

## SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2018)

Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

FOSS Family Quiz Night

Parent Information Evenings:

What does "greater depth" look like in Primary Maths

25<sup>th</sup> May 18, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 18

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> & Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7-8pm

### 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:

Willow Class	Beech Class	Maple Class	Rowan Class	Oak Class
Nancy	Rose	Martha	George	Reuben
Fred	William T	Lula	Sofia	Isaac

#### Parents meeting - Greater Depth in Maths

This meeting has been re scheduled to **Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** please make a note in your diary, it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at our second information evening.

#### Payments due for lunches, trips, music tuition, after school clubs

We are 3 weeks away from the financial year end and we would very much appreciate payment of any outstanding invoice **by latest March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Invoices went out in pupil book bags the week leading up to half-term. If you use the SCO online payment system you can check your account. Alternatively call in at the school office to make a payment, thank-you.

#### Staff News

Mrs Vincent is leaving at the end of the spring term to pursue exciting career opportunities in the education sector. Her support, positive approach and hard work as class teacher three days a week in Rowan over the past two terms has been greatly appreciated. Her teaching commitments will be taken by myself for the summer term together with Mrs Howard who will continue to teach two days a week (Monday and Tuesday). I am sure you will join me on behalf of the children, staff and governors in thanking Mrs Vincent for her valuable contribution to the children of Rowan Class and our school and in wishing her every success and happiness in the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a full time permanent teacher to teach Rowan Class from September and also a teaching assistant to replace Mr Lamb.

#### World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day today! The children and staff really went to town using their creativity skills to dress up as their favourite book characters. The morning was spent in house teams where treasured books were shared and children got stuck into various book themed activities including quizzes and bookmark making. Many of us were inspired to read books by authors we had never read before. When the school bell rang at different times during the day everyone had to D.E.A.R.- Drop Everything And Read! The children have had a fabulous time and we were all reminded that, "A book is a dream you hold in your hand". Photo overleaf and more on website!

#### Mother's Day

We look forward to taking part in the Mother's day service at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt where the choir will be singing two songs. Please do join us for this special celebration. We would like to share the prayer that Jenna from Rowan class wrote and read in our worship today.

#### Dear God

Thank you for our Mums and for Mums all over the world

Thank you for all the people who care and love us

Help us to be thankful today and every day

Amen

I hope you have a super weekend!

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards,

Lynn Laver -Headteacher



### Parents' Evenings

The next parent/teacher consultation meetings (10 minute slots) are for *all year groups*. They will be held on:

- **Tuesday March 20th** between **5 and 7.30pm** for *Beech, Maple, Rowan & Oak Classes*
- **Wednesday March 21st** between **5 and 7.20pm** for *Willow Class*
- **Thursday March 22nd** between **5 and 7.30pm** for *Beech, Maple, Rowan & Oak Classes*
- **Thursday March 22nd** between **5 and 7.20pm** for *Willow Class*

Sparsholt Primary School has an online booking system to easily arrange a 10 minute appointment to meet your child's/children's teachers during our bi-annual parents' evening events. Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section. The online booking system will be available for the above meetings from **7am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

### Messy Ruth – Saturday March 10th

This month's Messy Church takes place this coming Saturday in Littleton Church Room (4-6pm). We shall be finding out about a lady called Ruth and how she looked after her mother-in-law in times of trouble (for those who like to read up beforehand, you'll find her book in the Old Testament!) Join us for crafts and activities, the Bible story and Messy Tea - for more details contact Carol Coleman (01962 881886, carolcoleman123@hotmail.com)

### Head Lice

We have recently had several cases of head lice reported. Please can you be extra vigilant and check your children's hair. Although lice can be seen in dry hair, the best way to check is by the combing of wet hair with a fine toothed "detector" comb and treating if necessary, every three or four days for two weeks or until you cannot see any eggs. Treatment can either be by using over the counter treatments from the chemist, or the wet comb method using lots of hair conditioner.

### Hampshire School Meal Price 2018

The Hampshire school meal price will increase from £2.15 to £2.30 with effect from 1 September 2018. This increase of 15 pence per meal was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Mans, at his Decision Day on 8 November 2017.

The increase in price seeks to cover the cost of the National Living Wage and to enable HC3S to maintain the high quality of meals despite continuing inflationary pressures, particularly on food.

This price increase brings Hampshire in line with a number of other authorities and will allow HC3S to continue, as far as is possible, to source ingredients for school meals from local suppliers.

All HC3S meals meet Department for Education standards and, in addition include:

- Being nut free
- Tailored menus for children who have medically proven food allergies
- A range of gluten free items available as standard on all menus
- Fish approved by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), from well managed, sustainable sources

- UK sourced meat that holds Red Tractor Assurance as minimum
- Free range eggs

HC3S holds accreditation from Compassion in World Farming in the form of Good Pig, Good Egg and Good Chicken awards and 'Gold' for schools, colleges and universities from the FreeFrom Eating Out Awards

### **SEND Information Day 2018 – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm**

The SEND Information Day, presented by Support4SEND, Parent Voice and Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN), is a free information and fun event for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs, their families, and practitioners who support them.

This year's event takes place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Noadswood School, Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire S045 4ZF.**

This popular annual event enables visitors to browse stands and chat to over 40 exhibitors from the Local Authority, NHS, charitable and commercial organisations who are on hand to offer specialised information and advice.

Activities for children are also provided, plus a chill-out area for young people who might prefer to bring their own phone or iPad and relax. (Please note that parents and carers are responsible for their children throughout the event). Free parking and disabled access will be provided and refreshments will be available to buy.

A wide range of workshops and talks will also be on offer. No pre-booking is required, parents and cares can just turn up on the day and choose their sessions (subject to availability).

***New date for the family quiz night is Friday 20th April 6-8pm.***

***All tickets purchased will be carried over to the new date.***

***Please contact Bonnie Stagg if you can now come or if you can now not!***

### **FOSS Family Quiz Night - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm**

Join us for a fun family evening. Quiz rounds for all the family, plus a children's packed tea, nibbles for the grown ups and a bar available!

- £5 for adults
- £5 for children (including a packed tea)
- £2 for children (excluding packed tea)



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### **FoSS Quiz Evening 20<sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm at Sparsholt Village Hall**

Number of Adults (£5)	
Number of children including packed tea (£5):	
Number of children excluding packed tea (£2):	
Total:	

Cheque payable to FoSS or cash please (include payment with this slip, in an envelope and leave at school reception)

Name: .....

Name of Child/children and Class .....