

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
8th December 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2018)
St Stephen's Carol Service
Carol Singing at the Buttercross
KS2 Christmas Concert
KS1 Christmas Party
KS2 Christmas Disco

26th Jan 18, 19th Feb 18, 25th May 18, 23rd July 18
Sunday 10th at 6pm
Monday 11th at 4pm
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	Beech Class	Maple Class	Rowan Class	Oak Class
<i>All the children!</i>	<i>Sophie N</i> <i>Charlie D</i>	<i>Jamie</i>	<i>India</i> <i>Flynn, Toli</i>	<i>Bende</i> <i>Finn</i>

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their good wishes on my Headship appointment here at Sparsholt. I am thrilled, happy and excited to have the privilege to take our fantastic school forwards.

Jesus Birthday Nativity

We were hugely entertained on Wednesday morning with a tear jerking and humorous nativity play re-telling the story of the Birth of Jesus. Many thanks to Mrs Leitzell and Miss Barber for all their hard work and preparation. The children's singing and the music were breath-taking; the acting and costumes amazing!

Carol Service

The choir are looking forward to singing at the carol service at St Stephens Church this coming Sunday evening at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Winchester College

Rowan were invited to a Victorian morning at Winchester College where they learned about schooling in the Victorian times. The college supplied some fascinating Victorian artefacts which the children found really interesting.

Peter Pan

Key stage 1 had a fabulous time at the Theatre Royal watching the pantomime. The children loved it and loved the special effects.

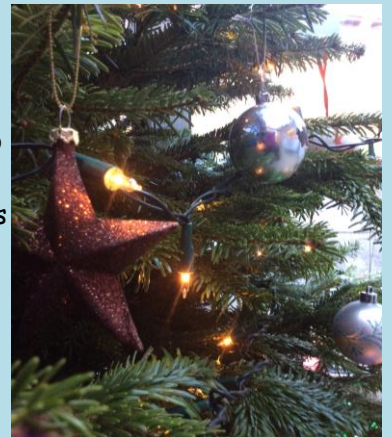
Thought for the week

The Golden rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

The children have come up with lots of ideas how to live out this rule every day.

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

Kind regards, Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher



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.



Mince Pies for Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately Lainston House Hotel is unable to help FoSS with a donation of mince pies this year, so FoSS would like to ask if you could pop an extra box of mince pies – **nut free please!** - in the shopping trolley and give to a FoSS representative, Mrs Stagg or school office on the morning of the 13th December please? Thank you!

Messy Advent - Saturday 9th December

Take some time out from your Christmas preparations to join Messy Church, 4-6pm in Littleton Church Room on Saturday 9th December.

In this month's Messy Church we look at Advent, and think about the preparations that were needed for the very first Christmas. For more information contact Carol Coleman

(carolcoleman123@hotmail.com) or see our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.

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

Due to the Christmas lunch taking place on Friday 15th December, the menu on Thursday 14th December will be changed to Fish and chips or Sweet potato curry

Online Payments

The School Cash Office system problems are causing a headache for both Tucasi and our IT technicians! They have promised me it will be back working by today – fingers crossed!

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 today. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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.

Buying new tech for your children this Christmas?

With the Christmas holidays approaching and children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form, as well as the recent news stories relating to the Police's increasing concerns about social media apps, we thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices.

Please visit our website and head to the [parents > e-safety tips and links](#) to help you set up robust parental controls on devices and other e-safety tips.

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 in the afternoon of **Friday 15th December**?

If you are available could you complete the form and return by Monday? 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

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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	<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"/>	Football Squad	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gym, Cheer & Stunts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder Club	<input type="checkbox"/>		