

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



24th January 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	14 th Feb, 26 th June, 22 nd July
Leadership Team Vision Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 29 th January 6 - 6.30pm
Yr 6 Parents SATs Meeting	Thursday 30 th January 6 - 7pm
Willow CI Cake Sale	Thursday 6 th February (details to follow)
Fab Friday	Friday 7 th February 3.30 - 4pm
School-Led Church Service	Sunday 9 th February 10am
Parent Teacher Evenings (all year groups)	Tues 11 th & Thurs 13 th February 3.45 - 6.30pm
Bag2School Collection	Friday 28 th February 9am
FoSS Bingo	Friday 28 th February (time tbc)
Class / Groups Photographs	Friday 20 th March from 1.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well despite it being very nippy this week, at least the children have been able to be outside enjoying the fresh air, especially Willow who undertook a walk around Sparsholt Village. Talking of fresh air, with our focus now firmly on sustainability and protecting the planet, some of the children have been discussing air pollution and wanted to remind everyone about the importance of making sure they switch their engines off especially when they are waiting in the school car park. The children are now firmly on the case that even very little changes can make a huge difference in the long run.

This morning, we as a school have been treated to a demonstration by our amazing brass players. Pupils from Year 2 upwards played trumpets, cornets and even a Tuba. I was so proud and impressed with the standard of their playing which shows what commitment they must all have. If your child is interested in playing a musical instrument (especially brass) please come to the school office who can provide the necessary information.

As you are aware, we have been doing a lot of work since the beginning of the Autumn Term in regard to encouraging safe and sustainable travel and the children keeping themselves safe. I am very proud to announce that despite it only being a few months, the school have already managed to achieve the Bronze level Modeshift STARS award.

Modeshift STARS is the national schools' awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people.

Next week is a very busy week, with Rowan heading off to the Winchester Science Centre and Oak class taking part in a history workshop presented by the Theatre Royal. We are also looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our presentation where Senior Leadership and Governors will be talking about the Vision for the school. Please can you make sure you have completed the slip on the letter which was sent out yesterday (copies available to download from the website) so we can ensure we have enough seating.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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	Jannah	Erin	Ollie	Megan Ba	Jacob
Compassion	Dixie	Julia	Emily	William N	Emily S
Creativity	Melisa	Nancy	Sam	Will J	Emily P

This week, extra Courage and Creativity Awards go to our brass instrument pupils who gave an amazing demonstration of their musical talents this morning in Worship: Reuben, Madsy, Hannah, Seth, Rocco and Olivia.

Standing Together for Peace and Unity

Please make a note in your diary to come to our school-led church worship on Sunday 9th February at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt starting at 10am.

Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings

Sparsholt Primary School has an online booking system to easily arrange a 10 minute appointment to meet your child's / children's teachers during our parents' evening events. You can access it via our school website:

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

Our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be held on

- **Tuesday 11th February** from **3.45pm** until **6.30pm** for all classes
- **Thursday 13th February** from **3.45pm** until **6.30pm** for all classes.

The online booking system will open from **Thursday 30th January 7am** until **Monday 10th February 12pm**

Change to club ending times

As the nights are getting lighter all sports clubs will end at 4.30pm commencing next **Monday 27th January**.

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 in advance.

For the half-term Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2020 (6 weeks), the amounts we are looking for you to pre-fund school lunches are as follows:

	<i>One lunch / week</i>	<i>Two lunches / week</i>	<i>Three lunches / week</i>	<i>Four lunches / week</i>	<i>Five lunches / week</i>
<i>1 child at school</i>	£14.40	£28.80	£43.20	£57.60	£72.00
<i>2 children at school</i>	£28.80	£57.60	£86.40	£115.20	£144.00

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.