

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates  
Inset Days from September 2018  
  
Sports day  
Reserve Sports Day  
Non-uniform Day (FoSS Raffle Donations)  
Summer production

23<sup>rd</sup> July 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 p.m  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 p.m.  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> & Weds 18<sup>th</sup> July 6pm (tbc)

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>	Scout	Max	Emily	Rosalind	Harry
<b>Compassion</b>		Charlie D	Oscar	Jessica	Victoria
<b>Creativity</b>	Oscar	Sophia w	Amelia	Leo	Maisie

### Invitation to talk in our Worship - weeks beginning July 2nd and July 9th

We would like to invite any parents or friends to come in to share an interest or talk about their job. In previous years we have had talks about horses, Iron Man competitor and Working at Waitrose. If you would be willing to come in and talk to the children please let the office know and we can arrange a date. Worship usually takes place at 9.15 am but we can be flexible to suit you.

### Attendance

If you have children at King's school you will be aware that the school sends out attendance letters to parents at the end of each term. These letters have a red/amber/green code and they indicate whether a child's attendance is cause for celebration or concern. Anything at 95% or above is coded green, between 90% and 94.99% is amber and below 90% is red. The reason for notifying parents is because of evidence that children's achievement at school is negatively affected by an attendance rate that is below 95%

In line with other primary schools, we are also going to start sending out a letter along similar lines three times a year from September. I appreciate that some absence is unavoidable for medical reasons. Although some absence can be down to illness or other authorised circumstances, I feel it is important that you know what your child's percentage is as the year progresses. It's surprising how quickly it can drop below 95% and this will be detrimental to your child, especially if it happens year after year.

### Transition day

We will be having our annual transition in preparation for the new classes next year on Monday 2nd July. This will be an opportunity for your child to go to their new classroom and meet their new teacher and classmates.

I will let you know the class organisation by Friday 29th June.

### Sports Day Field Events

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school from Monday as all year groups will take part in field events in the lead up to our sports day on **Friday 15th June**. Presentations for field events will take place at celebration worship before our afternoon event.

### Grab 'n' Go Bars

Oak Class children will be launching their range of nutritious snack bars during Sports Day. Proceeds from sales will go to their chosen charity.

### Bags2school

Today's collection raised £83.60 for the school. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated a bag or two.

Kind regards

Lynn Laver (Headteacher)

**Trinity Service Invite - Sunday 10th June 11:00 am**

The Downs Benefice warmly invites you qll to our annual outdoor Trinity Service on Sunday 10th June 2018 at 11:00 am at Northwood Park Farm (turn right off the Stockbridge Road opposite the fancy gates to Lainston House at the top of the hill; after 600 metres turn right and you're there). Plenty of parking—Coffee available from 10.30 am.

'Bring and Share' picnic — please call Sally Wesley on 776476 to let her know you plan to attend. BYO drinks, glasses, plates, cutlery. Families with children especially welcome (including 'well-behaved' dogs!). Note: No Messy Church in Sparsholt on 9th June.

**Helpers needed for the Sparsholt Village Fete**

The organisers of this year's Sparsholt Fete are looking for volunteers to help run the stalls and games on Saturday 30th June. If you could spare an hour to come along and help between 1-4pm, please contact Charlie Chadwick on 07714 217256.

**VACANCY > Clerk to the Full Governing Body**

After over 10 years as our incredible Clerk, Jill Judge will sadly step down at the end of this term. Having worked with 3 Head Teachers, 2 Chair of Governors and countless Governors and changes in education policy, Jill has decided to take a break and focus on her other Parish responsibilities. Myself and the Governing Body are indebted to Jill's organisation, professionalism and kindness during her term and we will miss her greatly.

This means that we now have a vacancy for the Clerk position, starting in Sept'18. This is the only paid role on the Governing Body, taking about 60 hours a year which includes preparing and attending meetings and taking minutes. An interest in education is a must, full training and handover will be offered. If you're interested in finding out more, please email Vic Parker on victoriaparker@live.co.uk and we can send you the role profile. Please enquire asap as we hope to interview week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Wake Up to Lyme this summer!**

I'm an ex-Sparsholt Primary pupil (1997-2004) and learnt last year that I have Lyme disease after having been very debilitated by it for the past three years. It is a serious bacterial infection from the bite of an infected tick and can often be missed. Whilst we are so lucky to have the countryside around us that we do, Hampshire is a hot spot for Lyme and kids are particularly at risk, so please read the information leaflet in school bags this week and enjoy the outdoors safely this summer. My great friends Elsa and Orla are helping make everyone "tick aware" by giving a presentation in assembly at school - so a massive thank you and well done to them!

Melanie Pape

**Pre-Loved Uniform sale organised by Rowan Class reps - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Rowan Class will be selling pre-loved uniform at sports day and after school for parents.

Further donations of uniform still being gratefully accepted. Please contact Amy Ainsworth or Sara Rees

**Sparsholt primary School's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Parent Workshop (Yr 1 - Yr 6)**

If you would like to find out how the Virtual learning Environment can support your child's learning, come along to our VLE parent open evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5.30 - 6.30pm.

- teachers can use the VLE to extend the classroom online by creating projects and homework for our pupils;
- whether it's file sharing, homework or blogging, pupils have access to the resources they need at school and at home to further support and enjoy their learning.

Some of our children will be on hand to show you what's what and along with Miss Sheppeck, answer any questions you may have. If you would like to attend please complete the slip below and return to school by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, thank-you.

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**VLE Parent Workshop - Wednesday 13th June 5.30 - 6.30pm**

I would like to attend the VLE Parent Workshop

Name: .....

Name of Child/children and Class .....

## **FoSS News**

We have some exciting end of year events coming up that we would really appreciate some help with, during the preparation stages and at the actual events.

As always, all funds raised will go towards enhancing the school facilities and activities!

- **Sports Day - Friday 15th June**, we will be selling strawberries and cream, drinks, snacks and ice creams. Volunteers needed to help with preparation, and on the day from 13:00 - 14:30 and 14:30 - 16:00.
- **Sparsholt Fete - Saturday 30th June**, toy and book stall. Volunteers needed from 13:00 - 14:30 and 14:30 - 16:00.
- **School Productions - 17th and 18th July (18:30 show start - timings TBC)**, we will be serving children's tea and the usual refreshments before and during the productions.

### **Sparsholt Village Fete - Toy Sale - Saturday 30th June**

This year FOSS will be selling toys at Sparsholt's Village Fete on Saturday 30th June. So, if you have any spare time this half-term to see if there are any unwanted toys that you can donate, we would be most grateful! Lisa Robinson or Bonnie Stagg will be collecting and storing them in preparation for the fete.

### **FoSS Summer White Party - Saturday 7th July**

Due to increased work commitments we are having to scale down our party plans for the White Party on 7th July.

Please watch this space for more details but likely to be a relaxed evening with disco, band and bar from 8pm til late in Sparsholt Village Hall. Ticket prices will be lowered to reflect this.



## **SPARSHOLT VILLAGE FETE**

**PLEASE HELP! Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1 - 4 pm**

### **TEDDY BEARS/SOFT TOYS - Wendy Dean 776580**

The ever popular teddy bear stall is in urgent need of good quality soft toys - the more the merrier. Please give to Wendy.

### **BRIC A BRAC - Caroline Horrill 07710067620**

Have a clear out. All donations gratefully received. Will collect or bring on the day.

### **BOOKS - Jon Burgess email: sparsholt.books@gmail.com**

Please dig out any good quality adult or children's books for the stall. Can be collected if required.

### **TOYS - FOSS**

Please go through the toy box. Friends of Sparsholt School are running the toy stall. A great excuse for a clear out. Lisa Robinson or Bonnie Stagg will be collecting and storing them in preparation for the fete.

### **BOTTLE TOMBOLA - Katy and Alastair Cobbold 07881786456**

**Between now and 29th June**, please either: **Leave your donations of bottles** (alcohol, vinegars, juices, cordials, perfume, etc. - in date please!) **in the crate under our porch at The Haven, Woodman Lane OR Just call and I will arrange a time to collect them from you.**

**GAZEBOS - Hilary Eggers 07786308934** We are always short of gazebos on the day. If you have a gazebo and can lend it to the village for the fete we would be very grateful. We will be putting up gazebos from 5pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> so please come along with your gazebo and mallet.

### **CAKES - Helen Arundell 07834899201 Kerry Joyce 776545**

Please get baking nearer the date. Donations of whole cakes or cupcakes for the afternoon teas and the cake stall. Please bring to stall on the morning of fete or can be collected.

If you can help on any stall or activity for an hour, call **Hilary Eggers on 07786308934** or **Charlie Chadwick on 07714217256**

**THANK YOU as always FOR YOUR HELP and SUPPORT**