



7th June 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days (dates in bold TBC)

Fab-Friday Drop In

Sports Day (inclement weather reserve day)

Summer Production Dates (time tbc)

22nd & 23rd July, **4th Sept 2019**, 15th Nov 2019,
14th Feb 2020, 26th June 2020, 22nd July 2020
 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**

	<i>Willow</i>	<i>Beech</i>	<i>Maple</i>	<i>Rowan</i>	<i>Oak</i>
Courage	Oscar	Oliver T	Lyla	Anya	Jessica
Compassion	Fearne	Beatrix	Sophie	Ollie	Josh
Creativity	Alfie	Patch	Maddie	Lucifer	Claudia

Karis Kids Charity Fund Raising Sponsored Skip

A huge thanks to everyone for their incredible generosity in support of our school adopted charity -Karis Kids. It's wonderful that our school community has worked so hard together to help improve the lives of orphaned children in Kampala. A few families have mentioned that they are still collecting sponsorship and we would be grateful if monies could be returned to school by Friday 14th June. We will announce the grand total which will be presented to Karis Kids in Celebration Worship and publish in the newsletter next week.

Praise for our Early Years Foundation Stage

We are delighted to report that our recent visit from EYFS County Moderator, confirmed Mrs Wollam's, Mrs Wall's and Mrs Williams' assessment judgements. The moderator was full of praise for the team and their excellent practice and for knowing their children 'inside-out!'. Well-done to the children and staff in the Early Years Team!



Winchester District Primary School Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our ten fabulous swimmers who represented Sparsholt in today's Primary Schools Swimming Gala. Despite the strong competition in the freestyle relay event the girls finished 4th and the boys finished in 3rd. In the mixed stroke relay teams race, the girls finished 3rd and the boys a close 5th. Jamie competed in the Year 4 freestyle race and finished 2nd. All our swimmers demonstrated courage, resilience and impressive team comradery.



Air Ambulance visit

Our year 5 and 6 children participated in an outstanding STEM lifelines workshop by Hampshire and IOW Air ambulance on Wednesday. They took part in real-life scenarios during the morning. This gave the children a valuable insight into the daily life of the critical care team. The superb learning experience is aimed to inspire, motivate and raise aspirations of our future generations.



Sports Day Field Events

We are very excited about our annual sports day next Friday. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and named water bottle in school next week as all year groups will take part in field events throughout the week. Presentations for these events will take place at Celebration Worship.

Special Mentions for This Week go to:

- Hattie** - for her wonderful half term holiday journal. I was so impressed with her joined handwriting and illustrations.
- Scout and Adam** - for their super swimming skills, future Primary School Swimming Gala representatives, no doubt!
- Gregory** - for showing courage on the Treerunners course over half term.



Collective Worship this week: We Must Never Forget

In worship today we thought about D- Day Landings 75th Anniversary. We learned that the World War 2 D- Day Landings happened a long time ago, before anyone in our school was born and before all our grandparents were born, but that there are still D -Day veterans alive today to tell their heroic tale of bravery. We watched a BBC Newsround Clip of children interviewing their Great -Grandfather, which helped us think about being eternally grateful for the men and women who sacrificed so much during World War 2, so that we can live in peace and harmony.

We prayed together:

Dear God

Thank you to all the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

We remember their families and friends and ask that you give them comfort.

Teach us to be compassionate and caring people, ever mindful of the needs of others.

Amen

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our first Fab Friday Classroom drop-in 3.30pm - 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you.

I hope you have a fabulous weekend!

Best wishes,

Jane Gwilliam



School-led Church Service - Sunday, 9th June, 10.00am

Sparsholt School Worship Group will be leading the Service in St. Stephen's Church. Everyone is very welcome to attend; come and see how well the children do. There will be coffee, tea, juice and biscuits in the Church after the Service.

Messy Through the Roof

How far would you go for your friend? In this month's Messy Church, we are learning about a group of people who carried their sick friend to the house where Jesus was, and lowered him down through the roof because there were too many people inside for them to get through the door!

Come and join us in the Church Room, Littleton, 4-6pm on Saturday 8th June and find out what happened next. All the usual activities, Bible story and Messy Tea provided free of charge. For more information, contact Carol Coleman (01962 881886) or visit our Facebook page (Messy Church in the Downs Benefice)

TRINITY SUNDAY at Northwood Park - 16th June, 11am

Our Benefice will be holding the Benefice Trinity Sunday at Northwood Park (in the barn if it's raining) followed by a 'Bring & Share' Picnic.

Bring yourselves, your friends, your dogs, drinks and tables and chairs (straw bales are provided!) and come and join in this wonderful, open-air, Benefice service in beautiful surroundings. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church, indicating if you will be coming and if you could offer a lift to anyone.

FoSS Toy Stall at Sparsholt Village Fete (Saturday 29th June)

FoSS will have a toy stall at Sparsholt's Village Fete again this year, so we are looking for any donations of 'good quality' toys that we can sell. So if you're thinking of having a clear-out, please put some toys aside for us.

We will also need a few volunteers to help man to the stall, so if you're thinking of coming along and can spare 30mins, please let us know - friendsofsparsholtsschool@gmail.com

Thanks - Team FoSS

FOSS Parent Request

FOSS are planning another Autumn Social Event in September. We would be really grateful if any parents have anything to offer for the raffle or auction element of the event. Please do have a think, it really can be anything. Previous prizes have varied from a pot of jam to a week in a holiday home. Perhaps your workplace could offer something or you have a contact who is feeling charitable? We can send out official letters if required and can happily promote any business who donates at the event. Please speak to one of the FOSS team or email friendsofsparsholtsschool@gmail.com with your help. It would be great to kick off the 19-20 school year with a big fundraiser. Thank you.

School Meal Prices from September - Information from HCC

Following the Executive Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 8th May 2019, it has been agreed that the price for a two course, hot school meal will rise by 4.3% in **September 2019**, from £2.30 to £2.40. The revised charge reflects inflationary pressures associated with food costs and staff pay which rose by 6.4% in April 2019, when the hourly pay rate for catering assistants was increased nationally. Over 90% of the cost of a school meal covers food and staff costs, with related overheads accounting for the remainder. Supplying school meals at cost, keeps the price as low as possible for Hampshire residents and ensures they receive value for money.