

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



16th October 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	1 st February 2021, 21 st June 2021
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 22 nd October
Pyjama Day FoSS Fundraiser	Friday 23 rd October
School Photographs (Portraits)	Friday 6 th November
Virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who would believe that we have only one more week until half term! I have to say I can't quite believe how quickly the time has gone. The children are continuing to thrive and the support and care that they are showing for each other is so delightful to see. They really are embracing our school values of Courage, Creativity and Compassion.

This week has been all about Harvest and preparations for our Virtual Harvest Worship. Whilst we would of course much prefer to be doing it live, it has been fantastic to see the children's thinking around how to ensure they still get that warmth and community feel through their performances and presentations whilst doing it virtually.

With community in mind, Oak have been thinking about our global community and have been coming up with interesting and inventive ways to raise money for our International charity - Karis Kids - whilst still ensuring we follow the necessary guidance to keep us all safe at these times. Make sure you look out for their fundraising events!

I know during these times of staggered drop offs and pickups that parents have been asking about the best way to communicate with teachers. As we have explained before, the most efficient way is to contact the school office either by telephone or send an email for the teacher's attention to adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk. The office will then be able to alert the class teacher immediately about your query or request and, if possible, it can be dealt with there and then. I know some parents have enquired about being able to email staff directly but as I am sure you realise, staff are teaching all day and therefore do not have the opportunity to easily check their emails.

Finally, don't forget that next Friday is 'Pyjama Day'. All donations are welcome to help support FOSS who do such amazing work to help raise funds for our school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and are able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Hanratty.*

Virtual Harvest Worship

Email and consent attachments went out to all parents to request consent for our virtual Harvest, Nativity and Christmas Worships. (A copy can be found on the website, letter to parents). Please send back as soon as you are able so we can ensure the privacy of our children.

Flu Vaccinations

Online Flu Vaccination consent must be completed by Tuesday 20th October. A letter was sent to parents by email on 30th September with the information attached; if you have misplaced it and would like to arrange a flu vaccination for your child, please email the school for another copy. The school cannot complete consent on your behalf; if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination, please ignore the letter; alternatively complete the online form and give a 'no' answer to consent.

Parents' Evenings

The next parent/teacher consultation meetings (10 minute slots) are for Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. They will be held on:

- **Tuesday 10th November 3.50pm – 7pm**
- **Wednesday 11th November 3.50 pm – 7 pm**

We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child's teacher. The online booking system will be available for the above meetings from 7am on the 21st October. Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section.

We will be using Microsoft Teams to meet virtually with the teacher. A telephone consultation will be offered as an alternative if you do not wish to use Teams; this will take place at a mutually convenient time.

Increase in Hampshire Lunch costs

Hampshire lunches will increase by 10p to £2.50 per day from 1st November 2020. The decision to increase the school meal price was taken at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People Decision Day (16 September 2020). Read the School Meals Decision Report online at hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings for more information.

Pupil Absence

Please make use of the school absence email to notify the school as soon as possible with your child's name and reason for their absence. Using this service means you do not have to send in a letter on the first day of your child's return to the school following an absence - absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Year 7 Applications – Deadline Fast Approaching!

The national deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2021 is almost upon us – Saturday 31 October 2020 – at the end of the half-term. We will send out another reminder

More information from Hampshire can be found on their website;

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

