

# *Sparsholt C of E Primary School*



*17<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

## **Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days from September 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

FoSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale in Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3-4pm

MacMillan Make, Bake or Donate Coffee & Cake Event  
(At the village shop)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 8am - 4pm

Secondary School Transfer Dates

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Bags2School Collection

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I really can't believe that this is only the second week back! The children are already embedded in their daily routines and I can see them flourishing in every way. Courage, Compassion and Creativity are everywhere!*

*Our worship theme for this week has been 'Trust'. The children have been reflecting on what trust means, how important it is that they can be trusted and feel they can trust others, and who they can go to if they need help or support. It is so important for us that all of our children feel safe in school and are able to identify trusted adults that they feel comfortable to go to in times of need.*

*This week has also seen the return of a full range of clubs (some of which we haven't been able to run since the pandemic hit). It has been fantastic to see the children participating in football, lacrosse, music and choir club, artiology, fencing and street dance! We have also started our peripatetic music lessons this week with over half of our children choosing to learn an instrument, which is truly amazing.*

*Now that we can mix, we are really keen that the children have the opportunity to work collaboratively together. Willow and Beech have been coming together for certain areas of the curriculum including PE, with this week being the first PE lesson for our new Year Rs. Maple and Rowan have been looking at instructional writing in English with Maple evaluating the clarity of different instructions to make a whole herd of woolly mammoths. Miss Joyce said it really did require courage, creativity and self-compassion when certain parts of the instructions were not clear! The children will be using their experiences to write their own instructions next week. Oak have had the opportunity to work collaboratively with Winchester College in their science lessons which will continue for this term.*

*We are very much hoping that this term we will be able to start holding some in person events but are very mindful of the increasing concerns around rising Covid numbers/hospitalisations. We will therefore be thinking of ways that we can safely accommodate people whilst allowing enough space and ventilation opportunities and will keep you informed of our plans.*

*We have set a date for our Parent Evenings for this term which will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. In line with responses from our parent survey, we will be adopting a blended approach with this term's parent evenings being virtual and parent evenings in the Spring term being in person. Many parents said they found the virtual parent evenings really useful especially where parents were working, as it enabled both parents to attend regardless of whether they were at home or in the office. We will provide more details about this nearer the time.*

*On a final note, we have noticed that some children have started bringing 'toys' into school. Whilst we do have some children who have been given permission to bring in certain items to help them with their learning needs, we would ask that all other parents do remind children that they shouldn't be bringing items like this in. We find that children bringing in 'toys' from home can cause quite a bit of upset if they get lost, broken etc.*

*Thank you again for all your support and positivity and I hope you all have a lovely weekend; I look forward to seeing you at the pet service on Sunday.*

*Kind regards,*

*Mrs Hanratty*

### **Core Christian Value Awards**

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
Courage	<i>Birdie</i>	<i>Milo</i>	<i>Melisa</i>	<i>Zac</i>	<i>Scarlett</i>
Compassion	<i>Jemima</i>	<i>Penny</i>	<i>Verity</i>	<i>Aubrey</i>	<i>Sam</i>
Creativity	<i>Emily</i>	<i>Felix &amp; George</i>	<i>Toby</i>	<i>Nancy S</i>	<i>Florrie</i>

### **Data Collection Forms coming home for checking**

We would appreciate it if you could check the data forms that came home last week, amend the form if required, and return to the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. Please read the accompanying letter as we will also need consent to process the data of your chosen emergency contacts. Please return the form even if there are no amendments.

### **Help is at hand for families struggling with the utility bills**

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a FREE fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities. For more details and to find local branch contact details visit the Citizens Advice website: <https://citahants.org>

### **FoSS Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Next Tuesday 21st September in the hall, 3pm to 4pm

### **Brass tuition**

We have space for Year 3 + children to start brass tuition with Hampshire Music Service each Wednesday. Cost for the tuition is £68 per term. You can rent an instrument from Hampshire Music Service. Please contact the school reception for more information.



**16<sup>th</sup> Winchester (Littleton, Sparsholt & Hursley) Scout Group**



### **INVITATION TO PARENTS**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1.55pm for a 2pm start  
via Zoom

16<sup>th</sup> Winchester (Littleton, Sparsholt and Hursley) Scout Group for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and  
**Lisa Gibbons**, the Winchester Scouts Development Officer  
invite you to a 15 minute meeting to talk about 6 year old girls and boys (and those almost 6) becoming Beaver Scouts.

Following an enthusiastic response from your children, the aim of the meeting is to:

- Tell you about what Beavers do and how things work
- Invite you to help. Without your active parental involvement Scouting doesn't happen. We are all parents with busy lives, but we can share the load
- Provide many more spaces for 6 year old girls and boys to our existing colonies.
- Provide you with an opportunity to ask questions

All of us from 16<sup>th</sup> Winchester Scout Group and Winchester District Scouts look forward to meeting you on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for a 2pm start for 15 minutes.

To register your interest and details of the Zoom link please contact Lisa  
[winscouts.ddo@gmail.com](mailto:winscouts.ddo@gmail.com)