



15th February 2019

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days	22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Bags2Schools Collection	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday March 7 <sup>th</sup>
FoSS Family Quiz Night	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm
Class / Groups Photographs	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March from 1.15pm
Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings	Tues 19th & Thurs 21st March

**Dear Parents and Carers**

*Core Value Awards*

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship yesterday. 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>	David	Freddie	William N	Jamie	Riley
<b>Compassion</b>	Gregory	Rose	Isaac	Radi	Layla
<b>Creativity</b>	Olivia	Hattie	William T	Amelia	Elin

*Update from Mr Davies*

It has been busy but enjoyable six weeks so far as Interim Headteacher at Sparsholt. The staff, governors and I have been working hard to improve standards and continue to move the school forward. Alongside the School Improvement Plan, we have added a few areas that we are concentrating on in the short term. These are:

- to build on the quality of teaching and learning in Mathematics to ensure mastery
  - to develop the curriculum in terms of having clear planning for the foundation subjects so that our curriculum is both challenging and engaging
  - to continue to ensure high quality inclusive teaching throughout the school through coaching and rigorous monitoring.
- We have also looked at the school Homework policy and will be making changes that will help both parents and pupils. More details will be sent out soon.

The staff and Governors are all on board with the changes and Mrs Gwilliam has been very proactive and supportive, rising to the challenge of leading the school on the days I am at Cliddesden Primary School. I would like to wish you all the children, parents and staff a staff and happy half term holiday.

Mr Kenneth Davies

*Safeguarding Training.*

During our inset training day today, all staff took part in routine Safe Guarding and Child Protection training, led by a county trainer from Children Services Department. This was to ensure that all staff are up to date with

- how to keep your children safe
- school child protection procedures
- and the awareness of Children's Services involvement.

*The Giant Sing Along!*

It was KS 2's turn to join in with The Giant Sing at the Anvil this week. Organised by the County Music Service, our talented and enthusiastic children joined in with schools, and musicians from across Hampshire to perform the musical "The Wherwell Cockatrice." Thank you to our Sparsholt singing ambassadors, Miss Burbridge and Miss Conroy who led the rehearsals in the lead up to The Giant Sing.

*A Special Mention to...*

This week a special mention and well done goes to Fearne who used her creativity skills to create an extraordinary picture of an underwater scene she had created at home.



### *School-led Family worship at St Stephen's Church*

Thank-you to all the children, parents and friends of the school who attended our uplifting service last Sunday. The children's presentations were delightful and thought-provoking! The next service where our children are invited to sing and read will be on 31<sup>st</sup> March 10am - Mothering Sunday. Please make a note in your diaries.

### *More Challenge Leads to Enhanced Learning!*

Hopefully, you would have heard your children talk about how they have been in the 'Learning Pit' this half term. The Learning Pit is now displayed in all classrooms and is a visual aid to help describe their learning journeys throughout the day. We want the children to understand that some of their best learning is done when they find things the hardest and have the courage to come out of the comfort zone. Our children and staff recognise that effort, persistence and excellent teaching are what helps us to learn and improve. Learning pit image

### *Worship this Week- The Power of Compassion*

Rev'd Jax led Collective Worship in School on the theme of compassion this week. She told us that Jesus never turned his back on anyone; If people asked him for help, he always gave it to them. Rev'd Jax explained that Jesus wants us to show compassion for people around us and treat them as we would like to be treated. We thought about how we can be kind to people in our school, and to put ourselves in other people's shoes to and feel what it's like to be them.

We reflected on how we can be kind and considerate to each other every day.  
We prayed together:

Dear God,

Teach us to be thoughtful and kind like Jesus.  
Lord of the loving heart ,may mine be loving too.  
Lord of the gentle hands , may mine be gentle too.  
Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too.  
So may I grow more like you in all I say and do.

Amen

Best wishes and I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break

Jane Gwilliam



### ***Hampshire Music Service and School Music Tuition***

We have availability for brass tuition with Hampshire Music Service. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like your child to start tuition from the start of the Summer Term.

### ***Clubs after half-term:***

As now except:

- ***Benchball Club***

Unfortunately, Benchball Club will stop after the half-term due to staff commitments.

- ***Science Club***

We now have 2 Science Clubs running on a Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm for Yr 1 - 3 and now Yr 4 - 6. If you are interested in registering for either of these, please contact Mad Science direct on 01980 611807 or visit their website: <https://register.madscience.org/wessex/afterschool-register.aspx>

### ***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, 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.

## **Bag2Schools Collection - Wednesday 27th February**

Bags are coming home with children today to give you a chance to clear out wardrobes...drawers...etc over the half-term and fundraise for the school at the same time.

- Bags2Schools **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)
- Bags2Schools **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.

Bags2 Schools will be collecting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> and bring into school then. There will be a FoSS organised collection of bags from bus stops for those children using the dedicated bus service from Crawley and Littleton.

Thank-you

## **School Car Park Guidelines**

We would like to remind you of our car parking guidelines:

- Please do **not** move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for just a few minutes longer to allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-walks in the car-park
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt's residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office (where the white lines are painted) impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour
- **For health and safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park**
- If you double-park in the car-park please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible
- An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground - we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays in front of some of the houses in the Close
- Please note we will **not** be able to offer the field as an over-flow car park during the winter months. We will review again late into the Spring term
- Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass
- Finally we ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park

**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. Alternatively, via bank transfer (with your name as a reference)

Account Name: Friends of Sparsholt School  
Sort code: 09-01-53  
Account number: 35353282

Name: .....

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

We do require helpers on the night. Please tick if you can!