

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



11th October 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Parent/Teacher Consultation (details over)

Movie Night

15th Nov 2019, 14th Feb 2020, 26th June, 22nd July

15th & 17th October

Friday 18th October 6 - 7.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I say how impressed I was by the Harvest Fruit and vegetable creatures that came into school today. I have seen watermelon penguins, grape legged spiders, aubergine ducks and potato giraffes just to mention a few. Hopefully you will all enjoy eating them tonight! An image gallery on the website will be available to view next week.

This week, pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Winchester Cross Country event. Mrs Gwilliam said how proud she was that all of them managed to complete the course and seemed to have a lot of fun participating. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children to and from this event.

As some of you may have noticed, the D Area was full of bicycles this week due to the Year 6 pupils undertaking Bikeability. Speaking to some of the children, they all said how much more confident they felt riding their bikes and navigating what can be very difficult routes around Sparsholt.

Having spent a lot of time in each class this week, I have seen some amazing lessons going on. In Willow class, I witnessed the children making some magical potions which ended up producing Ice Dinosaur eggs that appeared from a magic cauldron in the middle of the classroom. The children went on to create their own magic potions using lots of imaginative ingredients. In Beech and Rowan I saw some great maths activities going on with children using a variety of resources to assist them with their calculations. In Maple and Oak I saw some great reading activities that helped inspire and motivate the children.

It has been another very busy and productive week here at Sparsholt and I want to thank all parents for the support they continue to show.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hanratty

Core Value Awards

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

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Harrison	Solomon	Patch	Blake	Anya
Compassion	Bryony V	Oliver	Rory	Radi	Jenna
Creativity	Jannah	Cordelia	Sophia	Will N	Ollie J

School run football club

Reminder for your diaries.... No after school football club on Tue 15th October

Yr R First Class photo

Yr r photo in the Daily Echo on 7th November and in Hampshire chronicle on w/c 4th November

Reminder - Payment for Lunches

Payments for school lunches should be made a half-term in **advance**. We would prefer payment using our online SCOPay facility (using debit or credit card); alternatively, cheques can be made payable to Sparsholt CE Primary School or cash can come into the office in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the amount enclosed.

Messy Psalm 23

October's Messy Church takes place in Crawley Church on Saturday 12th October, 4-6pm. We are taking our theme from Psalm 23 (The Lord's my Shepherd...) so expect some sheep-based activities!

For more information and photos from previous sessions, see our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 15th October 9.15am

We are looking forward to seeing parents at the Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 15th October** at 9.15am in St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt. This year, along with St Stephen's Church, we are supporting the Winchester Nightshelter as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. The Nightshelter has given us a list of items they really would like to receive, if you are able to help. Please see below for a list of their preferred donations. Pupils should bring donated items to school on the **Tuesday morning (15th October)** to take to the church - thank-you.

FoSS will be serving refreshments from 08.45 - 9.15am in Sparsholt St Stephens Church

Harvest list of 'Most Wanted Items'

Food	Housekeeping	Toiletries
Sugar Coffee Biscuits Tinned Vegetables Squash and soft drinks Tinned Custard Cereal (but not porridge) Gravy granules/stock Marmite	Toilet Rolls Toilet Cleaner Metal Scorers Strong Black Bin Liners Washing up liquid Washing powder Cleaning/Sanitising spray J Cloths Silver foil Anti-bacterial wipes	Deodorant (especially men's spray) Shaving Foam 3-ply razors Liquid Soap Shower Gel Good quality toothbrushes

Parents' Evenings

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

- **Tuesday 15th Oct 5 - 7.40pm (not Rowan Cl)**
- **Wednesday 16th October 3 - 5.30pm (Rowan Cl only)**
- **Thursday 17th Oct 5 - 7.40pm**

Sparsholt Primary School has an online booking system to easily arrange a 10-minute appointment to meet your child's/children's teachers during our bi-annual parents' evening events. Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section. The online booking system will be available for the above meetings from 7am on the 1st October.