

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



20th December 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days
FoSS Meeting in the Memorial Hall

14th Feb 2020, 26th June, 22nd July
Tuesday 14th January 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we made it! What an amazing last week we have had. Despite being greeted by a small flood when we arrived at school on Monday morning, nothing has managed to dampen spirits and the children's enthusiasm has shone through. As some of you may know, our football team was out in force on Friday after school for their first match of the season against Harestock. It was a well fought match but despite their best efforts they couldn't quite clinch a victory with the final score being 1 - 0 to Harestock. All the players showed excellent sportsmanship but are now angling for a rematch!

Performances have been the order of the week this week. On Tuesday, Years 1 & 2 went to the Mayflower to see the pantomime version of Peter Pan. The children were totally mesmerised and behaved impeccably. This week also saw the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope 'presentation' (Mrs Gwilliam is insistent it is a presentation NOT a performance!). For any of you lucky enough to see it, I am sure you too were blown away by the talent and enthusiasm of all the children. The staff all did an absolutely amazing job of preparing the children and the variety of 'presentations' was phenomenal from a performance of a Christmas Carol, to a 'version' of the song 'Old Town Road' - sunglasses and all. FOSS also did a great job providing refreshments at both performances and having a raffle to raise even more funds to help support the school.

Yesterday, we had our Christmas lunch which the children really enjoyed particularly as they were served by the staff. Year 6, being the oldest, were the last to be served however they were tricked a few times by Mr McGettigan who did take a rather long diversion past the Year 6s on his way to serve the Year 5s with the Year 6s getting excited that he was bringing the dinner to them!

Today, we have had our amazing Worship Team leading worship. They did an excellent presentation on the importance of Love at Christmas. I have to say, as I looked out across the sea of festive outfits, I couldn't be prouder of the love the children show for each other and the wider community. Today we raised £112.00 for Karis Kids, the Uganda charity we support, through the children bringing in their £1.00 donations. (Please visit the school website tomorrow, to find Karis Kids 'Thank-You' letter and more about the work of our Pupil Worship Team)

This has been an amazing term and I'd like to thank everyone for the support they have shown. The school could not be the place it is without everyone's hard work and dedication.

I really hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January,

Best Wishes for this festive season

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship 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	Rory	Cordelia	Fred	Florrie & William N	Flynn
Compassion	Diya & Rory	Alexia	Emily	Charlie D	Jenna
Creativity	Olivia	Olivia	Rory	Megan B	Claudia

Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (**Tuesday 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!

Staying Safe in the Car Park

Please keep children close to you as you walk through the carpark at the beginning and end of the school day. It is very busy and tricky to see small children during these dark, wet mornings and evenings. Car drivers - please be extra vigilant.

Staying Safe over the Christmas Holiday

- **Be Bright, Be Seen Competition**

Over the Christmas and New Year holiday we would like Sparsholt pupils to come up with a design for a school book bag or p.e. bag, backpack, hi-viz clothing, scooter or bicycle reflector that would be easy to see at night or when the weather is bad (torrential rain/fog/snow).

Recycle - make use of all that bright, reflective and florescent coloured paper that might be lying around after the festive season!

Or if you are stuck for ideas, colour and/or stick with reflective material, the black and white pictures, showing day and night-time scenes (pupils came home with these; copies can be found on the parent letter page of the school website)

Please send in A4 designs (labelled with pupil's name please), latest **Friday 10th January**, for our panel of experts to judge!

- **Clever Never Goes**

We want all our school community to remain safe over the coming holiday and beyond! Please remind your children that they must never go anywhere with anyone, a stranger or a familiar face, unless plans have been made beforehand. Following these simple rules makes them clever, gives them the confidence to trust their instincts and teaches them how to react to unsafe situations. For more information on Clever Never Goes, please visit: <http://clevernevergoes.org/>

Well Done to Nancy, Year 3!

Nancy came 1st in the South Central Ambulance Christmas Card Competition and had her design printed onto all their Christmas Cards for 2019. Nancy's amazing design can be seen on the right.



End of Term Lunch Invoices

Overdue invoices for this term, plus monies overdue from previous terms, will be sent out in book bags today. You can use our online facility (via the Sparsholt School website) to pay the outstanding amounts as soon as possible please.

Please note that the school's policy for charging states that parents are required to pay for school lunches half termly in advance. For the half-term Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2020 (6 weeks), the amounts we are looking for you to pre-fund are as follows:

	One lunch / week	Two lunches / week	Three lunches / week	Four lunches / week	Five lunches / week
1 child at school	£14.40	£28.80	£43.20	£57.60	£72.00
2 children at school	£28.80	£57.60	£86.40	£115.20	£144.00

We understand that, on occasions, things change and children may require additional or fewer meals than planned. If your child needs extra school dinners than originally envisaged, you can always top up your meal payments online and if your child needs fewer meals, credit will be carried over to the following week/weeks.

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, 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 Department for Education (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 £300 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 16 January 2020. If you are unsure of your child's status, please contact the school office for further details ahead of this date.

School Clubs commencing Monday 13th January

All after school clubs will commence from Monday 13th January.

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
<i>Monday</i>	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 jdsportscoaching@gmail.com
<i>Tuesday</i>	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Football Squad Club Yr 4 - 6 Benchball Yr 2 - Yr 6 (20 max)	
<i>Wednesday</i>	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 wessex.madscience.org Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Netball is a paid for club - £30 per term to school
<i>Thursday</i>	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)
<i>Friday</i>	Integr8 Dance	Integr8 Dance - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Dance 01962 808398

After School Clubs from 13th 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 ☐ Netball ☐ Football Squad ☐ Jnr Lacrosse ☐

Snr Lacrosse ☐ Recorder Club ☐ Chess Club ☐ Benchball ☐

Christmas Crafts and Winter Reading Challenge at the Winchester Discovery Centre



23/12 Christmas Wreath, 24/12 Table Decorations,
30/12 Thank you notes, 31/12 Winter Thaumotropes,
02/01 Winter Bookmarks

