

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



18th June 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Inset Days from September 2021

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

Winchester Primary Schools Digital Safety Event

Thursday 1st July 2021 6pm -7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly can I thank you all for your continued unwavering support and understanding through what has been another challenging period. With restrictions remaining in place for at least another 4 weeks, it has yet again affected our plans to be able to join together in person as a whole school community. Despite this, I want to assure you all that the children themselves will still get to experience those things that make Primary school so special.

On Monday, our Year 6 children are heading off on their residential to Calshot Activities Centre where they will be undertaking a variety of really exciting and challenging activities including kayaking, climbing, archery and skiing amongst other things. A residential is such an important rite of passage and we are thrilled that despite some restrictions, they will still be able to enjoy it.

Our amazing staff have yet again shown their ingenuity and creativity and have worked together to adapt our Summer performance (in record time) so that every class can be involved whilst still maintaining our class bubbles. Many of the classes have already started thinking about their scenes and the children are all very excited.

We will still be having our 'Day of Sport' as Mrs Gwilliam likes to refer to it, and will ensure that the children get the opportunity to work with and compete against their classmates.

Our worship theme this week has been based around the story of David and Goliath (something I think we can all relate to at the moment). The key message has been that anyone can make a difference however small and that one should never give up trying. I think for all of us this is definitely something we should remember as we continue to navigate these times.

I hope you all have lovely weekend.

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	<i>George</i>	<i>Cordelia</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Oli J</i>
Compassion	<i>Martha</i>	<i>Seb</i>	<i>Jemima</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Reuben</i>
Creativity	<i>Mia</i>	<i>Berkeley</i>	<i>Molly</i>	<i>Sophie S</i>	<i>Seth</i>



Charlie plays at St Mary's

Last Saturday, Charlie A and his U10 football team Sholing FC, were lucky to play in a football tournament which took place at St Mary's Stadium in Southampton.

After winning two matches and drawing one in the group stages, the team went on to win the semi-final to make it through to the final. After a hard match, the teams couldn't be separated and the final went to penalties. Charlie's team came out the lucky winners in what was a fantastic day of sport.

Miss Bell was also at St Mary's as a football coach to a local girls' team, and got to see Charlie score a goal!

KS1 Football Club Next Week

Sticking with the football, due to Miss Bell attending the Yr 6 residential, there will be no football club on Monday 21st June for KS1 children

Sparsholt Playpark Works

The fence around the play park in Woodman Close, Sparsholt is being replaced, starting on Monday 21st June 2021 and is expected to take up to 3 days. The play park will not be accessible during this time as it could be dangerous. There will be screening in place and closed signs posted. Please advise any children you have or care for not to use the play park until the works have been completed and the closed signs have been removed.

Beat that Louse

We have recently had a few cases of head lice reported. Please can you be extra vigilant over the weekend and check your children's hair. Although lice can be seen in dry hair, the best way to check is by the combing of wet hair with a fine toothed "detector" comb and treating if necessary, every three or four days for two weeks or until you cannot see any eggs. Treatment can either be by using over the counter treatments from the chemist, or the wet comb method and using lots of hair conditioner. Thank-you.

Due to the delay in easing lockdown restrictions, Winchester's secondary schools have sent through updates to their various transition events:

- **The Westgate School Year 5 Open Morning**

Year 5 parents should visit the Westgate School website to check the dates (week beginning 21st June) for virtual open events including a virtual tour and a film by Mrs Fyvie Rae. Year 6 pupils might like to watch this too.

- **The Westgate School Year 6 Taster Days**

Westgate will not be able to run Year 6 taster days scheduled for 6th and 7th July. Instead, they would like to return to the online taster lessons by Westgate teachers via MS teams, which they know pupils enjoyed last year. Westgate will be in touch with Year 6 parents shortly with some suggested dates and plans which they hope work for you too.

- **The Westgate Year 6 Induction Evening - 7th July**

This will now be delivered online like last year. Parents will be sent a link shortly and be able to dial in with their children to meet their tutor and member of SLT, and to ask questions via Teams.

- **The Kings School Year 6 Induction Days and Information Evening**

Kings School has cancelled both events, and instead will be hosting a virtual Information Evening for parents on the Kings' YouTube channel. In addition, there will be an opportunity for new Year 7s to access short videos of introduction from the different departments, alongside a virtual tour of the school.

Kings School will be contacting parents directly to update and pass on any additional information regarding uniform and summer holiday activities.

- **The Henry Beaufort Year 6 & Year 7 Transition Days - 7th & 8th July**

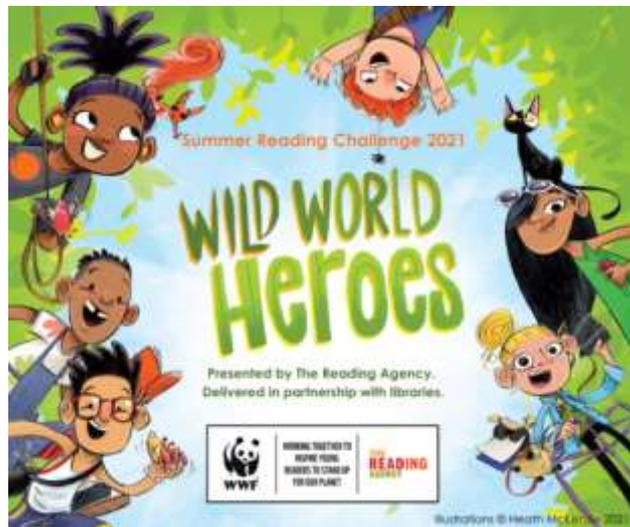
Henry Beaufort School will no longer be going ahead with their planned transition days on the 7th and 8th of July. They will be sending out a communication to all prospective parents explaining the situation and what they will be planning next.

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.