

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



10th September 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021

Monday 4th October 2021, Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022

Some parent reminders for the start of the new school year

- **Communication with the school**

There are 3 email addresses you may wish to add to your contacts list:

adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk - this will send emails to our administration staff and should be used in the first instance. If you wish to direct the email to a specific member of staff, please use this email address and we will forward accordingly.

absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk - use this email address to notify us of your child's absence

dpo@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk - use this email for data protection questions, queries and issues

- **eSchools Text Service**

We use this texting service to inform parents of emergency school closures, last minute changes to trips and clubs, and reminders of events that are coming up. We can only use one mobile phone number per eldest/only child and we only have use of 160 characters - so expect very brief and to-the-point messages! You are unable to reply directly to any message you receive. We will automatically add the first mobile number located on your child's contact details to the text service database unless you request a different one.

- **Pupil Mail**

We urge you, along with your child, to check book bags at least once per week. You may find letters from the school office or your child's teacher, reading records and homework, and school staff would appreciate it if you could act upon these as soon as possible. If you have mislaid any letters you will find copies on the website: https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/letters_to_parents

- **Nut Free School!**

We have pupils and staff who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut derivatives. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of peanut/nut products and cross contamination. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:

- avoiding giving your child / children nuts and nut derivatives in school lunches and snacks - examples include peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella, snacks/bars containing nuts, sesame, pesto, nut oils, nut flours and nut milks. (This list is not exhaustive.)
- reminding children not to share their lunches.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of an allergic reaction. We thank you for your co-operation.

- **Data Information Sheets**

In the next week you will be receiving a hard copy of contact and other information we hold on you and your child/children. We request that you check, update and return (even if there are no amendments) so we can check the details we have are up to date. We would appreciate it if you could give us a minimum of 3 contacts in case of emergencies.

- **Medicine In School**

Please refer to our 'supporting children with medical conditions' policy which can be found on our website: <https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/policies>. Children should not come to school with medicines; parents must accompany them and give consent for any prescribed medicine required.

- **Lunches**

After a few months of our children eating a packed school lunch in their classrooms, we are finally back in the hall where a choice of a hot meat or vegetarian lunch will be served. Please take a moment to look at the options at Hampshire's Primary School Menu Website, week 3:

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
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

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

After School Clubs from 13th September 2021

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)

Jnr Football ☐ Senior Football ☐ Choir & Music ☐ Lacrosse ☐

After School Kid's Club

We offer an extended school provision (After School Kid's Club) for Year R through to Year 6 pupils, Monday to Thursday from 3.35 to 5.30pm during term time. Children take part in design, craft and other activities and during dry weather are able to use the play facilities outside.

If you are interested in starting / continuing to use After School Kid's Club from September 2021 please email the office with your child's name and days required.

Once we have your confirmation, you will be able to look online using our online payment facility to see the amount due for the Autumn Term. The cost is £9 per child per session, **payable termly in advance**. You can pay directly to the school office if you prefer, with cash or cheque payable to Sparsholt Primary School.

We do accept childcare vouchers (from your employer, if you joined their scheme before 4th October 2018) or you may be entitled to **Tax-Free Childcare** instead - visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare for more information.

There is some flexibility for parents to opt in and out of the club; however, we do ask for a minimum of 24 hours' notice for session cancellations.