

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



5th November 2021

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021	Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27 th June 2022
Bags2School Collection	Monday 8th November
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 11 th November
School Improvement Plan presentation	Friday 12 th November 9.15am – see separate letter
Spots and Stripes or Something Bright - Children in Need	Friday 19 th November – see separate letter
Bring and Buy Toy Sale	Friday 26 th November
KS1 Nativity	Friday 10 th December – details to follow
KS2 Kaleidoscope	Tuesday 14 th December – details to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had yet another amazing week, which has continued to demonstrate the outstanding effort, empathy and dedication our children show. Our Pupil Worship team kick-started the week with an excellently researched and delivered presentation about climate change and how important it is to take action. They talked about the message 'one step greener' and highlighted many small changes we can all make now that will have a big impact on the future. They spoke passionately and clearly about the issues ensuring all the children understood and knew how to make a difference.

On Wednesday, our school football team played in a league match against St Francis school. Whilst the result did not go our way and it was at times a very tough match, Mr McGettigan reported that at no point did the children become despondent. In fact, right to the end they continued to work as a team, support each other and show a real passion for the game.

This week both Willow and Beech went out and about in Sparsholt Village to explore the local area. It was an absolute delight to receive an impassioned e-mail from a parent who had seen the children on their explorations and commented on what great ambassadors they were for our school.

Yesterday, Year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to Sparsholt College to take part in a kayaking session. The instructors commented on our children's excellent behaviours and enthusiasm.

This afternoon our reading buddy scheme was in full action. It was so amazing to watch the children support each other with their reading and witness their love of books and reading together.

The Pupil Worship Team have been busy putting together an update on the school's courageous advocacy activities so please look out for their letter.

Finally, as the temperatures continue to fall, can I please ask that all children are sent into school with a coat. In addition, on PE days please ensure children come dressed in non-branded navy blue or black jogging bottoms (not shorts), a PE T-shirt and either a PE hoodie or school jumper. We are still ensuring rooms are well ventilated and children can get cold when sitting in the classroom if they are not dressed appropriately.

I hope you have a lovely 5th of November weekend!

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	Emily	Isabella	Cordelia	Rocco	Lyla, Charlotte
Compassion	Joshua	Pippa	Cara	Soli	Olivia
Creativity	Evie	Eliza	Adam	Cecily	Emily

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 open 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.

Flu Vaccinations

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. A letter went home with children on Monday 1st November with all relevant information. The online Flu Vaccination consent must be completed by Monday 8th November to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Alternatively, click on the following link to access the online consent form: <https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>.

The unique code for our school is SH116317. The school cannot complete consent on your behalf; if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination, please ignore the letter; alternatively complete the online form and give a 'no' answer to consent.

Friends of Sparsholt School - Upcoming Activities

School Cookbook to raise funds for FOSS!

Do you have a favourite recipe you all enjoy, or that means something special to the family? It might be something you make every week, or something that's just for special days and holidays – either way we would love to hear about it. We are bringing together a unique recipe book with the whole school's favourite cooking and baking recipes, and we would be delighted if you would contribute. We will have the recipes bound into a beautiful book, which you can use for your own inspiration, or as a gift for family & friends.

To get a spread of ages and recipe types, rather than collect in by year, we will collect recipes by School House.

ROPE:	Sides, starters & snacks
WAVE:	Main courses
STAR:	Desserts & Puddings
KEY:	Baking (cakes, biscuits, breads)

If you have recipes for more than one category – please do send them in, however if you could still send one in for your child's House, then we should have a good spread of recipes. We would love to include vegetarian and allergen-free recipes, so if this is your family, please do send those.

We'd also love any drawings of food and, if you wanted to ask your child to write a couple of sentences on what they enjoy about the dish, that would be great too.

When the recipe book is ready, it will be available to buy to raise funds for FOSS. It would be super helpful if you could let us know sooner rather than later if you think you'll be ordering a copy – the price is likely to be around £10 – this will help us with the print run.

Send in on any format to Joanna.christie@hotmail.co.uk and marked 'School Cookbook'. If you'd like to send in a paper copy in book bags, the school will collect these on FOSS's behalf. **The deadline for both email and paper is Tuesday 9th November.** Happy cooking!



Christmas Artwork

Your children's festive artwork is now available online with lots of wonderful gift ideas for Christmas!

To access the artwork you can visit

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login>.

Enter the username **Sparsholt** and password **Px68k8Lf**.

Use the code "**Sparsholt**" before the 12th November for an extra 10% discount.

Working with
mychildsart Sparsholt C Of E Primary School

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

VIEW NOW
by logging into the
Parent Order Portal >
at www.mychildsart.co.uk/order
using the unique codes below.

Username

Password

NB: Username and password are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

VIEW NOW - This drawing will expire in December



Order your Christmas Tree!

Support your shop & school
order your Nordmann Fir
Christmas tree
by Friday 26th November

Order forms
available in
Sparsholt shop & school

5 - 6 ft	£38
6 - 7 ft	£48
7-8 ft	£57



All proceeds go towards the school and the shop
Trees will be delivered for collection outside the Hall on 5th December 2021



SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 9th year, Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School have teamed up with our reputable Christmas tree supplier to provide beautiful **Nordmann Fir non drop trees** at a reasonable price. The quality of the trees is excellent – if you want to know more, please ask around – we have provided hundreds of trees to the village and school over the years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 5th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with payment by **Friday 26th November**.

All money raised will go to the school and the shop.

Name: _____

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if poss) _____

Email address: _____

Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop)	Price per tree	Quantity required	Total amount (£)
3 – 4 ft	£27		
4 – 5 ft	£31		
5 – 6 ft	£38		
6 - 7 ft	£48		
7 – 8 ft	£57		
TOTAL			

For office use (please circle the method of payment given)

PAYMENT DETAILS: CASH / CHEQUE (made to FOSS) / ONLINE PAYMENT TO FOSS

Cheques payable to FOSS please

FOSS Bank Details: Account name: Friends of Sparsholt School.

Bank: Santander

Sort code: 090153

Account no: 35353282

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)