



18th December 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

1st February, 21st June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow - we made it! This term has been full of challenges but due to our amazing whole school community, the children have flourished. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your support and especially your unwavering understanding through this period. I also want to say how very proud I am of all the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children's education and their wellbeing has not been adversely affected. I know that with everyone continuing to demonstrate our core Christian values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity, 2021 will be a positive experience for all.

This week has been full of festive activities from the Christmas entertainer (paid for by the fundraising efforts of our amazing FoSS team) to the recording of our Christmas presentations. Having watched the Christmas presentations, it definitely gave me that warm glow and feeling of Christmas spirit. If you haven't already seen them, they are available on the VLE and Tapestry.

Next term, we will continue with the same arrangements we currently have in place for things like drop off and pick up, lunches etc. and will of course continue with our 'bubble' system. Hopefully as things start to improve and the vaccination programme is rolled out, we may be able to review some of this.

All the staff would like to thank our parents and children for their fabulous Christmas gifts. I really hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th January 2021.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Hanratty*

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	<i>Beth</i>	<i>Alexia</i>	<i>Soli</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Reuben/Will T</i>
Compassion	<i>Emily</i>	<i>Bryony</i>	<i>Fearne</i>	<i>Annie</i>	<i>Martha</i>
Creativity	<i>Edi</i>	<i>Fallon</i>	<i>Cecily</i>	<i>Bea</i>	<i>Jack</i>

Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Sunday, 20th December

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Sunday 20th December at 4 pm. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. You are very welcome, in your household bubble, at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas! However, social distancing must be maintained so numbers will be limited. If you plan on coming, please email sally.wesley@btinternet.com to let her know, with the number of people in your bubble (if you haven't already told the Benefice Office). Adults must wear face masks at all times during the Service.

FoSS Christmas Walk at Ham Green - 23rd December

Following the success of the Pumpkin Trail, and to make up for the lack of seasonal lantern parades, illuminations switch-ons and to raise a few pennies for the school, FoSS are organising a Christmas illuminated walk. Come and join us for a distanced walk and a glass or two of mulled wine. All proceeds will go to FoSS.

We are looking for donations or loans of any lights and baubles you have left over from your decorations and will be encouraging the children to produce their own decorations from recycled materials. School reps will send out reminders and a donations box will be outside the front of the school next week. The more the better!!

Application to Sparsholt C of E Primary School (Year R) in September 2021

This is a reminder that the deadline for applying for a place for your child/children to start Year R in September 2020 is **midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2021**.

You can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions, by requesting a paper application form from us or the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

It is important that you submit your application by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at your preferred school(s). All online applicants will receive an e-mail confirming that their application was submitted. If you are unsure, please contact the County Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

Service Pupil Premium (SPP)

Service Pupil Premium (SPP) was introduced by the DfE as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant. SPP enables schools to provide extra, mainly pastoral, support for children with parents in the regular Armed Forces. SPP is paid directly to state schools, free schools and academies across England for supporting Service children. The amount is £310 per child in classes Reception to Year 11

Who is eligible?

Children of regular service personnel (PStat Cat 1 and 2 only) who have been recorded as Service children on any January census since 2015 in state schools, free schools and academies in England in Yr Reception to Yr 11 are eligible for SPP.

Schools can claim SPP for children of regular Service Personnel, for those who have had a Service parent who has died in Service as well as those who have left including through injury for up to a maximum of six years or up to the end of Year 11 (whichever comes first). If a child is not recorded as a Service child whilst the parent is serving, and the Service person has left the Services, schools will not be able to claim SPP.

The deadline for recording Service children on the next January census is 21st January 2021. If you are unsure of your child's status, please contact the school office for further details ahead of this date.

Central Winchester Regeneration Consultation Information

Winchester City Council is sharing proposals to revitalise the city centre, which include creating a mixed-use development with new homes, creative and flexible workspaces, a vibrant night-time economy and improved public spaces. They are keen to hear from families living in Winchester and encourage all parents to visit the virtual exhibition room which is open until 12th January 2021 here:

www.virtualengage.arup.com/CWR. There is also a direct link to the feedback form here:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/cwr-development-proposals>

Christmas Festive Fundraising Raffle

Thank-you for all your generous donations to the FoSS Christmas Raffle. We have been in touch with all the lucky winners. Congratulations!

