



11th May 2018

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2018)
Sports day
Reserve Sports Day
Non-uniform Day (FoSS Raffle Donations)

25th May 18, 23rd July 18
Friday 15th June at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 6th July at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 13th July

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

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

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Erin	Lyla		Elliss	Mercedez
Compassion	Oli H	Charlie D	Blake	Millie	Gabriella
Creativity		Florrie	Jamie	Cara	Grace W

Life Education Bus

Due to outstanding feedback from the children last year, we are looking forward to the return of the Life Education Bus to Sparsholt. The children in all our year groups will be visiting the bus during Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th May as part of our Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum. The bus will be arriving on Tuesday 22nd May at 4pm and this will mean less space will be available in the car park on Wednesday and Thursday. We will ensure the area for the bus to park is coned off and we would appreciate if this area is left clear.

The Daily Golden Mile for Health and Fitness

We are delighted to announce we have reignited the Golden Mile initiative this week to encourage physical activity and fitness of all children and staff! The Golden Mile takes place every lunchtime on the school field from 12.40-1.05pm. We are very impressed that so many children opted to take up the challenge to run, jog or power walk the mile every day this week. Teachers will also take their whole class out onto the field during curriculum time at various points during the week throughout the summer term to complete the Golden Mile.



Year 6 SAT's Next Week

We wish Good Luck to all our year 6 pupils who will be taking their Key Stage 2 SAT's tests next week. They take tests on English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading, Written Arithmetic and Mathematical Reasoning. We are very proud of the progress they have made this year and their endless hard work, courage and determination, particularly in the last few weeks in preparing for the challenge of a week of tests.

Worship this Week - Creativity

This week's worship theme has been Creativity, one of our core Christian values. We have been inspired by learning about Genesis- the Story of Creation. During worship the children worked in their 'family groups' to create wonderful, creative story boards capturing the narrative of the story. We thought about all life on Earth as a gift created by God. We reflected on the creative spirit within each one of us to explore and enjoy the world in all its wonder, mystery and diversity.

Lucy shared her beautiful prayer with us:

Dear God

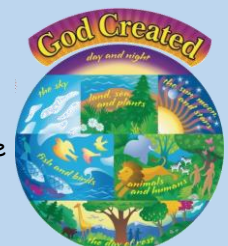
Thank you for creating the world and all the wonderful array of plants and living creatures that inhabit your creation. Thank you for the incredible gifts and talents you have given every single one of us. Help us to use our creativity to the benefit of everyone. Help us to use our talent to bring a creative spark and new possibilities to the world you created.

Amen

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

Lynn Laver (Headteacher)



Messy Everywhere Prayer

You may think that praying is something you only do in church, or in assembly, or maybe before you go to bed. But did you know that God loves us to pray any time and in any place?

Come along to Crawley Church this Saturday (12th May) from 4 to 6pm to have lots of fun finding out about the different sorts of prayers and how and when we might pray them. As usual, we shall be finishing with Messy Tea - all free of charge.

For more information contact Carol Coleman (01962 881886 or carolcoleman123@hotmail.com) or visit our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice

Bag2Schools Collection - Friday 8th June

Bags will be coming home with children at the end of this half-term to give you a chance to clear out wardrobes...drawers...etc over the holidays and fundraise for the school at the same time.

Bags2Schools accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels; bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bags2Schools DO NOT accept: duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Bags2 Schools will be collecting on Friday 8th June - please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 8th and bring into school then. There will be a FoSS organised collection of bags from bus stops for those children using the dedicated bus service from Crawley and Littleton.

****STOP PRESS** **SAVE THE DATE****

SATURDAY 7th JULY 7.30PM TO LATE - THE WHITE PARTY

Sparsholt School is celebrating the end of the school year with a White Summer Party with a live band and DJ till late. Come and say farewell to the Year 6 Parents and enjoy a fantastic night in the summer sunshine.

The evening will include a drinks reception with a live band, a summer buffet dinner and dancing to a DJ spinning Club Classics! Tickets cost £20 that includes a welcome cocktail, buffet dinner, live band, DJ and a raffle with some incredible prizes. Dress code: White. Please see your Class Rep to buy your ticket or a member of the FOSS team.

Tickets will also be available in the school playground but to reserve your ticket please email friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com

Menu changes from Monday 14th May

From Monday 14th May we will no longer be offering jacket potato (except to our allergy children) and the picnic option will be a daily choice between ham or cheese only. The meat and veggie meal options are not affected by these changes and will still be as per the menu.

Artiology Club - trailblazer/natural art

Mrs Ormerod is thinking of running an after school natural art club on a Monday from 3.30 until 4.30pm for children in years 2 and above. It would involve natural themed art like clay for example. There would be a cost involved, paid directly to Mrs Ormerod, with a view to starting the club after the May half term. If your child would be interested in attending this club please can you let the office know so we can gauge the level of interest, thank you.