



Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
KS1 Nativity
School Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Charity Day (details to follow)
KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope
FoSS Coffee Morning Meeting

7th December 2018

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July 2019
Thursday 13th December 9.30am
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Friday 14th December
Tues 18th & Weds 19th December from 6.30pm
Friday 18th January 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children will be nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Creativity**

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Lucy	Patch	Florrie	Lucifer	Sophia
Compassion	Olivia	Rory	Megan Ba	Livvy	Flynn
Creativity	Fallon	Inigo	Max	Madsy	India

'It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...!' - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Christingle

This morning the whole school gathered at St Stephen's Church for a wonderful Christingle Service led by Rev'd Jax. The symbolism of each piece of the Christingle was explained by Rev'd Jax, as brave volunteers stepped forward to help her create a human Christingle! It was a truly magical and memorable moment when all our 134 children lit their Christingles and sang, "Away in a Manger" in the candle light. It was a powerful reminder of the gift of Jesus to us, as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended and also many thanks for your kind donations to the Children's Society, who play a vital role in supporting vulnerable children who need care, security and support this Christmas. This is a special year for Christingle, marking 50 years since the first Church of England Service was held in this country and our Christingle was certainly a wonderful celebration for the whole learning community!

Super- Santa - Star Runners!

We are delighted to report that eight Sparsholt pupils were full of the festive spirit last weekend when they took part in the Winchester Santa Fun Run. Dressed in Santa suits, Finn, Isabelle and Ollie, Lula, Fearne, Julia, William and Oliver accompanied by thousands of fellow Santa's ran the 5km Winchester route around the city streets before crossing the finishing line and receiving their spectacular medals. Well done to all those who took part raising money for Naomi House and Jacksplace.

Sailing Success

We celebrated Emily S fabulous achievement in Celebration Worship this week. Emily won the Sailing Trophy for being sailor of the year in her age group at Warsash Sailing club. This was for sailing ability, skill, attitude, punctuality, attendance and supporting others in her group throughout the sailing season from May to September. Well done and congratulations Emily!

Break Time Snacks

A healthy option should always be the first choice when providing your child with a snack at break time. KS1 are provided with a daily fruit or vegetable snack through the government fruit and vegetable scheme. It is recommended that KS2 bring their own snack to school for example; fruit, vegetables, raisins, oat cakes. Children should not bring any products which contain nuts due to severe allergies of other children in school.

Pupil Governors update

Our wonderful team of Pupil Governors met on Monday to act as pupil voice to influence the decision making process and school improvement. Minutes of their meeting are available to read on their notice board in the entrance hall. Items discussed included: range of wet playtime games available in the classrooms, prefect responsibilities and advertising the Jumper for Joy Christmas Fundraiser next week.



Carols at the Buttercross

Our choir travelled to Winchester on Tuesday to sing Carol's at the Buttercross. Many people stopped and sang along with the children as they raised funds for Friends of Sparsholt School. Thank-you to all the children for spreading a little extra Christmas Spirit in the City, parents for transporting, and Miss Conroy and Miss Burbridge for organising.



Worship this Week

Rev'd Jax came into school to lead a worship on the theme of Advent this week. She explained that Advent is a special time for Christians preparing for Christmas. We talked about all the exciting things we look forward to, such as Father Christmas, presents, parties and decorating our trees. Rev'd Jax also helped us think about preparing our hearts for the message of Christmas. She reminded us that God sent Jesus to Earth to offer us peace and to show the world how much he loves us. We reflected on the importance of being ready on the inside, in our minds and feelings, to celebrate the wonder of Christmas. Rev'd Jax concluded our worship by blessing our special Prayer Box and reassured us that any prayer we place in our prayer box is in the hands of God.

We prayed together:

Thank you for Christmas, the time we celebrate the precious gift of your son, Jesus.
Please help us to use the season of Advent to prepare ourselves with peace, joy and love in our hearts.

Amen

Thank you for your support and encouragement

My best wishes

Jane Gwilliam



Collection for Mrs Laver

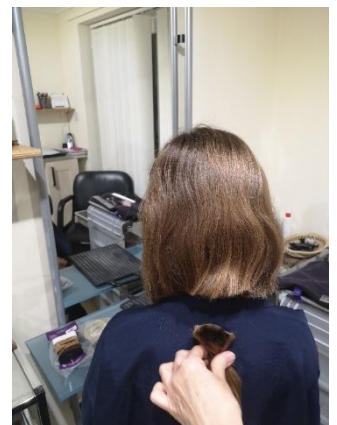
We are collecting on behalf of parents for a leaving present for Mrs Laver. If you would like to give something, please leave your donation in a sealed envelope at the school office - thank-you. Mrs Parker will use the collection for a suitable leaving gift, but would appreciate all donations to be handed in by Monday 17th December, thank-you.



Sophia is a cut above!

Sophia had 30cm of her hair cut off last Friday and has donated it to The Little Princess Trust so it can be used to make a wig for a child with cancer.

She has also already raised over £200 in donations for Cancer Research



Messy Christmas: Joseph's story - Saturday 8th 4pm

This month's Messy Church is, unsurprisingly, about Christmas, but looking through the eyes of one character who is often overlooked - Joseph. Come along to Sparsholt Memorial Hall, 4-6pm on Saturday 8th December to find out more about the part he played in Jesus' birth and early years through a variety of crafts and activities.

To find out more about Messy Church visit their Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th

On Friday 14th December thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children.

So come to school in your brightest, most festive woollies and bring in £1 to donate and you will be giving children the chance to build a better future.

Application to Sparsholt C of E Primary School (Year R) in September 2019

This is a reminder that the deadline for applying for a place for your child/children to start Year R in September 2019 is **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

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.

School Clubs commencing Monday 14th January 2019

The timetable of after school clubs will continue from January 2019. 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) Netball Yr 4 - 6 (24 max) Artiology Club Yr 2 - Yr 6 Fencing Club (12 minimum)	Artiology Club - registration and payment directly to Halli Ormerod Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 jdsportscoaching@gmail.com
Tuesday	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Bench Ball Yr 2 - Yr 6 (30 max)	
Wednesday	Integr8 Mini Football Club Yr 1 - Yr 3 Integr8 Junior Football Club Yr4 - Yr6 Science Club Yr 1 - Yr 3	Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Science Club - register and pay online madscience.org
Thursday	Jnr Lacrosse Yr 3 & Yr 4 (20 max) Snr Lacrosse Yr 5 & Yr 6 (20 max) Recorder Club (Lunchtime) (Yr 1 - Yr 6) Fencing Club (12 minimum) - Lunchtime	Lacrosse is a paid for club through the school (£30 for 10 sessions) Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 jdsportscoaching@gmail.com
Friday	Integr8 Tag Rugby Yr 3- Yr 6 Integr8 Dance	Tag Rugby Club - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Integr8 Dance - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Dance 01962 808398

After School Clubs from 14th January 2019

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