Sparsholt C of E Primary School



31st January 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days Willow Cl Cake Sale Fab Friday School-Led Church Service Parent Teacher Evenings (all year groups) Bag2School Collection FoSS Bingo Class / Groups Photographs

14th Feb. 26th June, 22nd July Thursday 6th February Friday 7th February 3.30 - 4pm Sunday 9th February 10am Tues 11th & Thurs 13th February 3.45 - 6.30pm Friday 28th February 9am Friday 28th February (details over) Friday 20th March from 1.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again we have had a fantastic week with the children taking part in some amazing activities that have fully enhanced their learning.

The week started with Oak class coming in dressed as evacuees from World War 2 where they stepped back in time led by the Theatre Royal education team. The children got immersed in 'Home Front' scenarios and really got into character. They all raved about how much fun it was learning through drama.

On Tuesday our Worship team led the most moving service marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2020. They told the story of Anne Frank using drama to inspire courage and determination. The whole school sang the Hebrew song 'Shalom' whilst laying peace wreaths and their decorated peace pebbles around 75 candles. The message of the service was about living together in peace and accepting differences and seemed to really resonate with all the children.

Emily and Oscar led worship on Wednesday and announced the results of our 'Be Bright Be Seen' road safety competition. Well done to winners Reuben, Beatrix and Diya. All entries to the competition are invited to create an alternative Be Bright Be Seen school uniform over the coming weeks - keep a look out for it in reception! Emily and Oscar will be attending Junior Road Safety Officer training shortly; in the meantime, they will be leading the uniform makeover and using the iPads to offer virtual reality road safety lessons to all our children.

Yesterday I was very lucky to be able to accompany Rowan Class on their visit to the Winchester Science centre. We were taken on a journey through space in the Planetarium visiting the planets in our solar system and then travelling further out into space. The day continued with the children taking part in a workshop based around the properties of light linked to the James Webb Space telescope. They had to undertake an investigation into what materials would protect the telescope on its journey through space and how mirrors could be used to reflect the light. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands on exhibits and were a credit to the school in regard to their behaviour and engagement.

Thank you to all of you who attended our 'School's Vision' evening on Wednesday. I hope you found it useful hearing about our strategic plan for the school and hearing from our Governors as to how their roles link into it. Thank you also to the Year 6 parents who attended the SATs information evening last night. We really do appreciate the support we receive from all of our parents.

Finally, I know there have been some discussions in regards to the size of bags children are bringing to school. As you know we have very limited space and therefore if children can bring the smallest bag possible that fits the essential items they need to transport back and forth to school we would be most appreciative.

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. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

| | Willow | Beech | Maple | Rowan | Oak |
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| Courage | Lucas | Madeleine | Nancy | Isabelle | Oscar |
| Compassion | Bryony V | Molly | Sophie | Lyla | Joe |
| Creativity | Jack | Fearne | Rocco | Isaac | Eddie |

Standing Together for Peace and Unity

Please make a note in your diary to come to our school-led church worship on **Sunday 9**th **February** at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt starting at 10am.

Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

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 parents' evening events. You can access it via our school website: https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on

- Tuesday 11th February from 3.45pm until 6.30pm for all classes
- Thursday 13th February from 3.45pm until 6.30pm for all classes.

Brass Assembly

Our fantastic musicians who play brass instruments amazed us in last Friday's worship. If your child has expressed an interest in learning a brass instrument and you would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

If your child is interested in another musical instrument; piano, keyboard, recorder, clarinet, guitar or ukulele, again contact the school office for more information.

Willow Class Cake Sale - Thursday 6th February

Willow Class will be holding a cake sale at lunchtime break and after school on **6th February**. Please donate cakes at drop off on Thursday 6th to school reception/Sonika or Sarah. No cakes containing nuts and all homemade cakes must have a list of ingredients attached.

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.



FoSS
Rock n Roll
Bingo Night!
28th Feb @ 6pm
Adults £5 Children £3.50
Sparsholt Memorial Hall



Fun family evening event. Sharing platter included in ticket price. Well stocked bar and sweetie shop. Only 80 tickets available so return the form and make payment quickly to secure yours!

| Sank details for transfer (please reference Bingo and your surname). Santander, Friends of Sparsholt School. Sort code 090153. Account number 35353282. | | | | | |
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| FoSS Rock 'n' Roll Bingo Night – Request for Tickets 28 th February 6pm Sparsholt Memorial Hall | | | | | |
| Name of family | | | | | |
| Number of tickets: Adult | Child | | | | |
| Dietary requirements | | | | | |
| Can you help on the night please? | | | | | |
| Signed | Parent/Guardian | | | | |



If you have been to Wuhan, China, in the last 14 days ...

Stay indoors and avoid contact with others



Contact NHS 111 for advice



Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus



Do not go to work, school or public areas





Avoid visitors in your home





Avoid using public transport or taxis



Symptoms to look out for:



Cough



Runny



Sore throat



Fever



Difficulty breathing

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