

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



25th January 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
Bags2Schools Collection
World Book Day
FoSS Family Quiz Night
Class / Groups Photographs

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July
Wednesday 27th February
Thursday March 7th
Friday 8th March 6-8pm
Monday 25th March from 1.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Creativity**

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Alexia	Rocco	Will T	Blake, Anya	Finn
Compassion	Seb	Sophie		Martha	Gracie
Creativity	Madeleine	Oliver T	Henry, Jack	Radi	Maisie

Art and Design Day at Winchester Cathedral

Oak and Rowan Class enjoyed three creative workshops at the inspiring Art and Design experience at our magnificent Winchester Cathedral on Monday. The children worked with the talented cathedral stonemasons who took them on a trail around the cathedral to look at stone sculptures, before inviting them into their workshop to carve in stone. Using stone masons' chisels and mallets the children learned how to carve a pattern onto limestone. The illumination workshop was based on the stunning gold-leaf illuminated handwritten Winchester Bible, the children worked with the Cathedral scribes to discover more about the art of illumination and created an illuminated letter of their own. In the Heraldry workshop, the children used the many examples of heraldry on the cathedral ledger (grave) stones to discover their hidden meanings, and created a coat of arms to represent themselves. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we were very pleased to receive an email from the Director of Education praising their behaviour and creativity. Many thanks to parents and Rev'd Jax who accompanied us for the day and enhanced our creative learning experience.



Dream Catchers!

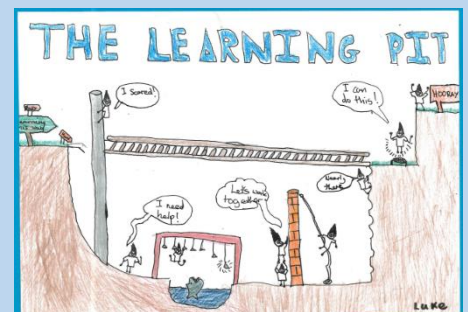
As part of their project on Australia, Willow Class have made some wonderful dream catchers this week. The children learned that legends held that the spider web design of the dream catcher would allow good dreams to pass through and float down to the hanging beads and feathers to sleeping children. Hugh from Willow Class commented "Aboriginals have dreams and they need dream catchers to catch the bad dreams and let the good dreams through"

The Learning Pit

Our understanding of the concept of The Learning Pit is gaining momentum throughout the entire learning community. Several parents have feedback that they have taken the idea on board at home, and have found it to be a useful and powerful image to help them talk with their children about learning. Children in Oak Class have designed their own interpretation of the Learning Pit, please do look at the display outside the office when you are next in school.

Worship this Week- Creation

This week in Worship we thought about the Story of Creation in Genesis. We learned that in the beginning, God created a beautiful world full of plants, insects, animals, birds, and the seas. He made the sky and placed the stars in the universe where reflections of love will find us. On the last day of his awesome creation, God made people and placed them on earth. We thought about how God loves us because we are His creation. Daniel from Oak Class led us in prayer.



Dear God

Thank you for your awesome creation and all that you have given us
Thank you for the billions and billions of stars
in the night sky and for all living things on earth
Help us to look after your astounding creation
Help us to look after each other and all that you have entrusted to our care.
Amen

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support,
Best Wishes,
Jane Gwilliam



Change to club ending times

As the nights are getting lighter all school clubs will end at 4.30pm commencing Friday 1st February.

Sparsholt - Farley Mount 10km Race - Sunday 12th May

It's time to start training for the bi-annual Sparsholt-Farleigh Mount 10k.

More details to follow - but get out your Lycra, dust off your trainers...and start running!

This year, there will be a 5k and 10k (actually 11k) option - there will also be some inter school competition as we invite other schools to compete. Remember - you can walk it, run it, crawl it ... just be part of it. It will also be open to Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt residents - so spread the word.

More details about fundraising options to follow

Financial Year End

As the financial year end fast approaches, we would appreciate overdue payments as soon as possible, thank-you. Please note that the school charging policy states meal payments, music lessons and after school club fees must be paid by parents half termly in advance.

NEW!! Football Squad Club - From Friday 1st February

Children in Year 5 & 6 are invited to attend football squad club on Fridays from 3.30 until 4.30pm. Mr Firth will coach the children and Mrs Gwilliam will be overseeing the player's development. Footballers will be expected to wear football kit and football boots and to bring a water bottle and healthy snack. If you wish your child to join this club, please sign and return the slip below.

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YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL SQUAD CLUB - Fridays from 1st February 2019

I agree to my child taking part in the year 5/6 football squad club on Fridays from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Signed Dated