

# SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017/18)

Bonfire Bake Fundraiser  
Portrait photographs (retake)

26<sup>th</sup> Jan 18, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 18,  
25<sup>th</sup> May 18, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 18  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm

## 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>
All Yr R	Sam	Ollie J	Tom	Gabby, Maisie
	Nancy	All Yr 3	Lizzy	Victoria, Cassie, Luke

### Playground update

I am delighted to say that the final stage of the playground will be finished during this half term. We look forward with anticipation to the new surfacing and play equipment adjacent to the south fence.

### School Handwriting Competition

As part of their half-term home learning I have invited all children from years 1-6 to take part in a school handwriting competition. Each child is required to copy their favourite poem in their best handwriting and bring to school on **Monday 30th October**. Parents are welcome to come into the classrooms at 8.45am on **Friday 3rd November** to view all entries.

### Anti-Bullying Conference

Thank you to Jasmine, Jackson and Mrs Rowe who represented the school at an Anti-Bullying Conference last Friday. We look forward to them reporting back at the next Pupil Governors meeting on Monday 6th November.

### Year 6 Kayaking

Year 6 returned from an enjoyable and adventurous kayaking session at Lakeside yesterday led by the Outdoor Education team from Sparsholt College. Thank you to parents who supported by providing transport for this exciting activity.

### Mr and Mrs Mowat

We are extremely excited to see our football squad represent the school in brand-new football kit at their next fixture! We were able to purchase the kit from a donation generously given to us by Harry & Kelly Mowat on behalf of their company, Greentree Software. Thank-you!

### NSPCC Buddy Safeguarding day Thursday 2nd November

With the help of their mascot Buddy, NSPCC trained staff will be presenting child friendly, interactive assemblies for KS1 and KS2 to help the children learn how to 'Speak out and Stay safe'. This supports our school improvement priority focus- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

### Golden Broom Award!

As part of our ongoing drive for excellence we will be introducing the 'Golden Broom Award' each week for the tidiest and most well organised classroom. Skills we hope you will see mirrored in their bedrooms soon!

### Year 6 Prefects

I have received letters of application for the role of prefect this week and have interviewed the candidates today. They will hear the outcome of their interview by post over the half term.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term.

Kind regards,

Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher



## Clubs from 30th October

All after-school sports clubs will finish at 4.15pm due to the diminished light in the evenings.

## Scarecrows

Please remove from church by end of **today** please as the annual churchyard clean-up takes place tomorrow and any scarecrows remaining will be placed on the bonfire!

## Parent Questionnaire

Looking for something to do during the 5 minutes while in a queue or waiting for a train?

The school would really like to canvass your views on how it is doing. Please find a window to complete the below online questionnaire. The questionnaire will become inactive on **18th November**. Your views are really important to us <https://www.quicksurveys.com/s/f6MYn9>

## Invoices

The school will be sending out invoices for unpaid lunch (half term to 20th October plus overdue from previous half-term/terms), school trips and after school clubs today. We would appreciate full payment as soon as possible. We can accept payment by cheque or cash in school; alternatively use the online payment facility via the school website:

[www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/online\\_payments](http://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/online_payments)

## Bonfire Bake Sale! Friday 3rd November

Willow class will be swapping gunpowder for baking power as they make some firework inspired cakes and treats to sell at school on **Friday 3rd November** to raise money for FOSS. All school pupils will be able to buy a treat at break time with any remaining goodies sold after school, so please ensure your child has some pocket money so they can buy a treat or two!

And, if you would like to donate a cake or savoury treat, then please email:

[lisa\\_maryon@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_maryon@yahoo.com) or [nicola.harris79@outlook.com](mailto:nicola.harris79@outlook.com)

**\*\*Please note that the school requests donated cakes to be free from nut derivatives such as oils, butters, flours or milks (this list is not exhaustive)\*\***

## Children's Photographs

Carwell & Simons will be coming back into school on **Friday 10 November** (p.m.) to reshoot the children's portraits following feedback from both staff and parents. They will be changing the background colour and will be sending a different photographer.

All orders that were returned to school and collected by the photographers will be returned to the school and then to the parents so that they can then choose whether they would like to order the original pictures or the re-shot portraits. The photographers have assured us that photographs will still be ready in time for Christmas.

## Pupil Bus Passes

Please be aware that unless parents have applied for and been issued with a bus pass, children are not eligible to get on the bus as they are not covered by Hampshire County Council for insurance purposes (not our rules - Hampshire's).

The link from the school website (*parents > transport to school*) will take you directly to the online application form. Please ensure you press 'FINISH' at the end of the application in order for it to be submitted.

## Nuts on buses

Please check your child/children do not carry nuts picked up from under trees and hedgerows onto the school bus either in the morning or afternoon – a reminder that we do have children in the school who are extremely sensitive to allergies resulting from contact with nuts. Your understanding of this would be most appreciated.

## FoSS Dinner and Auction of Promises Update

A great evening was had by all, Matt Stagg was a hilarious David Dickinson replacement for the auction and we unbelievably raised a grand total of £4941! Way above expectations and all credit to the super supportive parents and staff of the school!

## **Tesco Bags of Help**

Sparsholt School has been selected to bag a substantial cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco's community funding scheme, sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores - being awarded to local community projects.

During NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2017 shoppers can vote for our school by shopping in store and putting a blue token in the box by the door.

Please head to local Tesco stores and spread the word (participating stores will be confirmed as soon as possible) as we have the chance to win £4000!

## **Funeral Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Please note that the car park will be out of use for pick-up (3.30pm) on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** due to a funeral taking place in the church and hall. If at all possible please make use of the bus.

Parking around Wooman Close should be the alternative but we would kindly request you to park considerately.

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

Bags are coming home today! Bags2 Schools will be collecting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Littleton and Sparsholt College.

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.

Please make use of the half-term to fill up the bags with the above and help FoSS fundraise for the school at the same time – thank-you