



Dates for your diaries

5th October 2018

Inset Days

19th October 2018

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July 2019

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 16th October 9.15am

The Westgate HT talk to Yr 5 & 6 parents & children

Tuesday 16th October 3pm

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings (Yr R-Yr6)

Wed 17th & Thurs 18th October from 5pm

Bags2School

Friday 9th November

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

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

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Melisa	Jay	William T	Lylah	Toli
Compassion	Alexa	Annabel	Sophia	Olivia	Oli J
Creativity	Caraiosa	Martha	Finn	Madsie	Cara

School Improvement Plan 2018-2019 (SIP) Presentation

Many thanks to all the parents who attended our SIP presentation evening on Tuesday. We very much appreciate your encouragement, support and the important contribution you make as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children. A summary of our school improvement plan is available on our school website.

Digging-Deep at the Year 5/6 Cross Country Competition!

On Wednesday afternoon all 37 year 5/6 pupils travelled to The Westgate School for the much awaited inter-school Cross Country Competition. There was an electric atmosphere as 700 children ran the challenging course in the glorious October sunshine, cheered on by their parents and friends. We are so proud of the growth mind set and unbelievable mental strength shown by every single Sparsholt pupil who, without exception, completed the gruelling 1.5km course. Well done to all our cross country runners and a special congratulations to those who finished in the top 20: Elsa: 2nd place, Maisie: 20th (Year 6 Girls), Daniel: 6th (Year 6 Boys), Tom: 9th, George: 16th (Year 5 Boys) Emily A: 8th, Millie: 12th, Elin: 19th (Year 5 girls).

Rowan Visit to Winchester City Museum

Rowan class stepped back in time to travel through 2000 years of Winchester history from The Iron Age to the 20th Century at the Winchester City Museum today. Our young historians arrived back in school full of excitement at seeing Anglo-Saxon artefacts including Jewellery, coins and mosaics. There was a real sense of awe and wonder as they recounted their inspiring experience of handling a real Roman pot!

Heartfelt thanks to Mrs Hart

We say goodbye and thank you to our super admin assistant, Mrs Hart at Autumn Half term. Mrs Hart has worked incredibly hard for staff, pupils and parents and has made an extremely valuable contribution to our school community. We will all miss her radiant smile and compassionate presence in our school but wish her happiness and send our love to her as she moves onto pastures new.

Worship this Week - Creativity

This week we talked about how Christians believe that God, the creator, made human beings in his own image. We found the thought that every single person on the planet earth is different and unique absolutely mind blowing! We were amazed to think that each one of us has a unique finger-print and we reflected on the many, many different gifts and talents God has given us.

We prayed together:

Dear God

Thank you that you made each one of us with special talents and gifts.

Be with us as we discover our gifts and learn how to use them to show your love to others.

Amen

My very best wishes and kind regards

Lynn Laver (Headteacher)



Bikeability reminder

Year 6 reminder - please remember to bring in bikes and helmets next Monday. Bikes can be left in school for the week in the D area

Beech Class Bake Sale - Friday 12th October

Beech class pupils will be baking some yummy treats and selling them next Friday 12th October, raising money for FOSS. All pupils will be able to buy a treat at break time with any remaining goodies sold after school, so please ensure your child has some pocket money so they can buy a treat or two!

And, if you would like to donate a cake or savoury treat, then please contact Lisa Robinson or Nicky Harris (Beech Class Reps).

FOSS Update

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the FOSS Autumn Social last Saturday. A fun night was had by all! An extra special thanks to all the pudding providers and the Donnybrook Four Band. You've definitely gained yourself some more fans! The total raised was in excess of £1500 which is a great start to the year's fundraising. For those of you who weren't able to attend but kindly bought raffle tickets anyway here are the unclaimed prize numbers:

490 304 305 295

If you are a lucky winner please speak to Katie Simpson in the playground or email katiesimpson08@gmail.com by Friday 12th October (when they will be redrawn). Thanks again.....same time next year?!

Jacket Potatoes for lunch

After half-term picnic bags will stop and jacket potatoes return to the menu as an addition to the meat and vegetarian option

- **Mon:** beans & cheese
- **Tues:** Tuna mayo
- **Wed:** beans & sausage
- **Thurs:** tuna sweetcorn
- **Friday:** veggie sausage & beans

The Next Gen IT

A great new project that is about inspiring kids to become innovators and prepare them (and parents) for the digital future. The next event is Sat 27th Oct at University of Portsmouth and the pre-event workshops are on 24th and 25th October in the Denmead Community Centre. Visit www.thenextgenit.com for more information. Thanks to Sofia and Ollie's mum for information on this new project.

Harvest Festival - Tuesday 16th October 9.15am

We are looking forward to seeing parents at the Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 16th October** at 9.15am in St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt. This year, along with St Stephen's Church, we are supporting the Winchester Nightshelter as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. The Nightshelter has given us a list of items they really would like to receive, if you are able to help. Please see below for a list of their preferred donations. Pupils should bring donated items to school on the **Tuesday morning** (16th October) to take to the church - thank-you.

Harvest list of 'Most Wanted Items'

Food	Housekeeping	Toiletries
Sugar	Toilet Rolls	Deodorant (especially men's spray)
Coffee	Toilet Cleaner	Shaving Foam
Biscuits	Metal Scorers	3-ply razors
Tinned Vegetables	Strong Black Bin Liners	Liquid Soap
Squash and soft drinks	Washing up liquid	Shower Gel
Tinned Custard	Washing powder	Good quality toothbrushes
Cereal (but not porridge)	Cleaning/Sanitising spray	
Gravy granules/stock	J Cloths	
Marmite	Silver foil	
	Anti-bacterial wipes	