# SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **Dates for your diaries**

Inset Dates Inset Dates (2017/18) 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 17, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 18, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 18, 25<sup>th</sup> May 18, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 18 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1.15pm

Summer Production Dates Portrait Photographs

Weekly Update from Mrs McCarthy

Dear Parents and Carers

 ${\bf I}$  am pleased to inform you that our Mosaic Awards for this week have been presented to;

Willow Class	Beech Class	Maple Class	Rowan Class	Oak Class
Jay	Lilianna	Emily	Freya	Max
Lyla	Jamie	George	Layla	Georgina

I am pleased to confirm the leadership structure for the Autumn Term at Sparsholt will be as follows;

- Mrs Laver : Acting Headteacher

- Mrs Gwilliam : Acting Deputy & Key Stage 2 Manager
- Miss Barber : Key Stage 1 Manager

Miss Barber and Mrs Gwilliam will continue in their Key Stage Manager roles throughout the year.

We have now received the final confirmation of Year 2 and Year 6 results. We are extremely proud of all our children and very well done to you all.

	Below	Working at	Working at Greater
	Expected	Expected	Depth
Reading	11%	89%	32%
Writing	21%	79%	16%
Maths	16%	84%	32%
Reading, writing & maths		74%	

#### Year 6 Results

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% pupils	Reading,	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar,
reaching the	Writing &		(teacher		Punctuation &
new expected	Maths		assessment)		Spelling
standard	Combined				
School	81%	81%	94%	81%	75%
National					
(provisional	61%	71%	76%	75%	77%
data)					

Thank you for joining us on Monday for our Sports Day. I would like to congratulate all the children for joining in so enthusiastically with all the events, both on the day and during the previous week. Well done to Key, who were our overall winners! Well done, also, to all the children who were placed in the field events and a list of results are available to view on our Latest News section of the website.

We were visited on Tuesday by Hampshire Library Service to introduce the children to the Summer Reading Challenge 'Animal Agents'. Information has been sent home and if you require any additional information it can be found at <u>http://www3.hants.gov.uk/srchants17</u>

The children enjoyed spending time in their new classes on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to see them so happy and settled.

Thank you for your raffle contributions and we look forward to seeing you next week at our Production.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher

## School Production Wednesday 19th

Children's Tea will be on offer from 5.30pm on the school field to include hot dog, veggie sticks, packet of crisps and a carton of drink - £3.00. Please email me:- <u>debbie.caldwell@me.com</u>. This must be pre-booked.

### **End of Term Lunch Invoices**

Lunch invoices up to and including **Friday**  $21^{st}$  **July** will be sent out in book bags on the last day of term. You can use our online facility (via the Sparsholt School website) to pay the outstanding amounts. If you would prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please return the invoice with your payment to school w/c 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

For those **Year 6** children leaving us on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July who do **not** have siblings remaining at the school, you will find an invoice in your child's book bag on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** (for meals taken up to and including Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July). If your child is having a meal on the following Thursday and/or Friday please include an additional £2.15 per meal with your remittance which must be returned to school by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** latest. You will not be able to pay on line after the end of this term.

Any outstanding invoices for Year 6 children *with* siblings in school will be transferred to that sibling's account at the end of July.

### Calling all parents of under fives - 30 hours free childcare

Parents can now check if they are eligible for the Government's new Tax-Free Childcare (to receive up to 20% of financial help towards childcare costs from the Government) and 30 hours free childcare (for three and four year olds) by using the online childcare calculator at <a href="http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator">www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</a>

The two new offers are being introduced gradually throughout 2017, starting on 21 April with parents of children aged under four (on 31 August), and parents of disabled children aged under 17. From September 2017 parents will be entitled to a maximum of 1140 hours of free childcare, which doubles the existing 570 hours currently available to all three and four year olds. This could save working parents up to £5000 a year. To confirm eligibility parents will need to submit an online application via the Childcare Choices website www.chidlcarechoices.gov.uk. They will receive a reference code which will need to be given to their registered childcare provider. The childcare provider will validate the code with the local authority and confirm eligibility. If authorised, parents will then be able discuss when the free hours of childcare can begin with their childcare provider.

The Childcare Choices website brings together **all** the government childcare offers in one place for the first time and makes it easy to find out what's on offer. Use the Childcare Calculator at <u>www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</u> to see what offers are available to support you and your family. For an explanation of the eligibility criteria and for more details on all Government schemes offering childcare support, visit the Childcare Choices website

## Best Offer Wins.....Southampton FestivALL July 29th

We have been donated 3 x 1 adult/1 child tickets for the Southampton FestivALL at Mayflower Park on July 29th from 12 noon until late, face value approx.  $\pounds$ 150. Best offer wins. If you are interested, please submit your offers in a sealed envelope to the office by marked for FoSS attention. All proceeds go to FoSS Many thanks

#### Waitrose – Community Matters

Thank you all for shopping at Waitrose in June - they are kindly donating £335 to the FOSS Playground Fund. Much appreciated Waitrose!

#### Save The Date! - Friday 13th October 2017

Come and join FOSS for a fun packed evening of entertainment for parents, carers and friends of Sparsholt School at the Little Kitchen Bistro (Headbourne Worthy) from 7.30pm - 11.00pm. Please make a note of the date, book a babysitter and gather your friends for a great night out! Tickets are £40 per person to include a three course dinner and half a bottle of wine. Tables of 6 or 8 available if you want to come as a group or a great opportunity to meet new parents. Email <u>katiesimpson08@gmail.com</u> to register your interest or buy tickets before the summer. Numbers are limited so don't miss out. Year 6 leavers parents - a great opportunity to catch up after a few weeks of senior school - come back and join in the fun!

#### **Auction Of Promises Pledges Required**

As part of the 13th October evening we will be running an Auction of Promises. We already have a number of generous 'Promises' but we still need more. The items on offer may range from theatre tickets and meals at local restaurants, to vouchers for theme parks, Hobby lessons and pampering vouchers. However, we hope that the majority of contributions will come from YOU, the parents, carers and Friends of Sparsholt School.

We would be hugely grateful if you could offer your time, skills and services in the form of a 'promise'. Maybe you have a particular skill or craft, or you know someone who has, and would be willing to support our school.

Some ideas of ways to help at the Auction

Can you.....

- bake a cake, cook a meal or do any DIY?
- give lessons or tuition (driving, cycling, music, languages)?
- offer computing, translation, PA skills?
- do some ironing, cleaning, gardening, dog walking, car washing, babysitting?

Do you...

- own or manage a shop or business which could contribute goods or services?
- own a holiday accommodation from a villa abroad to a caravan or camping equipment which could be offered for a weekend or more?
- have contact at theatres, cinemas, film studios, sporting venues, which could offer guided tours or tickets?

Are you...

- an Artist, Painter, Sculptor willing to donate work or offer a commission?
- a Councillor, Lawyer or Solicitor willing to offer an hour's advice?
- a Homeopath, Reflexologist or Aromatherapist prepared to offer a consultation?
- a Hairdresser, Florist or Beauty Therapist willing to offer your services?

All offers gratefully received. Please email katiesimpson08@gmail.com for a pledge form if you can help

# 'CrawleyFest' returns to Crawley Village for its third year running on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th August 2017.

Co-organised by Amelia, William and Imogen Baker's Dad, CrawleyFest is a fun and friendly boutique festival in the village of Crawley.

Join us for a Friday Night Warm Up Party and a Saturday of DJs, Live Bands, Dancing, Drinking, Eating, Crafting, Meditating and Yoga with loads of cool stuff for kids to do, over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

This year the event is raising money for The Murray Parish Trust and other local good causes. The Murray Parish Trust are raising funds for the Children's Trauma Unit at Southampton General Hospital.

Info and tickets at www.facebook.com/crawleyfest - Under 12s go free!

# School Clubs commencing Monday 11th September 2017

We will be offering a new timetable of clubs after the school day from September. For some clubs we will be stipulating a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will be pulling names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list.

For any child registered in an after-school club who is unable to attend, *please inform us of going-home arrangements*. We will always hold children at school who are in clubs that are cancelled at short notice due, for example, to inclement weather.

All after-school clubs will finish at **4.30pm** for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers, we may bring this time forward to **4.15pm** for outdoor clubs as the evenings get darker – thank-you.

Day	After-School Clubs	Notes
Monday	Computing Club <b>Yr 4 – Yr 6</b> (12 max)	***Note addition of this club for Autumn Term. There will
monuuy	Hockey <b>Yr 3 – Yr 6</b> (24 max)	be a charge (payable in advance) for Gym, Cheer & Stunts
	Netball <b>Yr 4 - Yr 6</b> (24 max)	club to cover coaching costs (£30 for 10 sessions)
	Gym Cheer & Stunts ( <b>Yr R – Yr3</b> ) ***	
Tuesday	Choir <b>Yr 1 – Yr 6</b> (30 max)	There will be a charge (payable in advance) for rugby club to
Tuesday	Bench Ball $\mathbf{Yr} 2 - \mathbf{Yr} 6 (30 \text{ max})$	cover coaching costs (£30 for 10 sessions)
	Rugby <b>Yr 4 – Yr 6</b> (18 max)	
Wednesday	Mini Football Club <b>Yr 1 – Yr 3</b>	There will be a charge (payable in advance) for both Football
	Junior Football Club Yr4 – Yr6	Clubs to cover coaching costs (£30 for 10 sessions)
T1	Jnr Lacrosse Yr 3 & Yr 4 (20 max)	Lacrosse is a paid for club (£30 for 10 sessions)
Thursday	Snr Lacrosse Yr 5 & Yr 6 (20 max)	
	Recorder Club (Lunchtime) (Yr 1 – Yr 6)	
Friday	Sport Multi-Skills <b>Yr 1- Yr 6</b>	There will be a charge (payable in advance and directly to
	Donna Vokes' Art Club (Yr 2 – Yr 6) (12 max)	the provider) for Art Club and Integr8 Dance.
	Integr8 Dance offer an after school dance club –	
	please contact directly for details - 01962 832585	

# After School Clubs from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Complete the form and return to the school office if your child is interested in enrolling in our school clubs:

Name of child		Cla	ISS	
is interested in registering for the following clubs (please tick)				
Computing	Netball	Choir Jnr Footbal	ll Hockey	
Jnr Lacrosse	Snr Lacrosse	Mini Football	Art Club Bench Ball	
Multi-Skills	Rugby Gym	, Cheer & Stunts	Recorder Club	



On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Sparsholt Squad and Sparsholt Minis performed at the Theatre Royal in Winchester at the Integr8 Dance Off 2017!

They were against 10 schools and they won which was an amazing achievement, because all the schools were really talented!

Before the dance off began they had their hair done in French plaits or space buns and they had their own dressing room with heaps of different costumes.

Everyone felt so nervous.

The Minis did their dance which was themed "Red Riding Hood" and the squads dance was called "Plugged In" and was about being stuck in your phone.

Everyone really enjoyed it and we hope there will be more members signing up for Integr8 Dance Club (Fridays) from September 2017.

By Esther, Gabby, Brooke