

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS

1st December 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2018)

KS1 Nativity

KS2 Christmas Concert

KS1 Christmas Party

KS2 Christmas Disco

26th Jan 18, 19th Feb 18, 25th May 18, 23rd July 18

Wed 6th December 9am St Stephen's Church

Wed 13th 6.30pm & Thurs 14th Dec 1.30pm

Wed 20th December 1.45 – 3.20

Wed 20th December 3.50 – tbc

Weekly Update from Mrs Laver

Dear Parents and Carers

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

Willow Class

Oscar

Adam

Beech Class

Rose

Megan Bl

Maple Class

Ollie J

Lilianna

Rowan Class

George

Millie

Oak Class

Grace W

Luke

Advent Calendars

Every child in the school was absolutely delighted to be presented with the wonderful gift of an Advent calendar from The Downs Benefice, reminding our worshipping community of the real meaning of Christmas. Each calendar comes with a Christmas story booklet for you to share together.

Beauty and the Beast

The hearts and minds of KS2 pupils were captured this week by a spectacular live show of the classic tale of love and enchantment in a stunning and spell binding performance by the pupils of King Edward VI School, Southampton. This was a wonderful experience for the children to enjoy the first production in the schools new theatre facilities. We are extremely grateful for and proud of our strong partnership with local schools enabling our children to benefit from enriching and inspiring opportunities.

Christingle Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our magical Christingle celebration and worship in St Stephen's Church today, the first day of Advent. It was a truly wonderful service, the children reminded us of the significance of the Christingle symbolising Jesus the light of the world, who brings hope to people living in darkness. Thank you for your donations for the valuable work of the Children's Society.



Football Success!

We are absolutely thrilled to inform you of the outstanding success of our boys and girls football teams at a tournament hosted by Henry Beaufort School this week. Our boys dominated the tournament coming first place with notable wins against St Peters and Weeke Primary Schools, this adds to their remarkable 100% win rate this season! Our girls competed for the first time, playing with real passion, determination and flair they narrowly missed out on first place by goal difference. Thank you to Mr Lamb for his expert coaching and commitment to our young footballers!



Tech Deck- The America's Cup!

Oak class went on a behind-the-scenes STEM experience at Tech Deck in Portsmouth on Thursday. They took part in hands-on interactive experiences to gain an understanding of the many challenges that the team faces in designing, building and racing in the America's Cup.

Mrs Wollam

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Kimberly Wollam into school from 8th January at the end of her maternity leave. Mrs Wollam will be working three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) alongside Mrs Wall (working Thursday and Friday) in Willow Class. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Wall for covering 5 days a week from the beginning of this academic year.

Thought for the Week

We have reflected on Advent this week, a time of preparation and waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus I would like to share this beautiful prayer written by Jenna from Rowan Class.

Dear God

Thank you for sending your son Jesus to be the light of the world.

May we lift him up and let his light shine through us.

Amen

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards, Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher

Advent Calendar

We have a few Advent Calendars left; if anyone would like one for a sibling please contact the school office. We suggest a donation of £2.50 which will be added to the Christingle donations to The Children's Society.

Lost trousers!

We have a pair of size 7-8 M&S grey trousers without a name tag(!) in the school office. If your child has lost a pair please let us know as soon as possible.

Whole School Advent Photography Competition

This is a great opportunity for the children to capture on camera a seasonal moment or an image that portrays Christmas. All entries should be given to the class teachers on Monday 18th December. There will be prizes in every year group and all entries will be displayed in the classrooms on Thursday 21st December.



Christmas Cards in Bookbags

Ordered Christmas cards and tags came home with children on Wednesday this week. Wrapping paper to follow shortly. Please check you have received yours!

Change to School Lunches

We are now able to offer a jacket potato option each day. Price is the same at £2.15. As well as the meat and vegetarian options there will be:

- **Monday:** Jacket potato with cheese and beans
- **Tuesday:** Jacket potato with tuna and mayo
- **Wednesday:** Jacket potato with meat sausage and beans
- **Thursday:** jacket potato with tuna and sweetcorn
- **Friday:** Jacket potato with vegetarian sausage and beans

For your information **Week 2 Thursday menu change from *Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie to Roast Chicken until further notice.***

Sparsholt Christmas Market

The Village Shop's next fund-raising event is the "Sparsholt Christmas Market", to be held in the Village Hall (Memorial Hall) SO21 2NR, on Saturday 2nd December, from 10am to 2pm.

There will be many stalls offering local goods and crafts, including chocolates, jewellery, craft items, "Phoenix" cards, home-made chutneys, gin infusions, pictures and cards by local artists and, a large selection of products from the Village Shop.

There will also be a very exciting "Santa's Grotto", organised by parents from the local Primary School and refreshments will be available throughout the event. Admission will be £1.00 per person and free for children.

Many thanks for your support!

Online Payments

We are unable to upload school trips for payment to the online SCOPay system whilst the Tucasi system is being upgraded. This means that the school lunch and extended after school club totals have not been updated for the past 4 weeks and trips to Peter Pan for KS1, Beauty and the Beast for KS2, and the Oak C1 Tech Deck trip are not available for online payment. You can still pay online for lunches and any uniform requests as we are able to check daily any online remittances. Hopefully this is being rectified as we publish this newsletter! Update to follow



Music Tuition for Spring Term 2018

We are assuming all children learning an instrument with either Mrs Leitzell and/or Hampshire Music Service (HMS) will be continuing in the New Year. At the moment there are no spaces available for music tuition with Mrs Leitzell; however if your child is interested in learning either a brass instrument or guitar with HMS , please contact the school office.

Invoices for the Spring term’s music tuition (both HMS and Mrs Leitzell) will be sent home via pupil mail next week. We would appreciate payment in advance, as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Daily Echo Photo of KS1 Nativity

The Daily Echo have requested to come along to the dress rehearsal on December 5th and take a photograph of the children for their annual festive news spread. Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to be included in the group photograph, thank-you.

Roofing work at St. Stephen’s Church

The church roof is due to be retiled on the South side, i.e. on the side next to the footpath through the churchyard. The work is due to start on **Monday 13th November** and finish on **Wednesday 20th December**. There will be scaffolding erected adjacent to the church and we would like people to take extra care when walking along the footpath, particularly when the scaffolding is being put up and taken down. The scaffolding will be screened with a metal fence.

Contractors will need to place a skip in the churchyard parking area and will also need access for their vehicles. It would be very helpful if parents would avoid parking in this area whilst work is in progress on the church.

Classroom clearance – request for help

We have contractors booked in to lay new vinyl flooring in the back of Willow Class and the music/craft room on the **18th and 19th of December**. We would appreciate some help in moving heavy furniture in readiness for this work. Would anyone be prepared to volunteer and come in for a hour or so from 4pm of **Friday 15th December**?

If you are available could you complete the form and return by the end of next week? Thank-you.

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Classroom Clearance help – Friday 15th December 2017

I am able to help clear Willow and the music room on Friday 15th December from 4pm

Name

School Clubs commencing Monday 15th January 2018

The timetable of after school clubs will continue from January 2018. 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 **4.15pm** for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers, we may change this time to **4.30pm** for outdoor clubs as the evenings get lighter – 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)	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) Football Squad Yr 5 & Yr 6	There will be a charge (payable in advance) for both Football Squad to cover coaching costs (£30 for 10 sessions)
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) for Multi-Skills to cover coaching costs (£30 for 10 sessions), Art Club and Integr8 Dance – payment directly to Donna and Integr8 please

After School Clubs from 15th January 2018

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 Netball Choir Jnr Football Hockey

Jnr Lacrosse Snr Lacrosse Mini Football Art Club Bench Ball

Multi-Skills Football Squad Gym, Cheer & Stunts Recorder Club