



18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

SATS information evening for Yr 6 parents

Library Information Evening for all parents

Bags2Schools Collection

15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 6.30pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

## 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**

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
<b>Courage</b>	Lucy	Rory	Olivia	Lucas	Ollie G
<b>Compassion</b>	Toby	Nancy H	Megan Bl	Jamie	Cara
<b>Creativity</b>	Cordelia	Anna	Hannah	Bertie	Elin

### Oak Class Twilight Visit to Winchester Planetarium

On Monday evening pupils from Oak Class, parents and siblings were wowed by a unique whirlwind tour of the universe! The tour started by spotting a few constellations before taking a quick tour of the Solar System and then flying out further than any astronaut or spacecraft had been. The live presenter expertly navigated the 3-D environment in real time and gave a mind-blowing commentary as sights in the universe came into view! If you thought Mars was a long way away- it was mind-boggling as we lost sight of The Milky Way in the distance.

### Iron Man's Legs Discovered in Maple Class!

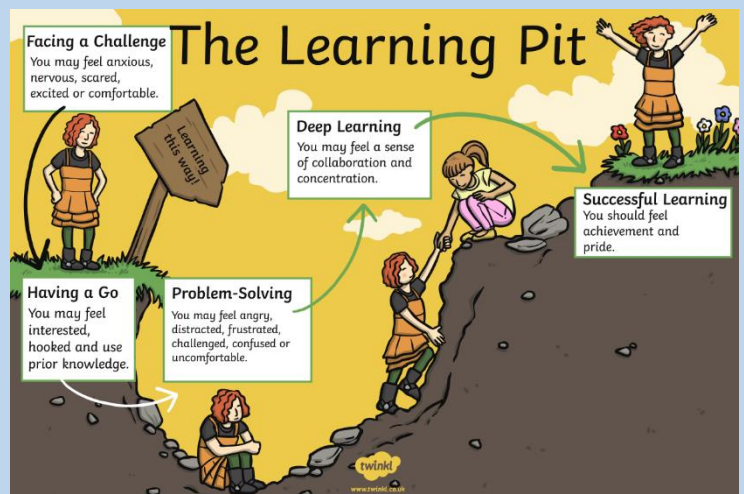
On Monday morning Maple Class were astounded and perplexed to discover their classroom was in complete disarray! On closer investigation, they discovered the dismembered parts of the Iron Man. To add to the mystery, Miss Conroy stated that she had popped in on Sunday evening and everything was normal! The children are working hard to find out where The Iron man has come from and would welcome anyone with any information to come forward!



### The Learning Pit

This week as part of our learning about The Growth Mindset, Mr Davies introduced the idea of 'The Learning Pit' to the whole school. He explained that it's good to push ourselves out of our 'comfort zone' and to challenge ourselves into the 'stretch zone' or The Learning Pit. When we challenge ourselves, we learn new things by struggling, getting stuck and learning from mistakes. We talked about how important it is to have a positive attitude in the Learning Pit and this is crucial to how we learn and progress. If we give up, we learn nothing. However, if we try really hard, stay positive,

learn from mistakes and persevere with a task, we will be able to come out the other side of The Learning Pit. New pathways will have been formed in the brain, new learning will have occurred and we will feel a great sense of pride and achievement. We are all going to work together as a learning community to be courageous with our learning and be excited to be in 'The Learning Pit.'



### **Worship This Week- Courage**

Rev'd Jax led a whole school worship on our Christian Value of Courage. She asked the children to share ideas on what courage meant to them. Finn from Maple Class thought courage was, 'not giving up!', Lilianna from Rowan Class, said 'having courage means you persevere', Rose from Beech class, thought courage was 'when you are scared, you try to be brave!' and Lizzy from Oak Class said, 'courage is when you do something you don't want to do'.

Rev'd Jax helped us to reflect on times when we need to be courageous. She told us the Bible says that God is so strong and amazing that he is with us in scary times to give us comfort and strength, and to help us to be brave. Rev'd Jax asked us to trust in God, because he is always with us, especially when life is difficult. She inspired us by her Bible reading of Psalm 46. We concluded our worship by reflecting in prayer.

*Dear God*

*Thank you that you are our refuge and strength and an ever-present help in our lives.*

*We know that when we are scared we will never fear as you are with us, comforting and protecting us.*

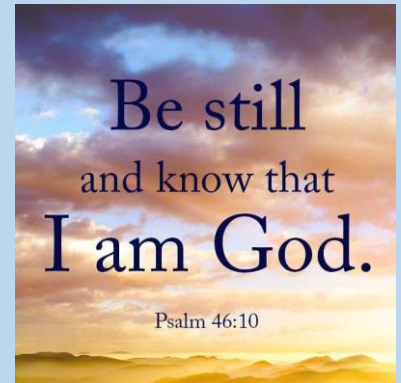
*Help us to remember you said, 'Be still and know that I am God'*

*Help us to know that we are always surrounded by God's love.*

*Amen*

*Best wishes*

*Jane Gwilliam*



### **Sparsholt - Farley Mount 10km Race - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**SAVE THE DATE - 12th May** It's time to start training for the bi-annual Sparsholt-Farleigh Mount 10k.

More details to follow - but get out your lycra, dust off your trainers...and start running!

This year, there will be a 5k and 10k (actually 11k) option - there will also be some inter school competition as we invite other schools to compete. Remember - you can walk it, run it, crawl it ... just be part of it. It will also be open to Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt residents - so spread the word.

More details about fundraising options to follow

### **Connect To Support Hampshire - online Information and Advice**

[Connect to Support Hampshire](#) is an online information and advice website for Hampshire residents (over 18's)

It contains a wealth of information on how Hampshire residents can manage their care and wellbeing, stay independent and connect to their local community.

- Practical Information includes:
- Eating, Smoking and Weight Management
- Alcohol and Drug Support Charities
- Physical disabilities and conditions
- Mental Health advice
- Employment, training and learning
- Information for carers

The website could be used by support and welfare staff in school to signpost parents and carers to sources of help as well as linking to the Adult Social Care and Health web pages.

### **Caretaking help around the school**

We are looking for a reliable and friendly person who will take pride in their work and the appearance of our school, who possesses a good range of DIY skills, is pro-active and able to work on their own initiative. If you think you could offer us 5 or 6 hours a week (either week days or weekends to suit) we can offer training and development opportunities and a supportive and friendly working environment.

*Duties will include:*

- Ensuring health and safety is a priority at all times, working with staff to carry out the regular health and safety checks and assessments
- Keeping the grounds tidy, eg., emptying bins, sweeping leaves and sweeping areas as necessary.
- General repairs and minor works as required within the school.
- Moving furniture and stock items as required.

If you have an interest in this role or would like to find out more, please contact the school office for more information: Email: [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) or telephone 01962 776264



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