

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
16th 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>
Finn	Lula	Claudia	Isaac	Mima
Ollie	Oscar	Grace	Harry	Joshua

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that following interviews for our new Rowan Class teacher for the Autumn Term, Mrs Vincent will be joining the team. Our new teachers are very keen to come into school during the Summer Term to get to know the staff and children and we are very excited to welcome them to Sparsholt.

I can now confirm the staffing for the Autumn Term;

Willow Class : Year R/1 Mrs Wall supported by Mrs Williams and Mrs Davies

Beech Class : Year 1/2 Miss Barber support by Mrs Lamb and Mrs Leitzell

Maple Class : Year 3 Miss Conroy supported by Miss Archer

Rowan Class : Year 4/5 Mrs Vincent (3 days) Mrs Howard (2 days) supported by Mr Lamb

Oak Class : Mrs Gwilliam supported by Mrs Rowe

Letters will be sent to parents on Friday 7th July confirming which class your child will join in September. The children will also have the opportunity to move to their new classes on Monday 10th July in the morning to meet their new teacher.

Pupil Reports will also be sent home on Friday 7th July. If you have any specific questions regarding your child's report we have arranged for parents to visit the class teachers on Wednesday 12th July from 2pm - 5pm. Please telephone the office from Monday 10th July if you require a 10 minute appointment.

You may remember that we are taking part in the annual School Award scheme for music run by Hampshire County Council. We have received more certificates celebrating our efforts in the Autumn 2 and Spring 1 periods, including Christmas Productions, and are delighted to have been placed in the top 5 schools within Hampshire for our musical offerings at Key Stage 1 level. We hope to continue to gain recognition in the Spring 2 and Summer categories, with our Spring Concert, participation in the Giant Sing events at the Anvil, and our Summer production to come!

As I write this letter our children are competing in the Annual Swimming Gala. I hope that they all had a fantastic morning and I can't wait to hear all about it. I also hope that our Year 6 pupils enjoyed the Winchester Leavers Service today. And finally, we are all looking forward to, and welcoming you to, our annual Sport's Day next Friday!

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.

Music tuition from September 2017

With our Year 6's leaving us we have some space for paid-for music tuition. Recorder (Yr 2+) – 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 & Tag Rugby Club

Netball Club is cancelled on **23rd June**. Tag Rugby Club is cancelled on **26th June**. Please confirm home arrangements with netball club members – thank-you.

Inset Days for 2017-2018

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Friday 26th January 2018
- Monday 19th February 2018
- Friday 25th May 2018
- Monday 23rd July 2018

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.

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.

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.