

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



22nd October 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021
Secondary School Transfer Dates
Bags2School Collection
School Improvement Plan presentation

Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022
Monday 13th September - **31st October 2021**
Monday 8th November
Friday 12th November 9.15am - details to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing end to this half term! For those of you who were able to come to today's outside Harvest Festival, I think you will all agree that being together as a whole school community was such an uplifting experience, and to see the pride on the children's faces as they performed was a joy to see. Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity for the donations of food and toiletries for the newly renamed night shelter, 'The Beacon'.

After the amazing Harvest Festival, I was again blown away by the quality and dedication of the children. The Pupil Governors (School Council) who consist of children from Years 1 to 6, met with our School Governors to present their school improvement priorities. Prior to the meeting, they had discussed the School Improvement Plan and created their own version based on what is important to them. The meeting was expertly chaired by the children, who presented their ideas clearly and effectively and it was obvious that they had both carefully considered and researched each of their priorities and what they needed, to enable them to achieve them.

As I write, the children are eagerly awaiting the start of our first 'AppleFest' (hopefully to become an annual event). We need to say a very big thank you to Blackmoor Apple Farm who kindly donated 10 different varieties of apples after receiving some VERY persuasive letters from Oak class.

I would also like to say a big thank you to FOSS for organising the 'Cakes and Bakes' sale which is due to take place after school, and to those of you who put your culinary skills to good use to produce the amazing array of cakes that will be available for purchase. FOSS do some phenomenal work to help ensure that we can continue to provide the children with additional resources and experiences and I can't thank them or you enough for all the support.

Finally, I really hope that all of you who were able to attend, found Parent Evenings useful and have a clearer understanding of how your children are progressing. All the children will be coming home with an information sheet outlining their targets and how they are progressing. For those children in Beech whose Parent Evenings had to be postponed, the information contained will be discussed at the rescheduled appointments. If you were not able to attend parents evening and wish to speak to the class teacher please contact the office who will be able to arrange a convenient time.

I want to wish you all a wonderful Autumnal half term and hope that you are all able to enjoy a well-deserved break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Year 7 Applications - Deadline Fast Approaching!

The national deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2022 is almost upon us - Sunday 31 October 2021 - at the end of the half-term. More information from Hampshire can be found on their website;

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 open on 1st November 2021 and close on 15th January 2022. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website - www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. We welcome visits to the school and if you know of any families looking for year R places, please ask them to contact the school office who can arrange a tour of the school with Mrs Hanratty.

Brass tuition

We have space for year 3, 4, 5 + 6 children to start brass tuition with Hampshire Music Service each Wednesday. Cost for the tuition is £68 per term. You can rent an instrument from Hampshire Music

FoSS events

Plans for Autumn Term

1. **School Cookbook.** Favourite family recipes featuring drawings and notes from our children. Books will be available to buy for Christmas! **DETAILS BELOW!**
2. Rowan Class cake sale Friday 5th November after school.
3. Christmas cards and other gifts featuring your child's art will be available to buy online after half term. Watch out for a flyer with instructions on how to order!
4. Friday 17th December 4-6pm, Ham Green: Enjoy a festive woodland walk and be delighted by twinkling Christmas scenes through Ham Green. Warm up with mulled wine or hot chocolate and enjoy some Christmas carols from the school children after school on the last day of term.

Plans for Spring Term

1. January kids movie night.
2. Dinner and auction of promises. 11th/12th February. Auction lots needed please! Any businesses you have links with? Any special skills you could offer? Please let FoSS know

School Cookbook to raise funds for FOSS!



Do you have a favourite recipe you all enjoy, or that means something special to the family? It might be something you make every week, or something that's just for high days and holidays - either way we would love to hear about it.

We are bringing together a unique recipe book with the whole school's favourite cooking and baking recipes, and we would be delighted if you would contribute. We will have the recipes bound into a beautiful book, which you can use for your own inspiration, or as a gift for family & friends.

To get a spread of ages and recipe types, rather than collect in by year, we will collect recipes by School House.

ROPE:	Sides, starters & snacks
WAVE:	Main courses
STAR:	Desserts & Puddings
KEY:	Baking (cakes, biscuits, breads)

If you have recipes for more than one category - please do send them in, however if you could still send one in for your child's House, then we should have a good spread of recipes.

We would love to include vegetarian and allergen-free recipes, so if this is your family, please do send those.

We'd also love any drawings of food and, if you wanted to ask your child to write a couple of sentences on what they enjoy about the dish, that would be great too.

When the recipe book is ready, it will be available to buy to raise funds for FOSS. It would be super helpful if you could let us know sooner rather than later if you think you'll be ordering a copy - the price is likely to be around £10 - this will help us with the print run.

Send in on any format to Joanna.christie@hotmail.co.uk and marked 'School Cookbook'. If you'd like to send in a paper copy in book bags, the school will collect these on FOSS's behalf.

The deadline for both email and paper is Tuesday 9th November.



Happy cooking!
Team FOSS