

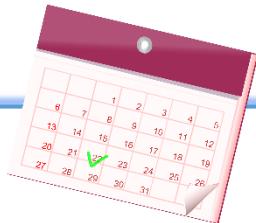


Weekly Newsletter

4th March 2022

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

- ❖ Important dates for your diaries
- ❖ NOTICE: Bus Update
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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Dates for your diaries

Virtual Parents Evening

School fundraiser for British Red Cross

Comic Relief Day

FoSS Curry & Auction Evening

Outdoor Spring Concert for Parents (in playground)

Jubilee Celebration Family Picnic (on school field)

Bags2School Collection

Inset Day

Tuesday 8th March & Thursday 10th March 2022

Friday 11th March 2022

Friday 18th March 2022

Saturday 19th March 2022

Friday 8th April 2022 at 2.15pm

Friday 27th May 2022 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

TAKE NOTICE: On Monday 7th March, Main Road in Littleton will be closed. The bus will be able to pick up from the usual stops but may be later than usual as the driver will have to take alternative routes.

Dear Parent and Carers,

What a whirlwind of a week this has been both here in school and in the wider world.

The children have been a hive of activity in both their learning and courageous advocacy activities. Our Pupil Governors met at the start of the week to discuss everything from the plans for our Ash Wednesday Service, to their desire to raise funds for the British Red Cross to support the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding in Ukraine.

On Tuesday it was so wonderful to be able to welcome Willow and Beech parents back into school. Seeing the pride on the children's faces as they showed off their work and gave parents and carers their own personalised tour of the school was truly heart-warming. We are so looking forward to our KS2 parents and carers coming in after school today to see the amazing things that have been going on.

Please can I remind all parents to book their appointments for our Virtual Parent Evenings which are taking place on Tuesday 8th March and Thursday 10th March 2022. All parents should have received an email on 18th February 2022 with instructions as to how to book. If you are having any issues, please do contact the office who will be able to help you.

During the day on Wednesday, all classes had their first session with a cricket coach from Chance to Shine. We are incredibly lucky to have been offered a six-week programme enabling all children to learn cricket skills. Please can we ask that all children now come dressed in their PE kits on a Wednesday for the remainder of this term.

In the afternoon, we held our Ash Wednesday Service up in the hall led by Revd. Jax. Our worship team worked really hard to plan an engaging service with pupils from all classes taking part. During the service, the children talked about how whilst Lent can be about giving up something, it can also be about deciding to do something positive especially to help other people. The children came up with some wonderful ideas and it showed how caring and compassionate they are. Please encourage your children to take part in our 40-day Lent challenge and do let us know how helpful and kind they have been.

Reading, reading and more reading took place on Thursday in celebration of World Book Day. The creativity of our whole school community was so evident through the costumes children had put together and their favourite books they brought in. 'Drop everything and read' continued throughout the day with a bell indicating that whatever the children were doing they needed to stop in their tracks and read. Our House teams all met together with the House team leaders reading the children extracts from their favourite books. It was so wonderful seeing Year Rs sitting with Year 6s fully immersed in the stories being read. In the afternoon, our older pupils positioned themselves around the school and shared stories with the younger pupils. Again, the empathy and respect they all have for each other was so evident.

Compassion and understanding have also been abundant this week with the children's desire to help those affected by the unfolding situation in Ukraine. The children wanted so desperately to help and came up with the idea of asking for much needed items to support refugees affected by this crisis. The generosity of this community has been totally above anything we could have ever hoped for with people coming from far and wide to donate the most amazing items which will make such a difference.

Whilst we know that the coming few weeks and months are going to be difficult and unsettling, we are all so lucky to have such a supportive whole school community to help not only those directly affected but also to support each other.

Please make sure you look at the 'dates for your diary' section as we have some lovely events planned.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

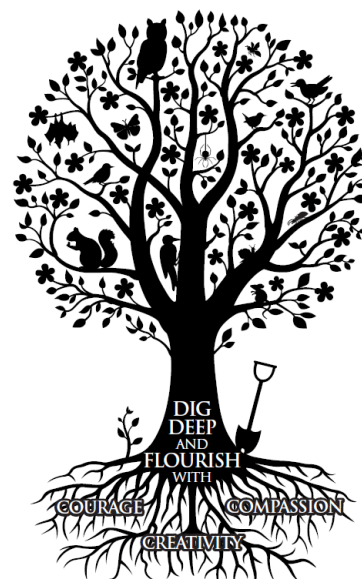
Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Wilf	Pippa	Olive
Beech	Henry	Tom McK	Bryony
Maple	Lily & Toby	Alexia	Madeleine
Rowan	Molly	Olivia	Oscar
Oak	Clara	William N	Sophie N

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award.



House Point "Owl" Awards

Bronze owl awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver owl awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold owl awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following awards:



BRONZE: Wilf, Arthur, Jemima S and Jack A

SILVER: Eliza, Lori

Parents Evening Information – *please see the separate e-mail sent on Friday 18th February for more information*

Parents evening will take place virtually on **Tuesday 8th March** and **Thursday 10th March**.

The booking system will close at 8am on Monday 7th March. If you try and book outside this window, you will not be able to – in this instance, please contact the office who can help book you a slot manually.

Please find detailed information about how to book onto the parents evening system and other frequently asked questions on the school website - [Sparsholt School Parents Evening](#)

General Information

Sparsholt C of E Primary School

We still have spaces available for Year R pupils starting this September 2022

Please contact us to arrange a visit to see our wonderful school



DIG DEEP AND FLOURISH WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION AND CREATIVITY

Sparsholt Church of England Primary School | Sparsholt | Winchester | Hampshire | SO21 2NR
01962 776264 | adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Our wonderful school has some spaces available for new Year R pupils starting in September 2022 and we are really keen to get the word out to the community! If you know any parents / families who might be interested or are part of any parent / community groups, please let them know or show them this poster! Thank you all for your support!

Sparsholt Cricket – Easter & Summer 2022



Sparsholt Cricket Club has many opportunities to get involved this season starting after Easter:

- **All Stars Programme for Years 1/2/3:**
8 weeks of fun activities and coaching including a shirt, bag, bat & ball.
Fridays evenings 4.30 – 5.30pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane
Sign up here: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/8048dfd8-3dff-47ef-9caf-34fe1c275d65>
- **Sparsholt U9s (Yrs 3 & 4):**
Boys and girls
Fridays 5-6pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane.
- **Sparsholt U9 Girls (Yrs 3 & 4):**
New this year (due to clash with street dance!)
Tuesdays 4-5pm at Sparsholt CC, Locks Lane
Further details to be confirmed !

During the Easter holidays we are also planning some U9 and U11 cricket camps.

If you would like more information, have any questions or interested in signing up, please contact Jim and Helen on jimhelenley@gmail.com

There is an opportunity for girls in Year 6, 7 & 8 and boys in Year 3 to audition to become a chorister.

Choral music has been one of the glories of this great Cathedral for nearly a thousand years.

Auditions are being held for the opportunity to become a chorister of Winchester Cathedral.

This opportunity is for girls in Year 6, 7 & 8 and boys in Year 3. No singing experience is required.

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/audition-to-become-a-chorister/>

Anyone interested should email: choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk



Winchester Cathedral Junior Choir



The Junior Choir is a non auditioned choir for children in and around Hampshire. They rehearse on Tuesdays in the Cathedral's Learning Centre from 5:45pm. £30 per term.

If interested, please email:
choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

No singing experience needed

Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS) – Weekly Update

LAST CALL FOR CURRY NIGHT TICKETS!!

Please email friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com by Monday 7th March and transfer funds (£25 per ticket).

**7pm on 19th March 2022
Winchester Racquets and Fitness Club
2 course dinner and auction**

A long overdue catch-up for school parents and the perfect opportunity for parents who are new to our school to get to know one another.

For those of you unable to attend but wanting to still support FoSS and your children, there are options:

- We need 8 people to enter the Great Sparsholt Bake off. Simply provide a pud for the curry night, the selection will be judged on the night and then enjoy the glory of receiving the title “Sparsholt Baker 2022”!! In all seriousness please do volunteer your pudding skills to help make our event a success.

- If you can't attend and can't cook you can still support FoSS. Next Friday the Auction catalogue for the curry night will be sent out with the newsletter. Please do bid on anything you fancy. You don't need to attend to be a winner and you can bid as much or as little as you like. Only the winner pays but all support will be gratefully received.