

# SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWS 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017/18)

FoSS AGM

Flu Vaccine (Yr R – Yr 4)

Christingle Service

*26<sup>th</sup> Jan 18, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 18,  
25<sup>th</sup> May 18, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 18  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am*

### 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:

<i>Willow Class</i>	<i>Beech Class</i>	<i>Maple Class</i>	<i>Rowan Class</i>	<i>Oak Class</i>
Emily	Sophie Sh	Eddie	Layla	Gracie
Molly	Henry, Finnegan	Emily	Jenna	Lewis

### *Winchester Cathedral Science Day*

Years 5/6 took part in the amazing Winchester Cathedral Science Day on Tuesday. The children came back to school as enthused scientists, eager to share their awe-inspiring experiences of entering an infinity mirror cubicle, extracting and examining their own DNA strands and measuring the speed of sound!

### *Peregrine Falcon Lecture*

Oak and Rowan classes attended an inspirational and educational lecture at Winchester College by world renowned bird of prey expert, Keith Betton. He told the children about the return of the peregrine falcon to the UK over the last 40 years and shared some incredible photographs of this magnificent bird taken in Winchester. In the beautiful grounds of Winchester College Dan the falconer introduced Scarlet the Peregrine Falcon and talked about the art of falconry. The children were sent home with cake and a souvenir badge. It was a fantastic afternoon!



### *Rowan Safari*

Rowan class had a very successful outcome this week. Their safari captivated visitors who enjoyed their tours around the shoe box habitats, food chain mobiles, stories and safari maps.

### *Iron Man Presentation*

Olivia Baber's grandfather, who is currently visiting the UK, inspired us with his experiences of completing Iron Man competitions in Australia. We are always interested in welcoming visiting speakers to school who are willing to tell the children about their achievements and enrich their learning in any way.



### *Winchester Cathedral Scribes*

We were delighted to welcome back the Winchester Cathedral scribes in our celebration worship today. Beautifully produced certificates were presented to all the children who entered our 2017 Handwriting Competition.

### *Children in Need*

Next Friday on the 17th November we will be collecting loose change on a Pudsey outline on the playground to support Children in Need. Pudsey will also accept your old round pounds!!

### Thought of the week

This week our worship focus has been REMEMBRANCE. Emily, Elin, Grace and Jenna shared their moving prayer with us

Dear God,  
We thank you that you love us and never forget us.  
We pray that you will help us never to forget you either.  
We thank you for all the brave people in the armed services and remember all those killed or injured.  
Help us to use our memories in the best way.  
Amen

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

Kind regards, Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher



### Bonfire Bake Sale!

A big thank you to all those who donated and bought the spectacular firework-inspired bakes from Willow CI last Friday. We raised an impressive £171.49

*Lisa and Nicky* (Willow Class Parent Reps)

### Bag2Schools Collection – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

A big thank-you to all parents who supported this term's Bags2Schools Collection. We received a cheque for £69.20 which goes directly towards FoSS' fundraising.

### FoSS - AGM Meeting

This year's FoSS committee AGM will be held next Tuesday, 14th November at 7.30pm, at the school. Please do come along to meet the new committee members, get updates on recent fundraising activity, forthcoming events and plans. *For those driving, please park in Woodman Close as the village hall is booked for a WI event.*

### Reception "First Class" Photo

The reception children 'First Class' photograph will be published in the Daily Echo on **30<sup>th</sup> November**; in the Hampshire chronicle w/c **30<sup>th</sup> November**

### Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in the recent Parent Governor election. Mrs Laver and Mrs Jill Judge, Clerk to the Governing Body, completed the count and are pleased to announce the following appointments:

- The re-election of Victoria Parker who will remain as Chair of the Full Governing Body
- and we warmly welcome Ceri Baber to the Full Governing Body.

Ceri will sit on the Finance & Staffing Committee with responsibility for Health & Safety.

### 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.

Contractors will need to place a skip in the churchyard parking area 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.

### Messy Remembrance

The next Messy Church takes place this **Saturday, 11th November, 4-6pm** in Sparsholt Memorial Hall. As it is Armistice Day, the theme is Remembrance. There will be the usual variety of activities, this time based around remembering and peace, the Celebration and Messy Tea. Do join us if you are able.

### 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. 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