

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

14th January 2022

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It still amazes me how incredibly lucky we are as a school to have such motivated children who are so keen to make a positive difference in the school and wider community. This week we have seen our children continue with their roles and responsibilities within the school that are not only incredibly important but also of benefit to everyone.

On Tuesday, our Pupil Governors met to discuss their ideas for the term ahead and to finalise the list of books being purchased using the donation from St Stephens Church. This was kindly donated to the school after the children had presented their request for new books to the School Governors as part of their own School Improvement Plan. They approached the whole task with such rigour and organisation, with each Pupil Governor discussing at length with their class what books they would like to order.

On Thursday, the Pupil Worship Team met virtually with Reverend Jax to discuss and plan themes for Whole School Collective Worship for the Spring Term. The children are looking forward to producing a video worship for the whole school community and continuing to lead Whole School Worship on Wednesdays.

Today the Sports Leader ambassadors had their first meeting of 2022. They all looked incredibly smart in their new light blue PE hoodies and it was obvious they are taking their roles incredibly seriously. Having been invited to listen to some of their ideas, I was blown away by their enthusiasm and creativity in terms of the sporting events they would like to organise but also the ideas they had to ensure the younger children remain engaged and motivated.

Yesterday, our football team were in action against South Wonston and they wowed! Not only did they win 5 -1 but they also played with the utmost respect for the other team, supported each other and showed true sportsmanship throughout. They should all be incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and the role models they are for younger players.

We have had **more positive Covid cases** within school this week and I do need to ask all parents to continue to be vigilant and undertake regular testing. Please do ensure that if anybody shows Covid symptoms (even mild ones) that they do take a PCR test and do not rely solely on lateral flow tests to ascertain if someone is negative. As I have said before, whilst I know for most children Covid symptoms will be mild, we do need to protect staff members because if they do catch Covid and have to self-isolate this could create staffing issues and impact the school's ability to provide effective face-to-face teaching.

On a lighter note, we finished the week with a lovely Celebration Worship out on the playground this morning. As we stood outside in the sunshine, everyone was able to find that inner peace as we all allowed ourselves time to reflect on new beginnings and exciting new challenges for the year ahead.

I hope you all 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	Harry	Tom Morgan	Melisa	Annie	Isabelle
Compassion	Wilf	Edi	Seb	Cecily	Scarlett
Creativity	Birdie	Bryony	Cara	Aubrey	Madeleine

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award.

School News

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 opened on 1st November 2021 and close on **15th January 2022**. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website – www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

COVID – Self-Isolation Period

As we currently have cases of COVID-19 in the school, we just wanted to draw your attention to changes in the guidance for self-isolation:

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Clubs and Music

Guitar / Ukulele tuition – **SPACES AVAILABLE**

We have 2 spaces for children to start guitar or ukulele 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 office for more information.

Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS)

Our weekly update!

Curry and Auction Night

The new date for our FOSS parent social curry and auction night is 19th March 2022.

Please come and support your school whilst having a fun, social evening at Winchester Racquets and Tennis Club. It is an evening of; curry, drinks, bake-off competition, auction of promises and live music.

£25 per person for a two course dinner.

This is always a very popular event and numbers are limited. Book the babysitter - **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!**

To reserve your tickets, e-mail friendsofsparsholtsschool@gmail.com. Payment by transfer to FOSS account.

Auction of Promises

Please donate a prize for the auction of promises..... Do you have a skill/offer to auction or contacts with something that could raise money? Please email the usual address with what you can offer.