

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and a

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## Dates for your diaries

Return to school for Spring Term

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Inset Days

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what an amazing school community we have. The children have been a continual inspiration with their enthusiasm, focus and empathy for each other, and their desire to ensure the school can be the best it can be. The staff have continued to work tirelessly despite the ever changing goal posts. They have stepped up without question when others have been unwell, they have been flexible and proactive and continued to support each other through what at times has been a very challenging period. And through all of it they have kept smiles on their faces and have always ensured the children were at the heart of all that they do. The Governors have continued to show their utmost support to me as the Headteacher and ensured that they not only support the school but also provide the necessary challenge to ensure we continue to reflect and improve. And finally you as parents and carers - your kindness and understanding never ceases to amaze me when I know many of you are dealing with a multitude of challenges yourselves. It is this that makes our school so special – the fact that whatever is going on for everyone individually, people still pull together to support each other.

With the ever changing situation regarding Covid, I am sure that over the Christmas break schools will receive updated guidance from the Government about changes to the way we may have to operate in the New Year. Whatever the guidance is, we will ensure that the children continue to have amazing experiences and opportunities, even if we have to be creative in our approaches. I will be in touch again in the New Year to update you on any significant changes.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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.

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
<b>Courage</b>	Reuben	Penny	Alfie	Solomon	Beatrix
<b>Compassion</b>	Daisy	Felix	Gregory	Sheetal	Sophie S
<b>Creativity</b>	Allana	Harrison	Alexia	Jemima	Cecily

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award.

## School News

### Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website – [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

## School Clubs

The timetable of after school clubs commencing **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** is below. For some clubs we will have to stipulate a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will pull names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list. We ask for all school clubs to be **paid termly in advance** please. **Please look out for the payment coming through onto your SCOPAY account.**

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.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	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 – <a href="mailto:hallimarie@googlemail.com">hallimarie@googlemail.com</a>
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	<b>3:30pm – 4:15pm*</b>	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – <a href="mailto:jdsportscoaching@gmail.com">jdsportscoaching@gmail.com</a> 07554 442320
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 and 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Activeme360 – <b>please see flyer attached</b>
	Mad Science Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Mad Science – <a href="http://Wessex.madscience.org">Wessex.madscience.org</a>
Thursday	Lacrosse Club (Years 3 – 6)	<b>3:30pm – 4:15pm*</b>	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Friday	Integr8 Dance (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:natalie@integr8dance.com">natalie@integr8dance.com</a> 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children are unable to stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:natalie@integr8dance.com">natalie@integr8dance.com</a> 01962 808398

\* Due to the darker evenings, these clubs will finish at 4.15pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers. As the evenings get lighter, we may change this time to 4.30pm.

### After School Clubs from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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)

Senior Football       Choir and Music       Lacrosse



# 360 Football Skills Club

**Sparsholt C of E Primary Academy  
Football Skills Club**

**Wednesdays – Key Stage 1**

 **Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – 6<sup>th</sup> April**

 **Times: 3:30 - 4:30**

**Price: £3.60 per session**



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To change lives by  
improving health and  
wellbeing using the  
power of physical  
activity, sport and  
education.

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**Location:**

**Sparsholt Primary School.**

Woodman Lane, Winchester, Hampshire,  
SO21 2NR

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## Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS)

### Our weekly update!

#### FoSS UPDATE

What a busy last week it has been! It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying their FoSS Christmas parties on Monday. Then, thanks to your ever generous donations and support, we managed to raise over £400 through the sale of raffle tickets and refreshments at the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Kaleidoscope shows – thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Please see attached poster for Festive Winter Wander at Ham Green tonight, 4pm-6pm. Refreshments will be available to accompany your walk. Please note that due to the current COVID concerns, the school choir will unfortunately not be singing carols this year. Lights will stay up all weekend, so you can go at your own convenience if you can't make it tonight.

#### Future dates for your diary:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Curry Evening and Auction

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the New Year for more fun FoSS activities!



## **Christmas Activities**

### **Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve**

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December) at 4 p.m. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, children of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

We are still managing the COVID risk – if you would like to attend any Service in Church, please contact the Benefice Office on 01962 880845.

Face masks should be worn by adults on entering and leaving the Church but may be removed when you are in your pew.

### **Christmas Holiday Lunch Scheme**

Winchester Basics Bank is inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the Winchester city and surrounding areas) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for their Holiday Lunch Scheme. You do not need to be receiving Free School Meals to take advantage of this scheme; if you need a little extra help this year please apply. If you are in receipt of FSM shopping vouchers, we ask that you don't also claim for the food parcel too. The scheme will provide food for 10 lunches per child. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family - [www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help](http://www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help). Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal; rather than food items suitable for packed meals.