

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



11th June 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Inset Days from September 2021

Winchester Primary Schools Digital Safety Event

Sports Day

Summer Showcase

Monday July 12th

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Return to school on September 6th 2021

Monday 4th October 2021, Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022

Thursday 1st July from 6pm -7pm

Friday 16th July (time tbc)

Wednesday 21 July (time tbc)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week this has been. The children have come back refreshed, the weather has been lovely and the positivity around the school is palpable. I have had the pleasure of spending lots of time in every classroom this week and have seen the high quality work all the children are producing due to their focus and determination.

I witnessed Willow class children writing about being superheroes including making their own superhero masks to disguise their identities. Beech class have been making the most of the outside areas to enhance their learning and demonstrate their excellent phonics knowledge. Maple class showed their excellent comprehension skills during a guided reading session linked to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and I also had the pleasure of teaching in Maple and seeing their creativity when designing their own packaging for their chocolate bars. Rowan Class' focus has been on the Ancient Greeks and Oak showed excellent subject knowledge and understanding of the human digestive system. It was very impressive for children of their age!

Work has started this week on the pond area with the students from Sparsholt College (under the supervision of their tutor) coming from the College to work on the pond itself and the surrounding areas. They have already done an amazing job of clearing the huge root balls that have grown in the bottom of the pond and I have to say I am very pleased it was them and not me standing waist high in the water! They will be returning next week to carry on with the project.

We are very hopeful that per the last newsletter, we will be able to hold some whole school events in July although this is of course still very much dependent on the Government's decision around lifting restrictions.

We are however very pleased that our Year 6 pupils will be able to attend their residential at Calshot - something that is so important for their primary school experience.

On that note, I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Summer sunshine.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty



Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Oscar	Diya	Aubrey	Sam	Maddie
Compassion	Hemming	Cara	Zac	Amelia	Blake
Creativity	Daisy	Alfie	Cecily	Fred	Livvy

Hampshire Pedestrian Competition

Thank you to all the children who spent time over the half-term creating some wonderful posters for the Hampshire Pedestrian walk to School Competition. The entries were sent to the Hampshire Transport Team on Tuesday this week, and we look forward to finding out the results of the judging.

School Parent Survey

The school parent survey will close at midnight tonight. So far the final participation rate is over 80%. Thank you very much for your participation and sincerity as your feedback is an invaluable tool for our school's success. Our school governors and leadership team will begin compiling the completed surveys and will share results with you shortly.

Sunny Weather Alert

The sun is out at last - please remember to apply and if required, supply, sun cream (named, please!) for your children and pack a sun hat for playtime. Choose a sunscreen with a high SPF which is also labelled broad spectrum to protect from UVA and UVB rays. Children should be shown how to apply sun cream themselves. A roll-on variety with a colour tint is great for the children to use. Alternatively, there are 12 and 24 hr / once per day sun care products available which can be applied before school.

Water is always available for the children to drink. Sparsholt school sunhats are available to purchase from reception - a navy blue baseball cap with school logo costs £4.75.

Please do not send children to school with open toed sandals or flip-flops. Although it's lovely to have cool feet we are concerned about the increased risk of trips and injuries.

Bag2Schools Collection

Thank-you to everyone who helped fundraise for the school with the latest Bags2School collection.

For you diaries, the next collections will take place on

- Mon 9th November 2021
- Wed 2nd March 2022
- Tues 7th June 2022

Bag2Schools accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels; bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

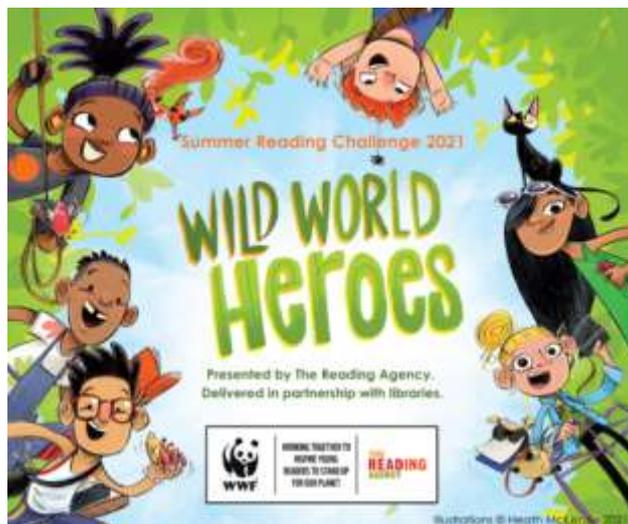
Bag2Schools DO NOT accept: duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too. Winchester library are teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Pyramid Primary Schools Digital Safety Event

Thursday 1st July 2021 6pm via MS TEAMS

We would like to invite you to a shared Digital Safety event, which will be held virtually on Thursday 1st July from 6pm -7pm and led by Dan Howes, The Westgate School's all-through Digital Safety Lead.

The evening will focus on:

- Tips and advice about how you can support your child at home when they are online and using devices
- Any other queries you may have - please let us know so we can pass this on

Keeping children safe in an increasingly digital world is such an important part of the safeguarding work we do within our schools and working in partnership with parents and carers is vital, as pupils are most likely to be online while they are at home in the evenings and weekend.

However, in addition to safeguarding children, it is equally important to teach children the skills they will need to become responsible digital citizens and to be able to thrive in a world where technology will play a key role in almost all future employment opportunities, as well as playing a significant part in how we now socialise and interact with friends and family in the 21st century.

Please follow the link below to access this event:

[Microsoft Teams meeting](#)

Join on your computer or mobile app

We recommend downloading Microsoft Teams from the link. Use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome browsers, this link will NOT work within Safari.

Advert for Sparsholt Memorial Hall Caretaker

The Memorial hall Committee are looking for someone to take on the role of looking after the Village Hall. Here are the main duties, which need to be covered:

- Clean the Hall, Mosaic Room and kitchen weekdays (plus weekends as needed)
- Clean outside weekly
- Deep clean and stock check twice yearly
- Show people round and give access to and lock up Hall as needed
- Manage heating and Hall stores
- Respond to issues and requests from hirers
- Liaise with the Bookings Secretary and Trustees as needed

There is a monthly payment commensurate with the duties outlined, and the person would need to be available at short notice to deal with any issues from hirers of the Hall.

If you are interested or want to know more, please email the Hall Secretary, Sue Fowler on <mailto:sparsholthall@gmail.com> Interviews will take place at the end of June, so please apply by 27th June 2021.