



*13<sup>th</sup> December 2019*

**Dates for your diaries**

Inset Days

KS1 Christmas Party / KS2 Christmas Disco

KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope

School Christmas Lunch

FoSS Meeting in the Memorial Hall

14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm / 3.45pm

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 8.45am

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I have just returned from watching the KS1 Nativity over at St Stephen's Church and I have to say that it was a truly magical experience. The children were so enthusiastic in their performances, the singing was beautiful and the smiles on their faces showed how much fun they were having taking part. It was really uplifting and definitely ignited everyone's Christmas spirit. It also reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.*

*Preparations for the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope are well on their way and I have seen groups acting and singing and being thoroughly engaged in their drive to put on an outstanding performance. I have to say the quality is exceptional - Britain's Got Talent and the X factor here we come...*

*In between all the preparations for these Christmas performances, I have also been lucky enough to visit every class to watch the amazing science that is going on. Willow were looking at how they could slow down a snow man melting. They came up with some ingenious ideas including making a coat for him out of different materials which they then tested out using ice cubes. Their investigative skills and their ideas and understanding was of an exceptionally high level. In Oak, the lesson started with the arrival of a tea trolley and 'Mr and Mrs Oak' with headscarf and flat cap, having a chat about which biscuits were the best to dunk. The children then went on to test this, with each group developing their own investigation to test this very important question!! Beech were looking at whether they could make materials more water resistant which with the weather we have been having, is a very useful and relevant question. Maple and Rowan were also showing off their investigation skills looking at whether bigger magnets were stronger and what effect air resistance has on falling objects. Again, it was a joy to see the children's engagement and independence with their learning.*

*Next week will be another full and busy week with Christmas parties, performances, trips to the theatre etc. so I do hope the children have a restful weekend and that your Christmas preparations continue to go well.*

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs Hanratty*



**Clubs Reminder**

No clubs next week! Please arrange pick-up / bus at 3.30pm, thank-you. (After school extended provision - Kids Club - continues as normal)

**Christmas Cards**

It is lovely to see so many of the children writing their own Christmas Cards. Please hand them out in class or at play-time.

**Next week's KS1 Party and KS2 Disco - 16th December**

Don't forget your party clothes on Monday - in a named bag please

**Messy Christmas: Small is Mighty**

We shall be looking at the Christmas story this month, and thinking about how God chose small people to do BIG things, and still does today. Come along to the Church Room, Littleton, 4-6pm on **Saturday 14th December** for some messy Christmas fun.

**Last day for donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar Collection - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

### ***Fancy a good old Christmas Sing Song?***

All welcome to Carol Singing on the green in Woodman Close Sparsholt on **15th December at 6pm.**

Every year we host an open air Carol Singing with 16th Winchester Scouts. It is a lovely community event where we all gather round and belt out a load of cracking Christmas Carols. Mince pies available, BYO mulled wine and don't forget torches!

### ***Friday 20th December***

Friday 20th brighten up your school uniform with some festive colour - head bands, jumpers, scarves, hats on last day of term in aid of Karis Kids (£1 - £2 donation which goes towards buying new shoes for Kampala children)

### ***Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve***

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (**Monday 24th December**) at 4 pm. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Everyone of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

### ***Music Tuition for Spring Term 2020***

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 / ukulele with HMS, please contact the school office.

### ***Application to Sparsholt C of E Primary School (Year R) in September 2020***

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 2020.**

You can apply online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

### ***After School Kid's Club***

We offer an extended school provision (Kids Club) for Year R through to Year 6 pupils, Monday to Thursday from 3.35 to 5.30pm during term time. Children take part in craft and games and during dry weather are able to use the play facilities outside.

Our after school Kid's Club regulars will already have received this form, but if you are interested in starting to use Kids Club from January 2020 please complete and sign the form below, indicating which day/days are required. Once we have your confirmation, from January you will be able to look online using our online payment facility see the amount due for the Spring Term. The cost is £8.25 per child per session, payable termly in advance.

You can pay directly to the school office if you prefer, cash and cheques payable to Sparsholt Primary School. We also accept tax free childcare payments and childcare vouchers.

There is some flexibility for parents to opt in and out of the club; however, we do ask for a minimum of 24 hours' notice for session cancellations.

Please can you return the slip below by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **AFTER SCHOOL KID'S CLUB - SPRING TERM 2020**

I confirm I would like my child/children: .....

to attend the After School Kid's Club in the Spring Term.

Please tick days required:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

Signed ..... Dated .....

### End of Term Trip, Music & Club Invoices

Overdue invoices for this term, plus monies overdue from previous terms, will be coming home in book bags today. Please make use of our online facility (via the Sparsholt School website) to pay the outstanding amounts as soon as possible please. Alternatively, cheques or cash can be paid in at the school office.

### End of Term Lunch Invoices

Overdue lunch invoices up to and including **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** will be sent out in book bags on the last day of term.

**Please note that our charging policy states  
school lunches, clubs and activities must be paid for in advance.**

### School Clubs commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

All after school clubs will commence from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

*\*Back again this January - Mad Science Club on a Wednesday.\** 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, parent/carers 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 will extend this time forward to 4.30pm for outdoor clubs as the evenings become lighter - thank-you.

Day	After-School Clubs	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club Yr 2 - Yr 6 Fencing Club (12 minimum)  Chess Club (Lunchtime) Yr 3 - Yr 6	Artiology Club - registration and payment directly to Mrs Ormerod hallimarie@googlemail.com Fencing is a paid for club registration and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 <a href="mailto:jdsportscoaching@gmail.com">jdsportscoaching@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Football Squad Club Yr 4 - 6 Benchball (Yr 2 - Yr 6)	
Wednesday	MadScience Club Yr 1 - 3 Integr8 Mini Football Club Yr 1 - Yr 3 Integr8 Junior Football Club Yr4 - Yr6 Netball Yr 4 - 6 (24 max)	MadScience - register directly online at <a href="http://wessex.madscience.org">wessex.madscience.org</a> Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Netball is now a paid for club (£30 per term)
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 through the school (£30 for 10 sessions)
Friday	Integr8 Dance	Integr8 Dance - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Dance 01962 808398

### After School Clubs from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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)

Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Netball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Football Squad	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jnr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chess Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>