

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

3rd December 2021

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021

Sparsholt Christmas Market

KS1 Nativity

School Christmas Parties

KS2 Kaleidoscope

School Christmas Lunch

Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022

Sunday 5th December

Friday 10th December - **9:45am in the playground**

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December - **2:15pm in the playground**

Thursday 16th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't tell you how uplifting it was to be greeted by a sea of colour in Celebration Worship. The children looked so festive and the generosity showed by all was amazing. Thank you so much for everyone's kind donations to the Children's society. The children showed a really excellent understanding of how they can make a real difference in others' lives through their courageous advocacy activities. Thank you also to all of you who generously donated items to FoSS for their Christmas Hamper raffle. The work FoSS do is so important to us as a whole school community and their hard work and your support is really appreciated.

Today, all the children took part in a magical Christingle class worship service. They reflected on Jesus as the light of the World and an inspiration for showing kindness and care for others. The children have been learning about the symbolism of the Christingle and many demonstrated excellent understanding and recall of the significance of each element which they had learned in previous years.

Our Pupil Governors (School Council) were presented with a cheque for £300 this week from St. Stephens Church fund in response to their presentation of their pupil version of the School Improvement Plan (which can be found on the website) to the School Governors. They identified that they wanted to acquire some more books for the school library, especially for our younger pupils, and had requested £300 to enable them to purchase these new items. The Pupil Governors (in consultation with their classes) will now go through the process of selecting these books and will be using their mathematical skills to ensure they stay within their budget.

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents next Friday to our KS1 outdoor nativity. The children have been busily practising their lines and learning the songs. It is wonderful that they will be able to perform to a live audience at such a magical time of year.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and your Christmas preparations are in full swing!

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
Courage	Jemima	Mia	Lucy	Livinia	Lyla
Compassion	Birdie	Eliza	Neve	Patch	Charlie D
Creativity	Olive	Dolly	Henry	Lola	Seth

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award!

School News

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 opened on 1st November 2021 and close on 15th January 2022. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website – www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. We welcome visits to the school and if you know of any families looking for year R places, please ask them to contact the school office who can arrange a tour of the school with Mrs Hanratty.

School Clubs

The timetable of after school clubs commencing **Monday 10th January 2022** is below. For some clubs we will have to stipulate a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will pull names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list. We ask for all school clubs to be **paid termly in advance** please. Please look out for the payment coming through onto your SCOPAY account.

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.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	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 – hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdsportscoaching@gmail.com 07554 442320
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 and 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Activeme360 – link to follow
	Mad Science Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Mad Science – Wessex.madscience.org
Thursday	Lacrosse Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Friday	Integr8 Dance (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children are unable to stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398

* Due to the darker evenings, these clubs will finish at 4.15pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers. As the evenings get lighter, we may change this time to 4.30pm.

After School Clubs from 10th January 2022

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)

Senior Football Choir and Music Lacrosse



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YR1-YR6

Day and Time: Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm
Dates: 12th January 2022 – 30th March 2022
Programme Duration: 11 x 1-hour sessions
Cost: £88
Please register by: 10th December 2021

REGISTER ONLINE

Visit Wessex.madscience.org click REGISTER HERE
Search "Sparsholt" in the 'Location drop down' and click SELECT

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807
Registration will be available until **10th December 2021**
Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.
For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:
schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.

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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS BIRTHDAY PARTIES CAMPS SPECIAL EVENTS WORKSHOPS

Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS)

Our weekly update!

Sunday 5th December

If you have ordered a Christmas tree, these will be available from the school car park around 8am. We will be in touch on Saturday with an update on time.

Sunday 5th December

Please do come to support us at the Sparsholt Christmas Market. Entry is free and there are some great stalls this year with gift ideas, treats, wine tasting and obviously cake! If you can please bake something for us to sell on the FoSS stand we would be most grateful. 10am-3pm.

Sparsholt School Recipe Book

We have had a wonderful response to the school cookbook with recipes and drawings from the children, their families and friends. Thank you so much!

Pre-order now with the form below. £15 for one copy or £12.50 each for multiple copies.

Saturday 12th February 2022

Back by popular demand the FoSS parents social will be returning to Winchester Racquets and Tennis Club for an evening of curry, drinks, bake off competition, auction of promises and live music. £25 per person for a two course dinner. Email friendsofparsholtschool@gmail.com for tickets. Payment by transfer to FoSS account. Limited numbers available.

Auction of Promises

Please donate a prize for the auction of promises.....do you have a skill/offer to auction or contacts with something that could raise money. Please email the usual address with what you can donate. Thanks in advance.

Sparsholt School Recipe Book Order form

Pre-order now! £15 for one copy or £12.50 each for multiple copies.

Simply fill in this form and give it back to the school office or email FoSS.

Pay with either cash or a cheque (payable to FoSS) or by making an online payment (use your surname as reference).

Child's Name:

Class:

Number of recipe books:

Total enclosed/paid £:

Signed Parent/Carer

FoSS Bank Details:

Account name: FRIENDS OF SPARSHOLT SCH

Bank: Santander Sort code: 090153 Account no: 35353282

Christmas Activities

Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December) at 4 p.m. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, children of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

We are still managing the COVID risk – if you would like to attend any Service in Church, please contact the Benefice Office on 01962 880845.

Face masks should be worn by adults on entering and leaving the Church but may be removed when you are in your pew.

Christmas Holiday Lunch Scheme

Winchester Basics Bank is inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the Winchester city and surrounding areas) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for their Holiday Lunch Scheme. You do not need to be receiving Free School Meals to take advantage of this scheme; if you need a little extra help this year please apply. We are still awaiting confirmation if shopping vouchers will be provided for those children who receive FSM, so if you do we ask that you don't also claim for the food parcel too (but please register whilst we await the announcement). The scheme will provide food for 10 lunches per child. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family - www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help. Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal; rather than food items suitable for packed meals.

Littleton Posada

Good news - we are able to organise the village Posada as usual this year! For those who haven't taken part before, Mary, Joseph, donkey and a flock of sheep (all knitted!) travel round the village, spending each night with a different family. You are free to entertain them in whatever way you like - their accompanying diaries list their adventures from previous years and are always delightful to read. The Posada starts with a service in St Catherine's Church at 4pm on Sunday 5th December (we love to get the children involved with this), and finishes with the Crib Service in Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you live in Littleton and would like to join in, then please email the following information to carolcoleman123@hotmail.com:

- your family name
- contact details (phone and address)
- any dates you would not be able to host between Sunday 5th and Friday 24th December
- whether or not you plan to come to the service on Sunday 5th December

For more details, and photos from previous years, visit our Facebook page (Littleton Posada)

Christmas Market Sparsholt Village Hall

● SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10AM-3PM

★ GIFTS IDEAS, WINE TASTING,
LOCAL ALES, COFFEE & CAKES,
● LIGHT LUNCH

★
ALL WELCOME



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Swapmass

SWAP YOUR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S, HELP REDUCE LANDFILL AND SUPPORT THOSE THAT NEED A HELPING HAND.

FREE ENTRY BUT DONATIONS TO THE PANTRY APPRECIATED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL
CFP@UNIT-12.COM OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://FB.ME/E/2B2IMDVYN](https://fb.me/E/2B2IMDVYN)

12th December 11am-3.00pm

**The Community Food Pantry
Unit 12, Winnall Valley Road
Winchester, SO23 0LD**

Domate. Swap. Take

The poster features a dark blue background with a circular arrangement of colorful Christmas stockings (red, green, orange) and white stars. At the top, there is a logo for the Community Food Pantry with an arrow pointing left and a small illustration of a person. The main title 'Swapmass' is written in a large, golden, cursive font. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the event's purpose. Further down, there are details about the event being free entry but with donations appreciated, contact information for the pantry, the date and time (12th December 11am-3.00pm), and the address (The Community Food Pantry, Unit 12, Winnall Valley Road, Winchester, SO23 0LD). At the bottom, the phrase 'Domate. Swap. Take' is written in a white, cursive font.