



8th March 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	22 nd & 23 rd July
FoSS Family Quiz Night	Friday 8 th March 6-8pm
Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings	Tues 19 th & Thurs 21 st March
Class / Groups Photographs	Monday 25 th March from 1.15pm
Spring Concert	Thursday 4 th April 2.30pm
Easter Egg Hunt & Games	Friday 5 th April 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

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

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Matilda	Ollie H	Jack	Madsy	Elin
Compassion	Cara	Oliver t	Isaac	Tom	William
Creativity	Melisa	Patch	Finn	Anya	Jenna, Gracie

Pan-flipping-tastic Pancake Day Race!

Our first Pancake Day Race this week was a great opportunity for some flippin' good fun and friendly rivalry between the House Teams! The children had to run for their house in a relay race and flip a pancake three times.

The event was a great success with children participating enthusiastically, cheering each other on, supporting each other and earning house points for their teams!



World Book Day

Our World Book Day celebrations were a lot of fun! It was fantastic to see Children and staff transformed into their favourite book characters. We had such a diverse range of characters including; Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland, Harry Potter, Mr Twit, Pippi Longstocking, Tom Gates and Wally. Thank you very much to the parents who came into school to delight the children by reading their favourite books .

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and to be inspired to explore new authors and illustrators. During the day children met in their House Teams and were read to by their house teacher, this was so successful, staff and children have asked if this can be a regular event. The children also enjoyed waiting for the school bell to ring at different times during the day to signal everyone to DEAR - Drop Everything and Read! It was a fabulous day and an excellent reminder to us that ' A book is a dream you hold in your hand '.



Ash Wednesday Service

Rev'd Jax led a very special and reflective Ash Wednesday Service for children, staff and parents in St Stephen's Church. I was so proud that the children were able to explain to Rev'd Jax why Ash Wednesday is important to Christians. After readings, prayers, and a thought-provoking sermon, Rev'd Jax invited the children and adults to be ashed.

This was an opportunity to be blessed and reminded of the forgiveness we have been given. Rev'd Jax helped us to think about the meaning of the ash, and what we might want to say sorry for - whether it was something we had done wrong, or something we had not done. A cross was marked on our forehead in ashes from last year's Palm Sunday Crosses, signifying the beginning of Lent. All the children were very thoughtful and respectful; it was really peaceful and wonderful to think, not just about the Christian Calendar, but also our actions and how we treat each other.



Rowan Class Oscar Evening

Parents and children of Rowan Class gathered together to celebrate world class talent in the film industry. Producers, directors, animators, set designers and script-writers show-cased their latest films in anticipation of the Oscar Award Presentation. All Academy members looked absolutely stunning in their 'glitz and glam' attire! I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the event. Rowan CI children can look at their videos again on the projects page on the Rowan Class VLE; a selection of photographs from the event can be seen on the school website.

Special Mention to...

Livvy from Rowan Class who created a spectacular times table poster as an extra home learning task. Well done to Livvy who has also won 5 house points for Star.

Congratulations to Rueben and Florrie who trained with Southampton F C. They both won the "Most Improved" awards for their age group. The photo is of them both with Saints player Jannik Verstergaard.. Well done!



Dates in the diary...

We will be holding Parent Consultation Meetings on 19th and 21st March for all children. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look at next steps in their learning. More details below.

Finally, please could I ask that all parents check their child's hair over the weekend for head lice. We have had cases reported this week and it would be great to have a determined effort to clear them over the weekend. Thank-you for your support

Year 6 shared their prayer with us as we started our journey through Lent:

Be close to us, Lord Jesus, as we journey through Lent.

As we pray and share with others, help us to see that all people are precious, and that we are all blessed by your love.

Amen

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement

Best wishes,

Jane Gwilliam



Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

Sparsholt Primary School has an online booking system to easily arrange a 10 minute appointment to meet your child's / children's teachers during our parents' evening events. You can access it via our school website:

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on

- **19th March** from **4pm until 7pm** for all classes
- **21st March** from **4pm until 7pm** for all classes.

The online booking system will open from **Monday 11th March 7am** until **Monday 18th March 12pm**

Messy Obadiah - Saturday 9th March 4-6pm

Messy who?! Obadiah may be a little-known Old Testament prophet (and the shortest book in the Old Testament) but what he had to say is still important for us today. Join us in Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th March (4-6pm) to find out more. For more information, or to see photos from previous sessions, please visit our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice

Hampshire Music Service and School Music Tuition

We have availability for brass tuition with Hampshire Music Service. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like your child to start tuition from the start of the Summer Term.

MyMaths Consent Slip

Please return your consent slip as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the letter, copies for Yr 1 - Yr 6 can be found on our website; alternatively, a copy can be requested from the school office.

Run For Sparsholt 2019 - Sunday 19th May 2019

Thanks to everyone who has shown an interest in running for Sparsholt in May to raise much needed funds for FOSS, Starts will be in waves, with the 11k runners heading off first at about 9.30am

There will be 3 categories

- 11k race to Farleigh Mount at back
- 5k race
- 5k fun run/walk/ push for families

We hope that as many of you as possible will commit to being involved. If walking/running isn't your thing, then we will need marshals and first aiders too. Please tell Bonnie Stagg or Kath Edgecombe if you can do either of these roles (last time - all marshals were grandparents. which was a great way of getting them involved!) The races will be open to all and we would like some interschool competition on the 11k distance - so if you know of any running parents at other Winchester primary schools - let them know As we did last time - it would be great if everyone who trains to race could fundraise a target amount of £50. This will be voluntary. All other entries will be £10 per adult, £5 per child. Registration will open at the end of February. Please spread the word.

'Littleton Aces' Talent ID Day Saturday 23rd March from 1-3pm

Sparsholt Primary School pupils with little or no tennis experience, have been invited to the second annual 'Littleton Aces' Talent ID Day at Littleton Tennis Club.

They will be running a fun-packed, two hour session on Saturday 23rd March from 1-3pm. The session will involve lots of agility, balance and co-ordination exercises as well as tennis specific drills. The aim is to find a few children who show a great attitude with a willingness to learn and to award them a scholarship on to their tennis programme.

They will be awarding two, possibly more, places to children in each of the following categories:

Mini Tennis Red - 8 & U

Mini Tennis Orange - 9 & U

Mini Tennis Green - 10 & U

Yellow ball tennis - ages 11-14

Each child selected will receive up to 12 weeks free group coaching, free 1-2-1 coaching and free membership to the tennis club. A package worth over £200! Contact details: info@momentumtennis.co.uk, 07966 166 857