



Dates for your diaries

21st September 2018

Inset Days	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
	15 <sup>th</sup> February, 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019
Photographs - Portraits	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September from 1.15pm
School Improvement Harvest Gathering	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October - 6.30pm
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 9.15am
The Westgate HT talk to Yr 5 & 6 parents & children	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm
Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings (Yr 1-Yr6)	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> October from 5pm
Bags2School	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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**

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
<b>Courage</b>	Sebastian	Rory	Hannah	Lucas	Riley
<b>Compassion</b>	David	Inigo	Charlotte	Radi	Oli J
<b>Creativity</b>	Oscar	Daisie	Charlie A	Tom	Cara

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher Consultations are in the school calendar for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children only. There is more information on how you can book an appointment below. Parents of reception children will be able to meet with their children's teachers later on in the year.

School Improvement Harvest Gathering - Tuesday 2nd October - 6.30pm

We are looking forward to meeting many of you for a glass of wine and harvest nibbles. We will be sharing a short presentation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Please indicate on the slip below if you are able to join us.

Bertie's Butser Hill Farm Visit

Bertie from Rowan class inspired the whole school with his recount of his recent visit to see the replica of the Romano-British villa, discovered at Sparsholt and excavated in the 1960's. Bertie fascinated everyone! This is of special interest to us as it's the fabulous school logo. Thinking about the Sparsholt mosaic helped us foster a sense of compassion for the mosaicists of 1,600 years ago who painstakingly laid over 115,000 stone cubes - thank-you Bertie.

Reading Buddies - We need you!

We would like parents or family members to volunteer in the school as 'Reading Buddies', who will listen to and support children with their reading and comprehension skills. As a reading buddy you could make a real difference to a child's confidence with reading. We need Reading Buddies in school from 1.15 - 1.45pm. Please fill in the reply slip (below) and send back to the school office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Gwilliam will contact you to explain our 'Reading Buddy' scheme.



Maple Visit Stonehenge

As part of their project 'Stones and Bones', Maple Class enjoyed an inspirational day at the iconic British landmark, Stonehenge. This was an exciting opportunity to see first-hand, evidence of the lives of Neolithic people. The children learned the extraordinary story behind Stonehenge as well as visiting the interactive education centre.



This week's worship - Courage

We have been exploring the theme of courage through collective worship this week. Our aim as part of our school improvement plan is to nurture a whole school growth mindset culture. We thought about how growth mindset messages are promoted and the difference between fixed and growth mindset. We thought about how, 'with God', as Jesus said, 'all things are possible'. It was this growth mindset that caused David to see his opponent Goliath, too big to miss, whilst everyone else saw him as too big to hit!

We learned that our talent is not set in stone. To grow our brain we need: courage to never give up, try, try and try again. Be resilient, ask what we can do better and understand the power of 'YET'.

'I can't do something YET!' and 'I don't understand YET!'  
We prayed to God to help us on our learning journey;  
*Father of light and wisdom,  
Thank you for giving us a mind that can know  
And a heart than can love  
Amen*  
My very best wishes and kind regards  
Lynn Laver (Headteacher)



**Portrait Photographs - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm**

Please note that the school photographer will be in school next Tuesday afternoon to take individual portrait photographs of all our children which will then be available for parents to buy.

**Times Table Club for Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Mrs Rowe will be in school bright and early to run a weekly fun, times table club on a Wednesday morning from 8.30am for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children.

**FoSS Raffle Tickets**

FoSS reaffle tickets will be available in the playground from Monday 24th, £5 a strip of £1 each. The raffle will be drawn on 29th Sept at our Autumn Dinner.

Lots of fabulous prizes including:

- River Cottage voucher
- Hilliers planted container
- Kirton Farm box of plants
- Snowtrax Alpine Adventure Park Family Pass (2ad 2 ch)
- Cote voucher (exp 25/10/18)
- Pets Corner Cat/Dog food
- Cook Voucher
- Little & Russell Bouquet

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You are invited to join all the staff for a glass of wine and harvest nibbles. We will be sharing a short presentation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). To give us an idea of numbers, please complete this reply slip and return to the school office by Friday 29th September, thank-you:

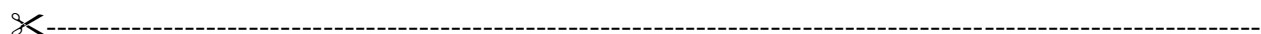
I/We would like to attend the School Improvement Harvest Gathering

Name: .....

Number of adults attending

Signed .....

Date: .....



**Reading Buddy Scheme**

I am interested in becoming a reading buddy and can come into school between 1.15 and 1.45pm on the following day/days (please indicate below)

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

Name .....

Signed .....Parent/Guardian

Date: .....

## **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** (16<sup>th</sup> October) to take to the church - thank-you.

### *Harvest list of 'Most Wanted Items'*

<b>Food</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	<b>Toiletries</b>
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	

### **The Westgate School Yr 5 & 6 Secondary Phase Open Events**

- Wednesday 26 September 2018 - 9am -11.00am
- Thursday 27 September 2018 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 2 October 2018 - 9am -11.00am

### **The Westgate School Headteacher Visit for Years 5 & 6 - 16th October at 3pm**

Head of The Westgate School, Mrs Fae Dean, will be coming to talk to Year 5 and 6 parents and children on Tuesday 16th October at 3pm - all welcome!

### **Parents' Evenings**

The next parent/teacher consultation meetings (10 minute slots) are for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children only. They will be held on:

- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 5 - 7.40pm** (Yr1 - Beech, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6)
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 5 - 7.40pm** (Yr1 - Willow & Beech, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6)

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 bi-annual parents' evening events. Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section. The online booking system will be available for the above meetings from 7am on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Data Forms**

Please check your data forms, amend the form if necessary and return to the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. Please read the accompanying letter as we will also need consent to process the data of your chosen emergency contacts.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are running a trial breakfast club until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

The club will be run by an outside provider from 7.45am to 8.30am Monday to Friday. Cost is £5 per child per session. Booking for places would have to be in advance so that the correct level of staff are in attendance. Children would be provided with a healthy breakfast (specific dietary requirements will be met wherever possible). Every day there will be a wide range of activities, games and toys to play with. To book the breakfast club facilities, please contact the provider directly.

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