

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



8th October 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021	Monday 31 st January 2022, Monday 27 th June 2022
School Photograph (portraits & siblings catch-up)	Tuesday 12 th October 1.30pm
Secondary School Transfer Dates	Monday 13 th September - 31 st October 2021
Parents' Evenings	Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st October
Outdoor Harvest Festival	Friday 22 nd October 9.15am
Bags2School Collection	Monday 8 th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the school flooding twice this week, even with the new flood barriers in place, everyone has remained incredibly positive and that wonderful atmosphere of joy and engagement has abounded.

On Wednesday, the school football team played their first competitive match since the pandemic hit and it was so lovely to be able to welcome children and parents from another school. The children are playing in the Hampshire league so were playing a team all the way from Sarisbury Green Junior school and whilst we were very happy with the result (we won 4-3) what we were most proud of was their sportsmanship, and the support that our players showed to each other. They openly talked about ensuring every player had an opportunity to be involved in the play, they encouraged each other at every juncture and showed true care and understanding. Our children have continued to show their leadership skills, with more child lead lunchtime clubs starting. We now have a Geography club and an Art Club in addition to Eco Club and Top Trumps! The Top Trumps Club is definitely a hit and it is so amazing to see the children supporting each other with their reading and maths skills whilst playing such a fun game.

We have been celebrating Black History this week which has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years. Each class has been learning about aspects of black history throughout time and children from each class shared the information they had learnt about particular black icons in Worship. They shared the achievements of people including Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Mary Seacole, Jacques Francis, Wilfred Wood, Marcus Rashford and Ellen Craft. The children will be continuing to learn about the amazing achievements of black men and women throughout history and how they have gone on to break down barriers.

Hopefully you have seen the information about how to book in for our virtual parent evenings on the 20th and 21st of October. If you have any issues or questions please do contact the office who will be more than happy to assist.

Next week our Pupil Worship team will be sending out information about our outdoor Harvest Festival on Friday 22nd October. We are very much looking forward to welcoming any parents that can attend (as long as the weather holds) but you will definitely need your coats.

Fingers crossed the weather this weekend will be good to us and there will be no more need for dehumidifiers to dry out the carpets.

I hope you 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. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Jacob	Hannah	Lucy	Amelia	Adam
Compassion	Olive	Martha	Harry	Livinia	Daisy
Creativity	Harry	Tom Mc, Berkeley	Madeleine	Oliver	Scarlett, Martha

FOSS update following meeting last week.

Dear parents and friends,

Thank you so much for coming to last week's meeting. Such a great turn out and definitely enthusiasm from all to have a regular opportunity to catch up. Date for evening next half term is Wednesday 3rd November.

Plans for Autumn Term

1. School Cookbook. Favourite family recipes featuring drawings and notes from our children. Content to be submitted to FOSS by end of half term (31/10/2021). More information to follow. Books will be available to buy for Christmas!
2. Rowan Class cake sale Friday 5th November after school.
3. Christmas cards and other gifts featuring your child's art will be available to buy online after half term. Watch out for a flyer with instructions on how to order!
5. Sparsholt Sparkle!
4. Friday 17th December 4-6pm, Ham Green:
Enjoy a festive woodland walk and be delighted by twinkling Christmas scenes through Ham Green. Warm up with mulled wine or hot chocolate and enjoy some Christmas carols from the school children after school on the last day of term.

Plans for Spring Term

1. January kids movie night.
2. Dinner and auction of promises. 11th/12th February. Auction lots needed please! Any businesses you have links with? Any special skills you could offer? Please let FoSS know

Thank-you

Brass tuition

We have space for year 3, 4, 5 + 6 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.