

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
9th June 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017)

Sport's Day (plus reserve)

Green Token collection at Waitrose

Non-Uniform Day (donations for FoSS raffle)

Summer Production Dates

24th & 25th July

Fri 23rd June (Mon 10th July)

throughout June

Friday 14th July

Tues 18th & Weds 19th July 6.30pm

Weekly Update from Mrs McCarthy

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to inform you that our Mosaic Awards for this week have been presented to:

<i>Willow Class</i>	<i>Beech Class</i>	<i>Maple Class</i>	<i>Rowan Class</i>	<i>Oak Class</i>
Rocco	Noah	Tom	Rosalind	Grace
Lyla	Isabelle	Riley	Jackson	Gabby
				Jasmine

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that following interviews for our new Willow Class teacher for September, Mrs Susie Wall who is an experienced Reception and Key Stage One teacher will be joining the team. We look forward to introducing Mrs Wall to our school community.

Mrs O'Connor will be administering the Year One Phonics Tests next week. The children can play the Obb and Bob game and set 2 and 3 sounds (located on the VLE) if they wish.

Mrs Andrews and her team of helpers did a fantastic job with the book and cake sale before half term, raising an amazing £265! Thank you to everyone involved. Bag2Schools this week raised another £92.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week. Miss Barber was so impressed with the effort and positive attitude of the whole class.

We have been informed of roadworks taking place along Woodman Lane, Sparsholt. The road will be closed between the junction of Woodman and Wately Lane and its junction with the track leading to Church Farm, (approx 55 metres) from **19th June** for 4 days. Details may be viewed at: www.hants.gov.uk/publicnotices. We have not yet been informed if this date is confirmed and will update you as soon as we know more. However we would request that you use the school bus wherever possible and share lifts if available during this time. Hampshire CC offer an alternative driving route via Chilbolton Avenue. We also suggest Westley Lane via College into the village but please be aware this is a single track road and is busy with college traffic in the morning. If you have any queries regarding the above please contact Hampshire County Council, Highways Department on 0300 555 1388

It is deeply saddening to hear about the recent terrorist attacks and our thoughts and prayers are with those affected. As a school, we have sensitively spoken to our older children in Key Stage 2 about the events. If you feel it is appropriate to speak to your child further you may find the following websites helpful;

- <http://blogs.redcross.org.uk/news/2017/05/how-to-talk-to-children-about-a-terrorist-attack/>

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher

Lunches, Music Tuition, Trips & Clubs Payments

We would very much appreciate prompt payment for Summer term music tuition, trips and clubs, and also lunches taken up to and including 26th May 2017. Invoices have been sent out to parents via your child's book-bag at the end of the last-half-term. Please contact the school office if you have yet to receive one. We accept payment online, by cheque or cash. Thank-you.

Father's Day Hampshire Ale Raffle

Be in with a chance to give Dad an extra treat next weekend by taking part in our Father's Day Ale Raffle. Tickets are £5 each and prizes have been kindly donated from local Hampshire Breweries. There will be two prizes up for grabs with a combined value of over £60! Tickets available in the playground from Katie Simpson (Jack's Mum - Beech) or leave your name and contact number along with your raffle money in the school office. Winners will be picked on **Friday 16th June** and prizes will be available for collection that day. All proceeds to FOSS. With thanks to the following breweries: MASH, Upham, Alfred's, Bowman and Betteridge.

Music tuition from September 2017

With our Year 6's leaving us we have some space for paid-for music tuition. Recorder (Yr 3+) – 2 spaces, Clarinet (Yr 3+) – 1 space, Flute (Yr 3+) – 1 space, Keyboard (Yr 2+) – 2 spaces. First-come-first-served. Please contact the school office if interested.

Netball Club

Netball Club is cancelled on **23rd June**. Please confirm home arrangements with netball club members – thank-you.

Waitrose Community Matters

This month Waitrose Winchester has selected our FOSS Playground Fund for their Community Matters Scheme. Waitrose split £1000 between three different charities based on how many tokens are collected for each. Please do remember to collect a green token each time you shop (even if you only buy one thing) and drop it into the allocated FOSS collection box at the store entrance. The more tokens we can collect will mean more money towards the playground.

If you can also spread the word to friends and family it can only help our cause. Many thanks.

Messy Ezekiel

This month's Messy Church takes place in Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th June (4-6pm). We'll be hearing how God showed Ezekiel some dry old bones, and finding out what happened next...

Join us for crafts, activities, Bible story and tea.

NEW! Summer Holiday Club at Winchester Science Centre

Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium is launching a new science-themed summer holiday club for children age 5 - 12 years old. Based at the Science Centre, utilising the workshop rooms, exhibition areas and surrounding green spaces, up to 20 children will participate in experiments, physical and mental games and challenges, and arts-based activities to help explore and explain the world around us. Themed activities will be offered from 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday. Breakfast and afternoon clubs are available for those requiring extended childcare from 8am - 6pm.

Weekly Themes

Week 1	24 - 28 July	It's Alive
Week 2	31 July - 4 August	Bodyology
Week 3	7 - 11 August	Planet Earth
Week 4	14 - 18 August	Fantastic Physics
Week 5	21 - 25 August	Crazy Contraptions
Week 6	29 August - 1 September	Science at Work

Price (Winchester Science Centre Annual Pass holders are eligible for 10% discount.)

Week cost: £165

Day cost: £35 (available to book from 1 July)

Breakfast club: £2 per child per day

Afternoon club: £3 per child per day

Booking and Enquiries

Online: www.winchestersciencecentre.org/visitor-information/whats-on

Phone: 01962 863 791 Email: info@winchestersciencecentre.org

National Unplugging Day

Not to be missed – inviting you all to a super fun, local family day out – Sunday 25th June – in support of National Unplugging Day!

Sparsholt mum, Charlotte Vaughan (mum of Livvy in Yr 3) with the help of Nikki Prentice-Jones (mum of Sofia in Yr 4 and Ollie in Yr 2) have organised a local Winchester family event with a host of fun and exciting workshops in support of the National Unplugging Day campaign. This happens for the 3rd time in the UK on Sunday 25th June encouraging families and individuals to go on a digital detox for a day and reconnect with each other offline. Following on from the huge success of the last two years, it is expected that over half a million parents will pledge to unplug across the UK and take part in National Unplugging Day.

The Winchester event will take place in the beautiful surroundings of the Riverside Cottage and Yurt in Barton Stacey with stunning gardens overlooking lavender fields and local vines.

Here's a taster of the tech-free fun activities on offer:

- Integr8 Dance, a very popular afterschool club here at Sparsholt, will be hosting a StreetDance workshop for children.

- BeatsDisco, DJ based in Winchester will be supplying the sounds and running a DJ workshop for Kids - kids can learn how to mix 'Keeping it Old Skule', vinyl style!
- Hula Hoop Workshop - Adults & kids hula hoop skills & tricks with Hoop Like a Boss
- Winchester based Mandy Papas Hypnotherapist will run an introduction to Mindfulness course.
- Winchester based Yoga Teacher (and Sparsholt mum) Jenny Joslin from JJ Yoga will be hosting a Parent/Child Yoga session.
- Creative Arts and Crafts Station
- "Back to the Boardroom" - Board Games Zone
- Workshop with Chris James – Leading Mind and Body Guru and Celebrity Yoga teacher.

Tickets are now on sale and includes access to the sessions and workshops and a delicious deli-style buffet lunch and afternoon cream tea. This is for an amazing £12.00 per adult and £8 per child! Don't miss out on this fantastic day and book now to join in the fun using the following online link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unplugged-at-the-riverside-yurt-in-celebration-of-national-unplugging-day-tickets-34538347126>

The National Day of Unplugging in the UK recognises the value and importance of technology in today's society whilst trying to encourage people, especially families and young children and the connected generations who have grown up with ever-present technology, to be more mindful of their digital usage. This day is not intended to be a one-off, but rather a starting point to encourage people of all ages to embrace a healthy lifestyle by regularly setting aside time away from their digital devices.

Sparsholt Fete

FoSS have been chosen to run a Toy Stall at this year's fete on 24th June. We would be very grateful if you could have a sort and donate any toys that your children may have finished playing with, are still complete and in good condition please. If you have never attended Sparsholt Village Fete, it is worth putting the date in your diary. It is a wonderfully quintessential British day and always a pleasure to be associated with this annual event, even though it is generally in torrential rain! Many thanks for your continued support.

A message from Rev Jax Machin & The Downs Benefice



Book of Condolence – Manchester Arena attack Love conquers hate

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena on Monday, 22nd May 2017, especially those who have died, all who have lost loved ones and all who have been injured and traumatised by the atrocity.

Our church community invites you to spend some time in prayer for all those affected – to join us in a response which will crush terrorism not by violence but by the power of love. We felt it was important for people to be able to record their thoughts and feelings and so we are putting together a Book of Condolences which we will send to the families of those who have died.

We invite you and your families to any of our churches:

St Mary the Less Chilbolton, Village Street, Chilbolton, Hampshire, SO20 6BQ

St Mary's Church, Main Road, Crawley, Hampshire, SO21 2PZ

St Catherine's Church, Main Road, Littleton, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 6QY

St Peter and Holy Cross, Church Street, Wherwell, Hampshire, SP11 7JJ

St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt with Lainston, Church Lane, Sparsholt, Hampshire, SO21 2NJ

to sign your name or write or draw any message you would like to send on the A4 sheet of paper provided.



**God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and bring us peace.
Amen.**