



8th February 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	15 th February, 22 nd & 23 rd July
Bags2Schools Collection	Wednesday 27 th February
World Book Day	Thursday March 7 th
FoSS Family Quiz Night	Friday 8 th March 6-8pm
Class / Groups Photographs	Monday 25 th March from 1.15pm
Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings	Tues 19 th & Thurs 21 st March

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Creativity**

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Alfie	Rose	Megan Ba	Lylah	Stanley
Compassion	Madeleine	Martha		Lula	Joshua
Creativity	Fearne	Sam	Cecily, Sophia Isabelle	Orla	Toli

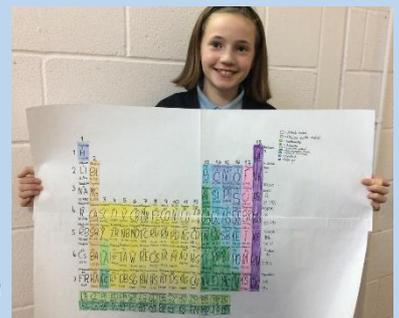
The Giant Sing at the Anvil

On Wednesday our excited year R, 1 and 2 children and their favourite teddies boarded a coach to go to 'The Giant Sing', at the Anvil in Basingstoke. The conductor, with the support of a live band taught the hundreds of children gathered for the performance of 'Barnaby Bear Adventures at Sea', several catchy songs! The teddies and children sang along enthusiastically, booed the naughty pirates and cheered loudly as Barnaby Bear saved the day! We can't wait for the KS2 adventure at 'The Giant Sing' next week!



A Special Mention to....

This week a special mention and well-done goes to Elsa from Oak Class, who has gone above and beyond with her learning at home by creating a spectacular poster of The Periodic Table. We are always delighted to celebrate any child who brings in examples of extra special, self-directed learning completed at home.



Winchester University Student Teachers

We are very fortunate to have a strong partnership with Winchester University, who regularly place students in our school for teaching practice and experience. This term we are delighted to have two talented and hardworking, final year student teachers working in our team. Miss Hammond, who has a Maths specialism is teaching in Oak Class and Miss Chitson, who has a Geography specialism is teaching in Rowan.

Helper's Token Display

Each class has a collection of 'Helper's Tokens', to give children the opportunity to thank a classmate who has helped them by writing a short message of thanks. We are making a 'Helper's Token' display in the corridor to celebrate the kindness and consideration shown to others around the school. The staff also have a 'Helper's Token' display in the staffroom, to thank colleagues for help, support and acts of kindness.

Worship this Week- Helping Others

This week in worship we have been thinking about how helping is really important. It enables people to carry out tasks that they might otherwise be unable to do, and it makes both the person giving the help and the person being helped feel happy. We reflected on who might need our help today and that maybe God will use our hands, our words or our kindness to help that person.

Lizzy led the whole school in prayer:

Dear Lord,

Please help us to always look out for people who need our help

Lord some of us need your help today

In our hearts, we bring to you anything that is bothering us and the things with which we need help.

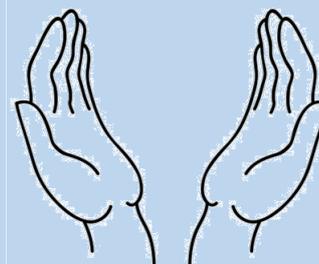
Thank you that you hear our prayers.

Amen

Please do join us for our School-led Church Service this coming Sunday Morning, 10am at St Stephen's Church Sparsholt. Our super FOSS Team will provide refreshments after the service.

Best wishes,

Jane Gwilliam



Benchball Club

Unfortunately, Benchball Club will stop after the half-term due to staff commitments. The last session will be Tuesday 12th February.

Pancakes for lunch on Tuesday 12th February

HC3S will be offering pancakes with ice cream and golden syrup next **Tuesday 12th February** as a dessert option - don't forget to order lunch on the day if you wish to partake!

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.

Messy Names

What does your name mean, and why are names important? In this month's Messy Church we shall be looking at the meaning of some Bible characters' names, especially those names that were given to them by God. Crafts, activities, Celebration and cooked tea, all free of charge.

Join us in Littleton Church Room, 4-6pm on Saturday 9th February.

For more information, visit our Facebook page (Messy Church in the Downs Benefice) or contact Carol Coleman on 01962 881886

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 8th 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!