

# SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates

Inset Dates (2017/18)

Welcome Meeting for Parents

Portrait Photographs

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September (details below)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1.15pm

## Weekly Update from Mrs McCarthy

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to congratulate all the children on our wonderful production this week. I am sure you will agree that every child made an excellent contribution and thank you to all the adults who helped make the production so special. A special thank you to Mr Vaughan, Major Barron, Mr Craig-Harvey and the FOSS Catering Crew!

Well done to Rocco who has already completed the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge - what a fantastic achievement!

I am so pleased to inform you that the Elms Family (past parents of Sparsholt) have made an extremely generous donation to our school as a thank you for all the amazing opportunities and experiences their children received when they were pupils. Mr and Mrs Elms have asked that the money be used specifically for music, sport and art. We will be able to significantly improve our resources in all three areas over the coming term and we can't thank them enough for thinking of us.

I am so proud of all our Year 6's who shared such beautiful reflections this morning at our Leavers' Service. They are all ready to move on to the next stages of their lives and each and every one of them has brought something special to Sparsholt C of E Primary School. I wish them all a happy start in their new schools and thank them for their outstanding contributions to our learning community.

Congratulations to Oliver J (Yr 6) who was awarded the Denby Cup for being an Outstanding Role Model and Abby B-B who received the Buxton Browne Cup for demonstrating our MOSAIC Values at all times. Well done also to Georgina G and Oliver J (Yr 6) for being our Music Award Winners this year following their outstanding contribution to music throughout their time at Sparsholt. Finally, congratulations to Eddie and Orla (Year 2) and Amelie and Jacob (Year 6) for receiving our 2017 Sport Cups.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all personally on behalf of Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Edwards and myself for your amazing leaving gifts. You have been so kind and generous. I would also like to say what a privilege it has been to lead Sparsholt School for the last 3 and a half years. I will miss you all. I have been so fortunate to work with the most dedicated team (staff, volunteers, governors and church) who go above and beyond to ensure our children have the very best opportunities. I look forward to hearing all about the future successes!

I would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Meeting on **Tuesday 12th September**. The timings of the meetings are as follows:

- 5.30pm Year 1 Willow Class & Year 1/2 Beech Class (in Beech Class)
- 6.00pm Year 3 Maple Class
- 6.30pm Year 4/5 Rowan Class
- 7.00pm Year 5/6 Oak Class

This will be an opportunity for you to meet the staff, visit your child's classroom, look at class routines, and find out about the curriculum, year group expectations and homework.

Please could I politely ask that if you wish to raise a question or make a report regarding the school site or building that this comes directly to the school who will then pass this information to our colleagues in the Local Authority. Please direct these points to Miss Sheppeck in the first instance. Thank you.

I have been given notice this week that the lease agreement for the field is ready for completion and we are pleased the school will continue to have full use of the field.

I would finally like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. The children will return to school on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Kind regards

Lindsay McCarthy - Headteacher



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

Lunch invoices up to and including **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** will be sent out in book bags today. 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**.

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

### **End of Term round up from FoSS**

Huge thanks to all who have supported FoSS. We have raised over £8000, just this term, from various events including Sparsholt Fete, Sports Day, Easy Fundraising, Kath's amazing sponsored run, grants from WHSmith and Waitrose, Katie's Father's Day raffle, cricket auction and finally the summer productions....phew - what a term! We have approx. £13500 in the bank now ready for Phase 2 of the playground which is FANTASTIC - what a year! Thank you all very much and have a wonderful Summer!

### **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 [katiesimpson08@gmail.com](mailto:katiesimpson08@gmail.com) 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](mailto:katiesimpson08@gmail.com) for a pledge form if you can help

## School Clubs commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Please note Mr Lamb will, unfortunately, be unable to run the Rugby Club in the Autumn Term. We will endeavour to offer it again in the Spring Term.*

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

## 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 ..... Class .....

is interested in registering for the following clubs (please tick)

Computing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Netball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jnr Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jnr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mini Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gym, Cheer & Stunts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder Club	<input type="checkbox"/>				