



1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days	22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
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 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> 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>	Toby	Cecily	Livvie	Emily	Rosalind
<b>Compassion</b>	Cordelia	Nancy H	William N	Emily S	Reuben
<b>Creativity</b>	Oscar	Sophia	Charlotte	Eddie	Elsa

*House Teams - Promoting Outstanding Behaviour and Positive Attitude to Learning*

Everyone has been excited in school this week about the relaunch and revamp of our school House Team System. Our newly improved House system aims to promote, outstanding behaviour, successful learners, confident individuals and a strong community spirit.



Each child and member of staff is allocated a House Team: Rope, Wave, Key or Star. Our House names are derived from the elements which make up our school mosaic emblem. House points will be awarded to children who go above and beyond by demonstrating important qualities such as: determination, hard work, effort, teamwork and kindness, as well as in recognition of our school Christian values of courage, creativity and compassion.

Inter-house competitions will also provide opportunities for winning points and healthy rivalry! Each week, house points are counted and announced in Celebration Worship, and a running total kept for each half term and displayed on our new House Team Notice Board. The winning house team will be awarded the Mosaic House Cup. Children will also keep a personal record of their house points and certificates presented for 25 house points (bronze), 50 house points (silver) and 100 house points (gold).

Children in each House Team voted for Yr 6 House Captains: -

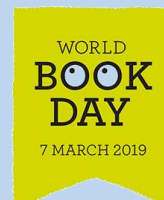


- Rope:** William and Lizzy
- Wave:** Luke and Layla
- Star:** Daniel and Maisie
- Key:** Josh and Elsa

*World Book Day Thursday 7th March*

We will be celebrating World Book Day next week, by inviting children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character and take part in book themed activities throughout the day including, House Team competitions! This year we also need your help to **SHARE A STORY** on World Book Day and invite you into school to spend ten minutes reading to and sharing a story with the children.

Please bring your book along at morning drop-off and join the class line after the bell. The class teachers and children will be delighted to welcome you into their classrooms to share your book with a small group or the class.



### **Special Mention to...**

#### **Eddie at the Minithon**

Lee Valley Athletics Centre host a regular athletics competition for children in school years 3 - 7 to test their skills in three different disciplines, choosing from a range of events from shot put to long jump. Eddie (Yr 4) representing Winchester AC, took part in the 60 metres, 200 metres and 600 metres. Eddie achieved a personal best time in a distance run competition and has also earned 5 house points for Rope. Here is a photo of Eddie with GB athlete Laviai Nielsen - Superb Eddie!



#### **Reuben & Teddy**

Reuben and Teddy (year 4) spent a day in half term training with Harlequins Hooker Dave Ward, learning how to improve and perfect the tackle in contact rugby. They are hoping to use their new-found knowledge playing for Winchester in the Hampshire Cup next month. The boys have earned 5 house points each for Key - well done!



#### **Worship this week - The Good Samaritan**

This week in worship we thought about all the ways we can be a good neighbour. We learned that Jesus said, we should love our neighbours as ourselves. We thought about neighbours as the people we meet every day and all the people around us. We reflected on how easy it would be if we only had to love our friends, but that God wants us to love everybody, whether they are rich or poor, happy or sad. Jesus wants us to be helpful to everybody, no matter who they may be. We listened to the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan and thought about how we show God's love when we help each other.

Today in Celebration worship we remembered the Patron Saint of Wales, St David who was an extraordinary man, who believed in God and because of his strong faith he was able to help other people and make remarkable things happen.

We lit a candle and remembered St David's special day with a prayer:

#### **Dear God**

Thank you for St David, and for all the special people who have given us examples of how to live.

Help us today to remember all we have learnt about how to live a good life.

Help us to be kind and caring, to be honest and sharing.

Help us to stop and think when difficulties seem too big to deal with and to have faith that you love us and are always with us.

Amen

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Best wishes,

Jane Gwilliam



### **Changes to the Menu for next week**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Pancake day. For desert there will be pancakes with golden syrup and ice-cream.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - The meat option will be replaced with Chicken and sweetcorn pie.

### **Headteacher recruitment - Update from the Governors**

We continue the recruitment process. We are currently advertising the position and are looking to shortlist at the end of this month. As always we will keep you up to date with any developments and welcome any questions via any of the Governors.

### **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.

### **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.

**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!