

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



8th November 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	15 th Nov 2019, 14 th Feb 2020, 26 th June, 22 nd July
Fab Friday	Friday 22 nd November 3.30pm - 4.00pm
Bags2School	Tuesday 26 th November 9am
Non Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle	Thursday 5 th December
Christingle Service in St Stephen's Church	Friday 6 th December 9.15am
Carol Service with School Choir at St Stephen's Church	Sunday 8 th December 6pm
School Choir singing at The Buttercross Winchester	Tuesday 10 th December 4pm
KS1 Nativity	Friday 13 th December 9.30am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who would believe half term was only a week ago! I'm pleased to say that the children have come back fully energised and ready to learn. It is such a joy to see the eagerness with which they are engaging with their learning and the community spirit they all show.

On Tuesday, Rowan and Oak class attended the Winchester Cathedral Science Festival. The children totally immersed themselves in the light, sound, archaeology and engineering workshops and I am proud to say that the Cathedral staff commented on our pupils' excellent behaviour and engagement.

This week we have been looking at Remembrance and what it signifies including why the Poppy has become a symbol for it. The Pupil Worship team led another impressive Worship focusing on Remembrance and reminded the children of its importance. The children have shown their support for the great work the British Legion do, by purchasing poppies and other items, showing their understanding of community.

The children have shown great excitement this week as they have been given their new house team point cards. Year R were welcomed in to our House teams: Rope, Star, Key and Wave. The children will be able to earn points for excellent learning and behaviours including demonstrating our core Christian Values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity, for both their House teams and themselves. Bronze, Silver and Gold badges will be awarded to children as they earn the target amount of points for each award.

And finally, I would like to congratulate our new Parent Governor Mrs Jan Philp and thank her for stepping forward to assist and support with the governance of our school. This is such an important job and without the support of the Governors, we as a school would not be able to function as well and efficiently as we do.

Have a lovely weekend, and for those attending firework displays, Remembrance parades, and, of course, our own Willow Class children visiting the Hawk Conservancy next Monday, wrap up warm - winter is definitely upon us!

Kind regards

Mrs Hanratty

Core Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core 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	Jack	Madeleine	Ollie	Oli B	Elin
Compassion	Dixie	Aubrey	Sophie	Blake	Jess
Creativity	Hannah	Erin	Daisie	Hannah	Eddie

Parking at drop-off and pick up times

We understand car park spaces are at a premium at the beginning and end of the school day, so as an alternative we recommend "park and stride" - parking in Woodman Close, and using the public pathway at the back of the playground to access the school. If you do use this option, please take care not to obstruct driveways and disabled bays in front of the properties in the Close.

We have received a request from Sparsholt Village residents to remind parents not to park in the lane leading to 1-2 Church Cottages (off Woodman Lane) - both the farm and cottages need access at all times and as this is a single track lane, parking along it impedes that access.

Many thanks for your understanding.

School-Run Football Squad Training - Tuesday 12th November

Unfortunately, due to staff absence, the Football Squad training club is cancelled next week

Missing Fountain Pen

One of our Year 6 children has lost a special birthday present - a slim, black fountain pen with a silver nib and top. If any pupil or parent has found this, please can they return to the school office and we will make sure it is returned to its owner - thank-you.

***** Update: KS1 Nativity and Polling Day - Thursday 12th December *****

The Mosaic Room in the village hall is used as the local polling station, and the car park needs to be kept relatively free all day for voters to park. Because of this we have decided to move the Nativity Play to **Friday 13th December** so there will be more room for parent parking. Please amend your diaries!

Messy Stars - Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th November

Stars are mentioned many times in the Bible, from the creation in Genesis to St Paul's letters to the early churches, and in this month's Messy Church we find out why.

Join us 4-6pm in Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th November. For more information, contact Carol Coleman on carolcoleman123@hotmail.com, and to see photos from previous sessions, visit our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.

Think Differently about Dyslexia - Kids Workshop

A "Christmas Think Differently about Dyslexia - Kids Workshop" will be running on the **7th December** at Microsoft Store, Oxford Circus, London, 9-12:30 and 1.30-5. The aim of the workshop is to help children and parents understand resources available and how technology can help them through daily life.

This event is split into under 10' and Over 10's (30 Child Spaces in each) filled with useful information, demonstrations of assistive technology with loads of tips and tricks, fun, food and drinks for all.

Register Here: <https://www.microsoftevents.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x8448826abcd>

Aldi Stickers

Have you got any lying around at home? We are approximately 30 short which if reached, will allow us to enter the prize draw of £20,000 for the school! Please bring in on Tuesday latest, as closing date is at the end of the week for receipt of completed poster.

INTEGR8 SPORTS

**MULTI SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL
3:30-4:30 EVERY FRIDAY**

**Netball
Capture the flag
Archery
Dodgeball**

**Football
Cricket
Basketball
Rounders
and much more**

email:
info@integr8sportscoaching.com to sign up



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.****



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		
TOTAL			