

Sparsholt Annual Parish Meeting 16 April 2015 Annex H

Annual Parish Meeting Sparsholt C of E Primary School

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. The following report details significant successes and an area we are focused on improving in the coming year.

This year it has been very important for us to create a shared school ethos which is actioned in all aspects of our work by all members of the school community. With this in mind we created our MOSAIC values which are;

Manners, Opportunity, Success, Appreciation, Integrity and Compassion. Our values are shared through Collective Worship, our behaviour code and our everyday actions. Each week we celebrate the children who have modelled our values particularly well.

Our success has also included achieving Artsmark Gold Standard and Sainsbury's School Games Mark Gold. Meeting the standards required in both awards reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff in planning a creative, active and enjoyable curriculum. Our School Games Mark celebrates the varied sports on offer at Sparsholt, including a wide number of after school clubs and our active and successful participation in competitions. The recognition of Artsmark celebrates the high quality art and design, dance, drama and music which takes place at Sparsholt. This was recently evidenced with over 70 of our pupils performing in the Spring Music Concert.

We continue to value being part of the village community and welcome the opportunity to be involved in local events, for example, Sparsholt Fete and the monthly resident's lunch.

We are always striving to improve further and improving our reading resources has been an ongoing project over the last year. The 'Friends of Sparsholt School', through their fundraising, have enabled us to improve the range of books available in school to the children. Our next step is to install Junior Librarian, which will enable pupils to keep an online database of the books they have read and provide home and school access to a range of reading related materials to support learning. We will be busy over the next term cataloguing and bar coding all our books before the system is implemented in September.

I would finally like to personally thank everyone for making me feel so welcome over the past year. It is such a pleasure to be part of the Sparsholt community.

Lindsay McCarthy
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