



1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days  
 Bags2Schools Collection  
 World Book Day  
 FoSS Family Quiz Night  
 Class / Groups Photographs

15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
 Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 1.15pm

**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>	Erin	Rory	Henry	Ollie J	Jess
<b>Compassion</b>	Adam	Nancy H	Will J	Lilianna	Toli
<b>Creativity</b>	Fallon	Adam	Jack	Jacob	Ollie G

**Let it snow!**

It was absolutely wonderful to wake up to a blanket of snow this morning! AND, I am sure there was a shout of joy when the children heard that the school was open!

Thank you to everyone who made it in today, we had such fun on the playground building snowmen and throwing snowballs!

**Special Mention to.....**

I was proud to congratulate four pupils in Celebration Worship today. All four girls came into school to tell me about their fantastic out of school achievements. Madsy brought in a Maths Reasoning Paper which she had completed for fun! Lilianna showed us a collection of watercolour paintings she had created in her spare time, Emily P proudly showed us a Ballet Dancing Certificate, achieving distinction. Lizzy brought in her Penguin Swimming Squad T. shirt emblazoned with her Bronze Awards for National Performance swimming times.



**Our School Christian Value - Compassion**

In worship today we reflected on 'Friendship and Neighbours' - our theme for the week. We spent some time reflecting on our friendships by placing our hands in our lap with our fingers stretched out wide. We spent a moment imagining that each one of our fingers represents one of our friends and then placed our other hand over the 'friends' hand and spent a moment thinking about being the best friend you can be to each one of them.



I reminded the children today of our duty, as a Christian community to embody the value of compassion, both at school and at home. We are proud to be an inclusive school and parent community and long for this to continue. Thank you for your support.

**Worship this week - True Friends**

This week our theme has been Friends and Neighbours'. Rev'd Jax led a worship on Friendship where she encouraged us to think about the qualities of a good friend. The children were full of ideas and shared them enthusiastically. Responses included, 'Being there when someone needs you', 'noticing when your friend needs cheering up', 'a good friend is someone who is fun and someone you can laugh with'.

We watched the video clip from Toy Story 3, 'You got a friend in me'. We thought about the Toy Story films being all about friendship. The most special friendship of all is between the boy Andy and his toy cowboy Woody because Woody is everything a really good friend should be. Andy says: Woody's been my pal for ever- he's brave and true and loyal. He'll always be there for you and will never let you down'.

Rev'd Jax reminded us that Jesus says, 'Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you'. John 15:13 Christians believe that Jesus promises the kind of friendship we have been thinking about, never letting us down and always there for us, including each one of us.

Maisie led us in Prayer;

*Lord Jesus, thank you that you show us what true friendship means.  
Help us to be friends who treat others as we want them to treat us,  
Who don't let us down  
And who are always there for others, no matter what happens.  
Amen*



*Thank you for your continued encouragement and support,  
Best Wishes,  
Jane Gwilliam*

### **KS1 Giant Sing**

Willow and Beech Classes Giant Sing takes place next Wednesday. Please return your permission slips as soon as possible, if possible by Monday. If you have misplaced your letter, you can find one on the parent letters page of the school website.

### **Change to club ending times**

As the nights are getting lighter all school clubs will end at 4.30pm.

### **Sporty Sparsholt**

Last Sunday, WADAC (Winchester and district athletics club) took part in a sports hall competition at Fleet. In the Winchester team we had 30 people of which 8 were from, or at Sparsholt C of E Primary School. For any of you who don't know, WADAC is an out of school club involving high stepper, vertical jump, triple jump, chest push, and running. We train on a Tuesday night between 6:15 to 8:00PM, and is open to anyone Y4 and up. There are under 11s under 13s and under 15s. Also there are three coaches called Steve, Ewan and Michaela. At the competition I think we did extremely well and had amazing team support! WELL DONE TO SPORTY TEAM SPARSHOLT! who were Jasmine, Grace & Lucy (Y7) Elsa & Daniel (Y6) Cecily & Claudia (Y5) Orla (Y4)



By Orla

### **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, The date has changed and is now confirmed as Sunday 19th May 2019. 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.

### **Financial Year End**

As the financial year end fast approaches, we would appreciate overdue payments as soon as possible, thank-you. Please note that the school charging policy states meal payments, music lessons and after school club fees must be paid by parents half termly in advance.

## FOSS Family Quiz Night - Friday 8th March 6-7.30pm

Join us for a fun family evening. Quiz rounds for all the family, plus a children's packed tea, nibbles for the grown ups and a bar available!

- £5 per adult / child with packed tea
- £2 per child excluding packed tea
- Bar and sweetie shop will be open!



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### FoSS Quiz Evening 8<sup>th</sup> March 6-7.30pm at Sparsholt Village Hall

Number of Adults (£5)	
Number of children including packed tea (£5):	
Number of children excluding packed tea (£2):	
Total:	

Cheque payable to FoSS or cash please (include payment with this slip, in an envelope and leave at school reception)

Name: .....

Name of Child/children and class .....