



2nd October 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Flu Vaccinations

School Photographs (Portraits)

Virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations

5th October, 1st February 2021, 21st June 2021

Thursday 22nd October

Friday 6th November

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the torrential rain that has beset us today, it hasn't managed to dampen the children's spirits. They continue to amaze us with their resilience and adaptability and the hard work and effort they continue to put into their learning.

I have been privileged to see some amazing writing going on from Willow all the way up to Oak. On Wednesday, I came back to my office at the end of the day to discover an array of letters from Beech class about an event they wanted to hold in their class. I have to say they wrote some incredibly persuasive letters that meant I had no option but to say yes!!

Our Worship theme for this week has been Compassion. Our very talented Pupil Worship team filmed themselves enacting Aesop's poem, 'The Lion and the Mouse' and telling the parable of the Lost Son. All the classes were able to watch it during class worship and were very impressed by its high quality and powerful message.

Sport has been a real focus this week with rounders, gymnastics, lacrosse and hockey being played by different classes. I am still so impressed by the sportsmanship, effort and willingness to take part that is shown by all of our pupils.

Finally, just a reminder that it is an INSET day on Monday so I really hope you all have a lovely extended weekend and we will see you all here on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty.

Homework on the VLE

All our Yr 1 to Yr 6 children should have their school VLE login and password details to access the VLE. If they have misplaced them, please email adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk for a reminder.

Pupils can let their teachers know they have completed their homework task by clicking on the submit green button and /or uploading photos or documents.

Data Forms for checking

Thank you to all those of you who have already returned your data forms. If your data is correct or there are necessary amendments required, please advise up by emailing adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk.

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

Fundraising for Foss over lockdown

Well done to Annie C (Rowan Class) who raised £110 in sponsorship for Foss by cycling 20 Km in 20 days over lockdown. She was a reluctant rider but her challenge has made her super confident now!

No Sweets for Birthday Celebrations

Sorry! But for the foreseeable future please refrain from sending in birthday sweets.

Essential Items In School

Please can you make sure your child has the following items in school every day.

- A water bottle
- A jumper and a coat
- A break time snack (if needed). Please ensure this is fruits or vegetables only. No nuts.

A reminder on Car Parking Guidelines

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our carpark guidelines:

- Please do not move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for a few minutes longer and allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-ways in the car-park
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office and on the yellow zig-zags impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour.
- The 3 parking bays closest to the shop are for the use of Post Office/Shop staff only and should only be used for a quick pick-up/drop off only.
- For safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park
- If you double-park in the car-park, please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible
- An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground - we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays and driveways.
- Please note we are not able to offer the field as an over-flow car park.
- Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass
- We ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park