire music across the school. We look forward to receiving our next set of awards as the year progresses!

I would like to invite the parents of pupils in Year 6 to a meeting on **Tuesday 14th March 6 – 6.30pm** to discuss the Key Stage 2 Tests which will be taking place week beginning Monday 8th May. The meeting will be held in Oak Class and will be an opportunity to discuss the tests and timetabling and also to look at how we can support the children at school and at home with preparing for the week.

We will be holding Parent Consultation Meetings on **22nd and 30th March** for all children in Beech, Maple, Rowan and Oak from **4pm to 7pm**. Parent Consultation for Willow Class will be held on **22nd March 4 – 7pm** and **29th March 3.45 – 5.45pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look at next steps in their learning. The online booking system will be open from **13th March at 7am**.

As financial end of year fast approaches we are requesting all invoices paid by w/c 13th March – thank-you.

Finally, please could I ask that all parents check their child's hair over the weekend for headlice. We have had cases reported this week and it would be great to have a determined effort to clear them over the weekend.

Kind regards,

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher



Cat in a Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 x 2!
Can you guess who they really are?

Reminder – No Activity Clubs on Monday 6th March

Due to off-site after school teacher training, there are no teacher-led clubs running (Rugby Club & Computing). After school Kid's Club continues as normal.

Clubs

As it is getting lighter in the evening all clubs will continue until **4.30pm** from **Monday 13th March**.

Thank-you from FoSS

This week's Bags2Schools raised £54 – not as much as normal, but every penny helps!

Don't forget there is another opportunity to come to FoSS coffee morning, 2 weeks today (**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 20th** – 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 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 **20th 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!

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 1st April 2017

School lunch will increase in price by 5p to £2.15 with effective from 1st April 2017. All lunch invoices sent out at the end of the Spring term will, therefore contain amount owed up to and including 31st March 2017 at £2.10 plus any lunches taken during the w/c 3rd April 2017 at the new price of £2.15.

Increase in Uniform Prices from 1st 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 1st 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 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!

Sparsholt Cricket Club Notices

- Friday evening socials this season. Open to all residents who wish to socialise and take advantage of the club facilities. On some evenings there will be under 15 matches to watch, as well as training sessions open to junior members of all ages, and the bar will be open. We will kick this off with a BBQ in late April - details to follow.
- Fun women's cricket event (or events depending on demand). This is open to all regardless of playing experience and is likely to be run on Friday evenings, interested contact Tim Lander tim@tlcapitalmanagement.com
- The club runs a thriving junior section with teams ranging from under 9s to under 15s, open to boys and girls. We may be able to run events for even younger children (5-8 years) so if you have children who may be interested then please let Tim know and he can refer you to the relevant age group coach.

Oscar Evening Reports



Oscar Night Report – By Josh D

Rowan Class took to the floor for one of the most intense competitions ever before!

“On February 28th at 6.30pm Rowan took to the stage for the Oscars. There were nine groups and nine awards. Each group has 7 weeks of hard work. On the night the awards were for Best Animated Film, Best Scenery, Funniest Film, Most Unusual Fantasy, Best Artwork, Best Editing, Best Special Effects, Most Unusual Character and Best Director and Team. The audience was probably just under 100 people but that doesn’t mean it wasn’t a great performance. Mr Boom Boom the Money Man won Best Scenery. Too Foody won Most Unusual Character and Football Mania won Funniest Film. Plus Pivot Duel won Most Unusual Fantasy Film.”

‘Fantabulosoo!’ said Finn H; ‘Excellent and world class, the awards went to the right people!’ said Isaac R; ‘Amazing and great fun!’ said Harry B.

Oscar Night Report – By Isaac R

Sparsholt Oscar night is a big hit!

“On the 28th February 2017, the crowd was left dazed because of nine outstanding Oscar stop-start animations - all created by groups of incredible trios! The biggest surprise of the night was when Pivot Duel was the Most Unusual Fantasy! All of the decorations were different – they had giant popcorn boxes, abstract art, clapperboards and many more but best of all they were all made by Rowan Class, the creators of the nine stop-start animations mentioned before! Everybody came in smart outfits or beautiful dresses! The Pivot Duel animation was created by the incredible Harry B – the camera man, Oli J – the director, and Isaac R – the animator. During the Oscar night there was a popcorn maker, Pringles (that nobody had eaten!). Also there were smoothies but best of all there was toffee popcorn. It was so amazingly tasty Isaac R and Oli J were sneaking the popcorn in their mouths!”