



14th December 2018

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	15 th February, 22 nd & 23 rd July 2019
KS2 Christmas Disco	Mon 17 th December 3:45pm
KS1 Christmas Party	Wed 19 th Dec 1.30pm
KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	Tues 18 th & Weds 19 th December from 6.30pm
FoSS Coffee Morning Meeting	Friday 18 th January 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers

Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children will be nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Creativity**

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Fearne	Nancy S	Cecily	Emily S	William
Compassion	Cordelia		Charlie D	Lula	Rosalind
Creativity	Olivia	Scarlett & Isabella	Seth	Jacob	Luke

This Year's Nativity

Years R, 1 and 2 in Willow and Beech performed their beautiful Christmas presentation- "The Nativity" in St Stephen's Church on Thursday. The church was packed with parents, grandparents and siblings who treasured every moment as our talented children told the story of the first Christmas. We were so proud of all the children who sang, rang bells and performed so beautifully, showing us what Christmas is truly about. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff who helped ensure it was a morning to remember, and especially Mrs Williams in Willow, for all the hard work behind the scenes and Mrs Leitzell who arranged all the music! Thank you to Rev'd Jax who welcomed us all so warmly into the church and shared a Christmas blessing as we all held hands. She gave thanks for the blessing of the Christ Child coming to us this Christmas: encouraging each of us to think carefully about what it means to love one another - to live our lives in and through justice, mercy and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Willow class start Pop-Lacrosse lessons!

It was wonderful to watch the youngest children in the school starting to learn the fundamentals of Pop-Lacrosse this week. It is a joy to see them following in the footsteps of the more experienced lacrosse players in KS2, currently training for the 2019 Regional and National competitions. Year R in Willow Class are being coached by English Lacrosse coach, Julia Bose, and the sessions will continue until the end of February. Julia is delivering an exciting coaching programme, designed to develop skills, such as stick handling, ground skills and passing and shooting. This programme will contribute towards Year R's physical development, agility, balance and coordination.



Jumper for Joy!

It really felt like Christmas had landed at Sparsholt C of E Primary School this morning as very excited children and staff arrived on the playground showing off their festive Jumpers - and what a selection of jolly Christmas jumpers there are in our community! All the money raised today will go to Save the Children, who work to help save children's lives and futures, for example: providing educational toys for children in the UK and blankets for New born babies' in Afghanistan, keeping them warm during their crucial first days. A big thank you to the kind children of Sparsholt who have raised over £100 so far!



I am sure you all have a busy and exciting weekend ahead of you, as Christmas draws nearer and nearer by the minute! Next week, we are looking forward to the KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties, the EYFS and KS1 visit to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal and the KS 2 Christmas Kaleidoscope presentation next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Advent Reflection

Today in celebration worship we reflected on the powerful song lyrics of, 'He's the King 'from our EYFS and KS1 Nativity Presentation.

This moment is magic, hold it in your hand
There's a new day dawning for the earth
God has sent his only son the Saviour Jesus Christ
He's the King we can believe in.

Thank you for your support and encouragement

My best wishes

Jane Gwilliam



Collection for Mrs Laver

We are collecting on behalf of parents for a leaving present for Mrs Laver. If you would like to give something, please leave your donation in a sealed envelope at the school office - thank-you. Mrs Parker will use the collection for a suitable leaving gift, but would appreciate all donations to be handed in by Monday 17th December, thank-you.

Christmas Cards

It is lovely to see so many of the children writing their own Christmas Cards. Please hand them out in class or at play-time.

Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (Monday 24th December) at 4 pm. Do come and join in with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. All are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

Music Tuition for Spring Term 2019

We are assuming all children learning an instrument with either Mrs Leitzell and/or Hampshire Music Service (HMS) will be continuing in the New Year. At the moment there are no spaces available for music tuition with Mrs Leitzell; however, if your child is interested in learning either a brass instrument or guitar / ukulele with HMS, please contact the school office.

Application to Sparsholt C of E Primary School (Year R) in September 2019

This is a reminder that the deadline for applying for a place for your child/children to start Year R in September 2019 is **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

You can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions, by requesting a paper application form from us or the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

It is important that you submit your application by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at your preferred school(s). All online applicants will receive an e-mail confirming that their application was submitted. If you are unsure, please contact the County Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

Clubs Reminder

No clubs next week! Please arrange pick-up / bus at 3.30pm, thank-you. (After school extended provision - Kids Club - continues as normal)

School Clubs commencing Monday 14th January 2019

The timetable of after school clubs will continue from January 2019. 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, *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.

All after-school clubs will finish at **4.15pm** for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers, we may change this time to **4.30pm** for outdoor clubs as the evenings get lighter - thank-you.

Day	After-School Clubs	Notes
Monday	Computing Club Yr 4 - Yr 6 (12 max) Netball Yr 4 - 6 (24 max) Artiology Club Yr 2 - Yr 6 Fencing Club (12 minimum)	Artiology Club - registration and payment directly to Halli Ormerod Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 jdsportscoaching@gmail.com
Tuesday	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Bench Ball Yr 2 - Yr 6 (30 max)	
Wednesday	Integr8 Mini Football Club Yr 1 - Yr 3 Integr8 Junior Football Club Yr4 - Yr6 Science Club Yr 1 - Yr 3	Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Science Club - register and pay online madscience.org
Thursday	Jnr Lacrosse Yr 3 & Yr 4 (20 max) Snr Lacrosse Yr 5 & Yr 6 (20 max) Recorder Club (Lunchtime) (Yr 1 - Yr 6) Fencing Club (12 minimum) - Lunchtime	Lacrosse is a paid for club through the school (£30 for 10 sessions) Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 jdsportscoaching@gmail.com
Friday	Integr8 Tag Rugby Yr 3- Yr 6 Integr8 Dance	Tag Rugby Club - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Integr8 Dance - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Dance 01962 808398

After School Clubs from 14th January 2019

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)

Computing Choir Bench Ball Netball

Jnr Lacrosse Snr Lacrosse Recorder Club Artiology Club