



23rd October 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Karis Kids Village 'Bric a Brac' Sale (details over)

School Photographs (Portraits)

Virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations

1st February 2021, 21st June 2021

Saturday 23rd October 8 am - 12pm

Friday 6th November

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous first half term we have had. The children looked amazing today in their pyjamas and it seems very fitting to start the half term break like that as they most definitely all need a well-deserved rest.

This week has been all about courageous advocacy with not only today's Pyjama day raising funds for the school, but Oak class raising funds for our international charity, Karis Kids. Hopefully many of you were able to have a go at the 'raffle' and some of you luckier ones actually won - there were definitely a lot of goodies that should keep families going for at least the next week. We are thrilled to say that over £400 has been raised for this amazing charity, Karis Kids.

The Harvest Festival which will be uploaded shortly to the VLE, is truly amazing. The children have all worked so hard and I think it is something they should all be proud of. They have been fully engaged in the process from deciding on what to present, to rehearsing and filming. Some of the older children even took on the role of director. Again, their courageous advocacy in terms of bringing in items for the Winchester Night Shelter and their understanding of the important role it has, just shows the compassion they have for others.

Whilst there have been some challenges this first half term, the whole school community have definitely rallied together and I am so proud and grateful to the children, the staff and you, the parents for the support and understanding you have shown.

I really hope you all have a good half term holiday and are able to get outside and have some fun.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Parents' Evenings

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

- **Tuesday 10th November 3.50pm - 7pm**
- **Wednesday 11th November 3.50 pm - 7 pm**

We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child's teacher. The online booking system is now available until **Friday 6th November**. Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section.

We will be using Microsoft Teams to meet virtually with the teacher. A telephone consultation will be offered as an alternative if you do not wish to use Teams; this will take place at a mutually convenient time.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed having their vaccination yesterday at school, you can use the same online form to make an appointment at a Winchester drop-in clinic in November.

Please refer to the letter sent by email to all our parents on 30th September and again on 20th October for details on how to access the online consent form for flu vaccinations. (If you have mislaid your copy, please contact the school office). Please note:

- The online consent form will re-open today at approx. 10am
- Once you have completed the form, ring the telephone number on the letter to arrange a drop-in appointment.

Keep Hampshire Safe this half-term

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you all:

*Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise,
and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level.*

*We need **your help** to stop the spread of the virus,
so please continue following national public health guidance this half term.*

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6:
which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors.

Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.



Increase in Hampshire Lunch costs

Hampshire lunches will increase by 10p to £2.50 per day from 1st November 2020. The decision to increase the school meal price was taken at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People Decision Day (16 September 2020). Read the School Meals Decision Report online at hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings for more information.

Lunches from Monday 2nd November

After half-term, school lunches will continue to take place in the classroom bubbles. However, we will replace the picnic boxes with the hot picnic meat or vegetarian selection:

Children can either bring in a packed lunch from home or request a school lunch each day. For KS2 children, please top up your child's lunch account so there is credit in advance. If your child is likely to be late into school and wants a school lunch, please inform us before 9.30am. Thank-you

MONDAY	Pork or vegetarian sausages in a fresh tortilla wrap, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day.
TUESDAY	Chicken or vegetable goujons in a fresh tortilla wrap, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day.
WEDNESDAY	Homemade pizza or ham sandwich, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day.
THURSDAY	Freshly baked sausage roll or cheese sandwich, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day.
FRIDAY	Fish finger wrap or vegetable fajita wrap, fresh salad, fruit and, pudding of the day.

Year 7 Applications - Deadline Fast Approaching!

The national deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2021 is almost upon us - Saturday 31 October 2020 - at the end of the half-term. More information from Hampshire can be found on their website;

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>



Karis Kids

SPARSHOLT SCHOOL CHARITY

RAISING MONEY FOR KARIS KIDS
'BRIC A BRAC' AND CAKE SALE

SATURDAY 24TH OCT
SPARSHOLT MEMORIAL GREEN
8-12AM

COME AND DONATE TO PUT A SMILE
ON A CHILD'S FACE

ALL MONEY GOES TO CHILDREN IN KAMPALA, UGANDA