

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



17th May 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
Spring Concert
Bag2School Collection
Fab-Friday Drop In
Sports Day (inclement weather reserve day)
Summer Production Dates (time tbc)

22nd & 23rd July
Thurs 23rd May 2.00pm
Wed 5th June
Fri 7th June & Fri 5th July 3.30 - 4pm
Fri 14th June 1.30pm (Fri 28th 1.30pm)
Tues 16th 1.30pm & Weds 17th July 6.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Creativity**

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Zach	Cecily	Max	Nathan	Elin
Compassion	Melisa	Adam	Sophie	Amelia	Cecily
Creativity	Seb	Annie	Charlie A	Jamie	Ollie

Winchester University Student Teachers

We are very proud of our strong partnership with Winchester University and we are always pleased to welcome trainee teachers into the profession to work alongside our strong team. This term Mr Rule is working in Oak Class, Miss Bedford in Rowan Class, Miss Cox in Maple and Miss Hill in Willow Class.



Hydro -powered!

The hot weather this week has prompted me to remind you that we value the importance of children drinking water during the school day; studies have shown that concentration levels are higher if children are hydrated. Please would you ensure your child brings their named water bottle to school every day. Bottles can be filled as necessary during the day and should be sent home daily to be washed and returned the following day. This is particularly important during the hot weather when the children will be encouraged to take their water bottles onto the field at lunchtime and refill their bottles from our water carriers. Our pupil Eco-school committee are keen that we remind parents that single-use plastic cups and bottles are no longer used in school.



Karis Kids Sponsored Skip-a-thon Next Week!

There continues to be a huge wave of enthusiasm for skipping throughout the whole school in the build up to our exciting sponsored skip event next week. I have been overjoyed and very impressed to see children of all ages practicing their skipping skills and learning new skipping moves during playtimes. We are hoping that we can all pull together as a community to raise the much needed funds. Funds raised will help support the valuable work of Karis Kids who aim to improve the life chances of orphaned children in Kampala by providing relief from poverty and suffering. Each class will take part in a 50-minute skip-a-thon next week and it is hoped sponsorship pledged will be collected over the summer half-term holiday. Spare sponsor forms available on website and from school office.



Marwell Zoo Visit

As part of their project on the Rainforest, Rowan Class enjoyed their educational visit to Marwell Zoo on Monday. Their visit included exploring the Tropical House and a workshop on Rainforests. The session reinforced knowledge of Rainforest conditions and an understanding on which animals would be suited to each layer. A highlight of the visit was handling cockroaches and a Royal Python!

Willow Class Cake sale in Aid of FOSS

There was great excitement at morning playtime today as children chose a cake from a tempting array of bakes and cakes on sale. Many thanks to everyone who supported us, especially the children and parents who baked the mouth-watering treats.

A Special Mention and well done to...

Leo, Lula and Fearne our young Eco Warriors who showed just how much they care about our planet by taking climate change action into their own hands. They joined families at an event in London to raise awareness of and inspire others about the global action needed for climate change.



Our Amazing Year 6!

Congratulations to our hard working and courageous year 6 pupils for their stunning effort in their SAT's exams this week. Although they had a challenging week they have maintained a super positive attitude throughout and everyone is extremely proud of them.

To celebrate we had a surprise visit from an ice-cream van; year 6 were thrilled and picked a spectacular extra-large ice-cream! At the time of writing we are looking forward to afternoon tea and games on the field.

Collective Worship this Week- the Power of Kindness

This week in worship we thought about ways in which we can perform a charitable act. When we are kind we are demonstrating a basic human response; helping those who cannot provide for themselves. We reflected on how charitable acts don't need to be about giving money but that we can show kindness and mercy by giving time and effort without expecting anything in return. We concluded our worship by praying and thinking about how we can work individually or as a community to help in the best possible way.

Dear God

May we look for ways to help those in need. May we be generous in all situations.

May we all realise the power of kindness and be more like Jesus in all we say and do.

Amen

I hope you have a fabulous weekend

Best wishes.

Jane Gwilliam



After School Mad Science Club on Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm from 5th June

Hands-on, one-hour science programs are themed around a particular area of science and include such topics as electricity, magnetism, chemistry, forces, insects, light and many more for years 1 to 6.

Register your child directly online at <https://register.madscience.org/wessex/afterschool-register.aspx>

Bag2Schools Collection - Wednesday 5th June

Bags will be coming home with children at the end of this half-term to give you a chance to clear out wardrobes...drawers...etc over the holidays and fundraise for the school at the same time.

Bag2Schools 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)

Bag2Schools 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 work wear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Bag2 Schools will be collecting on Wednesday 5th June - please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 5th 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 and Littleton.

Tick awareness for schools

Be Tick Aware

- Stick to designated pathways when out walking
- Where practical, wear long light-coloured trousers tucked into socks when out walking
- Use an insect repellent
- Do a tick check during and after walking
- If you are bitten by a tick, remove it promptly and safely with tweezers or a tick removal tool
- Disinfect the bite
- Look out for signs of Lyme disease
- Advise pupils to contact a GP if you think they have symptoms of Lyme disease

FAQs

What are ticks?

Ticks are small spider-like insects which usually live in areas of dense vegetation such as woodland, grassland and moorland where there are host animals, such as deer, that they can feed on. They can sometimes also be found in urban parks and gardens.

Why do they pose a danger?

Ticks feed on the blood of a host animal or human, dropping off when full, but they can stay attached for days if not removed. Some ticks may carry Lyme disease bacteria from an infected animal and transmit it to a human which can have health consequences if not treated.

How can I avoid tick bites?

Wear long trousers tucked into socks when on country walks, wear light coloured clothes to make ticks easier to find and stick to designated pathways. You can also use an insect repellent. Carry out a tick check each time after outdoor activities.

When are ticks active?

Ticks are more active in spring and summer months.

What should I do if I find a tick on myself or my pet?

Use the correct removal procedure to avoid any part of the tick being left in the skin. You can buy a removal tool from a pharmacy or vet or use fine-tipped tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the skin as possible and moving slowly upwards. Dispose of the tick.

Follow up by using an antibacterial wipe.

What are the symptoms of Lyme Disease?

Symptoms may include tiredness and mild flu-like symptoms (fever and headache) and sometimes (but not always) a characteristic bulls-eye red rash.

If left untreated, at a later stage it can affect the joints, nervous system or the heart.

There is no vaccine so regular tick checks and prompt removal are the most effective approach to reducing risk.

When to get medical help

The risk of Lyme disease is low and you don't need to contact your GP unless you become unwell.

Symptoms include:

- a high temperate, or feeling hot and shivery
- headaches
- muscle and joint pain
- tiredness and loss of energy



Bring a drink/
snack and
appropriate
clothing for being
outside with the
horses!



'Pony Club'
Tuesday 15.30-17.30
(Picked up and dropped back to
school on foot - to be promptly
collected!)

Max 6 places (Yrs 4, 5, 6)

7th May
14th May
21st May
4th June
11th June

18th June
25th June
2nd July
9th July
16th July

Course fee: £200
(paid in advance to Kathy Bamber
via kbamber@yahoo.co.uk)

