

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



10th September 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021

MacMillan Make, Bake or Donate Coffee & Cake Event
(At the village shop)
Bags2School Collection

Monday 4th October 2021, Monday 31st January
2022, Monday 27th June 2022
Friday 24th September 8am - 4pm
Monday 8th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to the new year! I can't tell you how lovely it is to finally be able to be together as a school, to allow the children to mix between classes, eat their lunches together and enjoy all the wonderful things that make us feel like a whole school community.

The children have returned with such fantastic energy and enthusiasm and walking round the school, it has been so wonderful to feel that air of excitement. We have welcomed not only our new Year Rs in this week but also 7 new children into other year groups and 2 new teachers. All of them have settled in so quickly and this is down to the welcome they have been given not only by the children but also by you as parents, so thank you.

Throughout the school the children have been showing our school values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity in abundance. The new Year Rs in Willow class have shown real courage in starting school this week and the Willow class Year 1s have shown exceptional compassion in supporting them, especially up in the hall at lunchtime. In Beech class they have been busy making their own 'Birds of Courage' and learning that they all need courage if they are going to 'fly'. Maple have been using their creativity by making their own paints from natural materials and creating their own Cave Paintings on the walls outside - thankfully they had put paper up first! Rowan have been focusing on getting to know each other but also on getting to know themselves and what they can do to help themselves and support others to succeed. Oak have been making the most of the great outdoors including going on a scavenger hunt and using this as a stimulus for collaborative learning.

I know this week the car park has been somewhat of an issue and would encourage everyone to please read the email that was sent out earlier about the car park protocols including that all vehicles must be stationary when staff bring the children through the car park to get on or off the bus. Whilst I am hopeful that things will improve next week as clubs commence, I would ask that if you can find alternative parking or methods of transport that would be very much appreciated. If you do choose to use the car park, I would also ask that you do this with the understanding that you will need to do so with an abundance of patience, understanding and calm. I want to wish you all a lovely weekend and am hopeful that this year will be without disruption and full of amazing learning opportunities that we will be able to enjoy together.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

| | Willow | Beech | Maple | Rowan | Oak |
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| Courage | Gus + ** | Megan, Clara | Neve, Edward, Annabel | Viva | Hannah, Isaac |
| Compassion | Pippa | Olivia | Fallon | Lola | Lyla & Megan |
| Creativity | Joshua | Rory | Cordelia | Sheetal | William, Henry |

** All of Year R for having a wonderful first week at school!

Data Collection Forms coming home for checking

The children will be coming home today with a copy of the personal and contact details we hold on them. We would appreciate it if you could check and amend the form if necessary, and return to the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. Please read the accompanying letter as we will also need consent to process the data of your chosen emergency contacts.

Attendance

We believe that every day matters in a child's education and this is backed up by research to show how crucial regular attendance is in ensuring children reach their full potential.

We urge, as parents that you:

- Ensure your child only misses school for reasons which are unavoidable, such as illness
- Always notify the school on the first morning of absence
- Try to avoid booking a family holiday during term time
- Talk to us if your child is reluctant to come to school.

In line with other primary schools, we would like to aim for 97% or above for every child's attendance this year. Please remember we have a dedicated absence email account; please contact us via this email address regarding your children's absence from school: absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Lunches

Please note that lunches are free for Key Stage 1 children (under Universal Free School Meals) and are charged at £2.50 per day for Key Stage 2 children. If you haven't already, please add money to your child's SCOPay online account so that funds are available for meals for this half-term. We also accept cash and cheques payable to Sparsholt Primary School. For your information the school's charging policy can be found on our school website: <https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/policies>

School Clubs commencing Monday 13th September - Friday 10th December

We are offering a new timetable of clubs after the school day. 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 must 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 4.30pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers; we may bring this time forward to 4.15pm for outdoor clubs as the evenings become darker - thank-you.

All clubs must be paid for in advance and children will not be able to partake until payment is made.

| Day | After-School Clubs | Notes |
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| Monday | Jnr Football Yr 2 & Yr 3 (14 max) *** Snr Football Yr 4, 5 & Yr 6 (20 max) Artiology Club Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Max 12) 3:30-4.15pm | Both football clubs are run by the school and are £30 per full term Children partake in art/ creative activities based on themes to do with the natural world and the environment. Payable half termly in advance £7.50 per session. Book directly with Mrs Ormerod email: hallimarie@googlemail.com |
| Wednesday | Choir & Music Club** Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Fencing Club Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Choir/Music club is run by the school and is £30 per full term Fencing Club - please book and pay directly with Jon Mann jdsportscoaching@gmail.com 07554 442320 |
| Thursday | Jnr & Senior Lacrosse Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Lacrosse is charged at £30 per full term |
| Friday | Integr8 Dance Yr R - to Yr 2 (3:30) Integr8 Dance Yr 3 - to Yr 6 (4:30)* *children are unable to stay at school before the start of this session | Please book with Integr8Dance directly: 01962 808398 Email: natalie@integr8dance.com |

*** Jnr Football Club is postponed until w/c 1st November

** Mrs Leitzell will be introducing a variety of instrument playing (for instance, recorder, ukulele, bells, boom whackers, percussion) as well as singing