



**Dates for your diaries**

*2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018*

Inset Days

15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Bags2School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Non-Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

St Stephen's Christingle Service

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

**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>	Lucas	Patch	Cecily	Anya	Elliss
<b>Compassion</b>	Matilda	Sophie	Sophie	Bertie	Josh
<b>Creativity</b>	Lucy	Isabella	Henry	Emily S	Elin

*Smart Inside and Out!*

We are really proud of how smart our children look in their Sparsholt school uniform. Our uniform is important and sends a clear message that all our children have a pride in their appearance and in our school. We have been reminding the children of our uniform expectations in Worship this week and we would like to thank you for your continued support with ensuring your child wears the correct uniform to school every day.

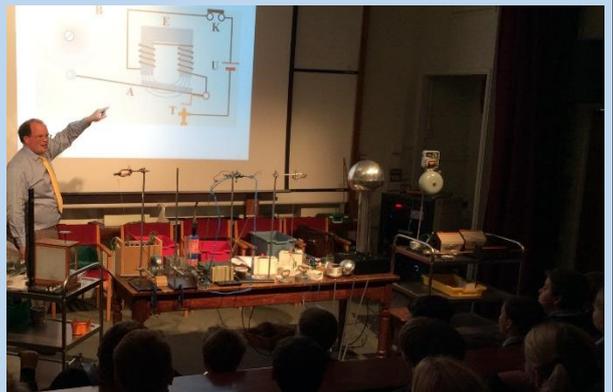
*Oceans are not Rubbish Competition*

We had a fantastic response to our whole school plastic recycling challenge! Every morning this week, we have been greeted by children eager to show us their brilliant sculptures of endangered creatures, from wonderful whales, terrific turtles and super seals to jazzy jelly fish and amazing albatrosses! A panel of staff judges had the difficult task of choosing winners from each class during celebration worship today. Willow Cl: Fallon, Madeleine, Oscar. Beech Cl: Inigo, Rocco, Annie. Maple Cl: Seth, Oli B. Rowan Cl: Lilianna, Martha. Oak Cl: Flynn, Claudia, Lizzy, Finn. Congratulations to all our competition winners! A special congratulation and mention to the star sculptors: Oli B, who was praised for his sculpture made entirely from plastic rubbish salvaged from the beach, and Lizzy & Jamie were commended for their well-researched Crown of Thorns Starfish sculpture.

*Science Lecture at Winchester College adds spark to our science curriculum!*

A fleet of Winchester College mini-buses transported years 5 & 6 to the college Science Lecture theatre on Wednesday afternoon where Dr Barron gave an illuminating presentation on electricity and magnetism. A highlight of the lecture was the demonstration of the Van de Graaff generator which enabled the children to experience static electricity in a variety of ways.

Dr Barron demonstrated the spark created by 'zapping' the charge with a wand, he also showed us the energy produced by the static electricity by resting aluminium pie cases on the globe and turning the machine on! We also had an opportunity to see what happens when you touch the Van de Graaff machine while its charged to see how static electricity can affect the body, this experiment created a particularly fun and hair raising experience for the children!



*Willow Class Outside Play Area*

Over the half-term break we had builders at school re-vamping the back of Willow Class and incorporate a soft rubber mulch play surface, planting and mud-kitchen area (mud-kitchen arrives next week!), as well as an artificial grass raised 'quiet area' with shade sails at either end. The children have been really excited to make the most of it!

A big thank-you goes to FoSS for adding to the project's funds by signing up to Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme. Tesco employees arrived at school today to see for themselves the work undertaken along with a cheque to FoSS for £1000!

*Our Pond and Wildlife Area*

The upkeep of this area takes many volunteer hours and we would like to send a really big thank-you to Mr & Mrs Denham and their son Lewis (former Yr 6) and Mr & Mrs Ormerod for quietly working away in the background to ensure the pond is clean and the area safe for both our children and the wildlife.

### *Worship this week- All Saints' Day*

This week in worship we celebrated the lives of the saints and other people who are a great example to follow and whose lives we can emulate. We thought about how the saints teach us to be closer to God; some were great thinkers, some shared their wisdom with us, some were very brave and some would lend a hand to the poor, elderly or needy. We reflected on what the saints had in common, for instance, they wanted to make God happy because they loved him so much, they weren't just thinking about themselves all the time, but were thinking about what God would want them to do. We had a moment of stillness in worship where we all thought about how God thinks we are all special and how we can share kindness towards each other. We shared a prayer:

*Dear God*

We pray for all the saints and remember all the people who have shown us how to be kind and how to care and love each other. Please help us to follow their example and help us to be a truly Christian community in all we do.

Amen

*Thank you for your continued support and encouragement*

*Lynn Laver (Headteacher)*



### **Invoices**

We would appreciate full payment as soon as possible. We do operate a pay in advance policy for school lunches, clubs and music tuition; please take this into account when settling your account. For the half-term 29th October to 21st December 2018 (8 weeks), the amounts to pre-fund lunches are:

Number of days lunches are taken	1 day per week	2 days per week	3 days per week	4 days per week	5 days per week
1 child at school	£18.40	£36.80	£55.20	£73.60	£92.00
2 children at school	£36.80	£73.60	£110.40	£147.20	£184.00

We understand that, on occasions, things change and children may require additional or fewer meals than planned. If your child needs extra school dinners than originally envisaged, you can always top up your meal payments online and if your child needs fewer meals, credit will be carried over to the following week/weeks.

### **FoSS News**

- FOSS MOVIE NIGHT - Friday 9th November 6pm-8pm, Sparsholt Village hall  
£5 per child to include pizza and squash  
Helpers needed - contact Bonnie Stagg or Lisa Robinson.

### **WW1 Art Project on Display at the Discovery Centre**

On Monday evening the Winchester 16th cub scouts group completed their WW1 art project which will be on display in the Discovery Centre from today.

The panel is made from beautiful fabric poppies sewn by the group and images of the cubs' own relatives which they researched over half term and shared with the group on Monday night.

Sparsholt pupils who took part in this project are:

Leo, Finn, Josh D, Oli J,  
Reuben C, Tallulah, Jamie, Ollie J,  
Oli B, Eddie, Flynn and Elliss



### **Messy Holy Spirit**

This title may look familiar as we first ran this session in Littleton in June.

However, many families were not able to attend, so we have decided to give you

all a second chance! Join us from 4-6pm on Saturday 10th November, in Littleton Church Room, to find out more about the Holy Spirit through a variety of activities and crafts, and the Celebration in the church.

We shall finish as usual with a cooked tea - all free of charge but donations towards the food are welcome.

For more information, visit our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.