

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Bags2School	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 9am
Non Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Christingle Service in St Stephen's Church	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Flu Immunisation Yr R to Yr 6 (letters to parents 26/11/19)	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December from 1pm
School Choir singing at The Buttercross Winchester	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 4pm
KS1 Nativity	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
KS1 Christmas Party / KS2 Christmas Disco	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm / 3.45pm
FoSS Meeting in the Memorial Hall	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another jam packed week of trips and activities and of course amazing learning opportunities.

Rowan and Oak were incredibly fortunate to be invited to Winchester College for a science lecture and wildlife talk. They saw the incredible properties of liquid nitrogen in a live demonstration including seeing a banana being turned into an implement that could be used as a hammer! The children were transfixed when the wildlife presenter talked about his experiences with the Osprey and other birds of prey and were able to understand the complex nature of this amazing creature including its impressive migration patterns and its homing capabilities.

In Worship this week we have focused on the issue of bullying and talked about the importance of always being kind to others and always thinking about how we treat each other and what we say. We also talked about the importance of telling an adult in school if we witness unkindness or experience it ourselves so that it can be dealt with immediately.

As I write this, we are gearing up for Fab Friday and the PG Wells Book fair. Hopefully you enjoyed sharing your child's learning with them if you were able to come and also visited the book fair. This morning the children were able to ask questions to a published author and Sparsholt parent, Emma Nicole Lewis, who told us about the process of being a writer.

As many of you will know, we have had a new gate put in at the bottom of the steps by Rowan class to improve our onsite safeguarding measures. At the beginning and end of the day this gate will be open to enable parents access for pick up. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility this week when this access was blocked.

Finally, as the temperatures continue to drop, please can you ensure that your child has both a school sweatshirt / cardigan and a warm coat in school every day.

Hope you have a lovely 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. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Rory	Zac	Sophie	Nathan	Anya
Compassion	Fallon	Mima	Menorah	Seth	Joe
Creativity	Bryony V	Hugh	Patch	Charlotte	Madsy

## School clubs - change of finish time

The nights are well and truly drawing in, so we will be asking parents and carers to pick up children from all our after school clubs promptly at 4:15pm instead of 4.30pm, **week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Our extended school provision ('After School Club') finishes at 5.30pm as normal.

**Bag2Schools Collection - Tuesday 26th November**

Don't forget to have a clear-out this weekend of any unwanted clothes, shoes or house linens and donate them to our Bags2School collection on **Tuesday morning**. All proceeds go to FoSS.

You should have received a bag in your child's book bag but there are more in the office if you need them. A reminder of what they do/don't collect:

- Bags2Schools ACCEPT the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; jewellery; lingerie; socks; belts; soft toys; household linen; curtains; towels; bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
  - Bags2Schools DO NOT accept: duvets and blankets; pillows and cushions; carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniforms with and without logo; corporate clothing and workwear; textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.
- Please bring your bags into school on Tuesday morning. There will be a FoSS organised collection of bags from bus stops for those children using the dedicated bus service from Crawley and Littleton.
- Thank-you - Team FoSS

**Santa's Grotto at Sparsholt Christmas Fete on Saturday 30th November 10-2pm**

Once again we have managed to book a few hours of a very special person's time for our annual Santa's Grotto at Sparsholt Christmas Fete. Please could you help us by donating tubes of Smarties to be given as a token gift from Father Christmas to his little visitors. Apparently you can get a 4 pack for £1 in Poundland! Please give to Bonnie, or Lisa or leave at the school office.

**Win £500 for FoSS!**

Easyfundraising and Debenhams are offering an amazing opportunity for FoSS to WIN a £250 donation plus £250 to spend at Debenhams this Christmas. For a chance to win, we need everyone to download the free easyfundraising app. For every person who downloads the app between November 11th and December 15th, FoSS will get an entry into the prize draw.

Thank-you

**Clear out your Christmas Jumpers!**

No one wants to spend £20 on a new Christmas jumper for a few festive occasions right? So how about donating the jumpers your family have grown out of, to FOSS and we will hold a Christmas jumper jumble sale. Date of sale TBC (it will be well in advance of festive occasions!) but we will be selling all donations for £1-2 per jumper with all profits going to FoSS.

Bring your GOOD QUALITY / NEARLY NEW Christmas Jumpers to Bonnie or Lisa or Olivia North.

**Littleton Posada**

St Catherine's Church are once again organising a Posada around Littleton this Advent. A knitted nativity set travels from family to family, spending a night with each. Over the years they have had many exploits, including building an igloo, going ice skating and watching countless Christmas productions, but sometimes they are happy just to have a night in front of the TV! Photos from previous years can be seen on the Littleton Posada Facebook page. If you would like to join in, please email Carol Coleman on [carolcoleman123@hotmail.com](mailto:carolcoleman123@hotmail.com). The Posada is only open to families living in the village, but the launch service (10am on Sunday 1st December) which raises money for the charity Toybox, and the Crib Service (4pm on Christmas Eve when the Posada returns to church) are open to all.

**Tea towels in time for Christmas!**

FOSS and 134 budding artists have created a fabulous tea towel with all the Sparsholt School children's self-portraits on! They will cost £4 each. (Chq to FoSS or cash please) Please complete and return the attached slip with payment to get your hands on one or more of these limited edition works of art!

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**FoSS Tea Towels**

Child's Name.....Class .....

Number of tea towels required ..... Total enclosed £.....

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian



# Christmas Lunch at Sparsholt C of E Primary School



This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 19th December 2019**.

**Required from all our children** - please indicate preferred option so that HC3S can provide the chosen meal. (If your child does not wish to have the Christmas lunch, please return the form informing us):

**Turkey, stuffing ball, pork sausage and gravy**

or

**Vegetarian option, stuffing ball, vegetarian sausage and gravy**

Both main courses will be served with roast potatoes, garden peas and baton carrots.

A choice of dessert will be available:

**Christmas Biscuit**

or

**Jelly**

For the kitchen to order stock we need confirmation of numbers by **6<sup>th</sup> December latest** - please return this form to school office as soon as possible.

If your child does **not** normally have school lunches and is not in Years R,1 or 2, please send £2.40 into the school with this form; alternatively use our online payment service to credit your child's lunch account as soon as possible, thank-you.

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....



## SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREES

Now in our 7th 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 last six years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 8th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with either cash or a cheque (made out to FOSS) by **Thursday 28th November**.

**\*\*All money raised will go to both the school and the shop, but to make sure your money goes to the school, please hand in your completed request form with payment, to the school office.\*\***

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### Christmas Tree Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop)	Price per tree	Quantity required	Total amount (£)
3 - 4 ft	£26		
4 - 5 ft	£30		
5 - 6 ft	£35		
6 - 7 ft	£42		
7 - 8 ft	£50		
<b>TOTAL</b>			