



Dates for your diaries

9th November 2018

Inset Days
Non-Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle
St Stephen's Christingle Service
KS1 Nativity
KS2 Christmas Production

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July 2019
Thursday 6th December
Friday 7th December 9.15am
Thursday 13th December 9.30am
Tues 18th & Weds 19th Dec 6.30pm

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	Scout	Sophia S	Henry	Lylah	Gracie
Compassion	Cara	Adam	Livvy	Martha	Stanley
Creativity	Zac	Emily	Max	Teddy	Daniel

Freedom Concert at Winchester Cathedral

Members of our school choir (Elsa, Orla, Livvy, Lylah, Emily P, Lilianna, Amelia, Madsy, Sophia, Max and Sophie S) were delighted to be invited by Salisbury Community Choir to represent our school at The Freedom and Power of Song World Premiere at Winchester Cathedral last Saturday. The concert marked the centenary of the end of World War I and the power singing has had throughout history. It was a truly outstanding and memorable performance for all involved and a wonderful opportunity for our choir to sing at our magnificent cathedral. Thank you to Miss Burbridge and Miss Conroy for their inspirational leadership of our choir and for giving up their time to accompany the children during the rehearsals and the performance at the cathedral.



The Salisbury Community Choir hope the children singing at this event enjoyed the experience and they wish to give the children, and their parents a great big thank you and congratulations. Please find below the link to the official photographs: <https://ashmills.zenfolio.com/freedom>

Worship This Week- Act of Remembrance

Rev'd Jax helped us to think about Remembrance in worship this week. She explained why people wear poppies in November, as the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month draws near. She told us that the poppy is a symbol of remembrance, peace and hope and shows we have not forgotten what happened a long time ago. Rev'd Jax explained how special silence is and how powerful silence is for remembering and reflecting in our busy world.

The whole school took part in an Act of Remembrance in worship today, in honour of past and present service men and women who lost their lives for us to have better ones. We commemorated the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One as each one of us placed a poppy, as a symbol of peace and hope around our worship candles. We observed a minute silence after Oak Class recited the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' and we listened to The Last Post.

Stanley from Oak class led us in prayer:

Dear God,

We pray for peace.

Peace around our world between nations and individuals.

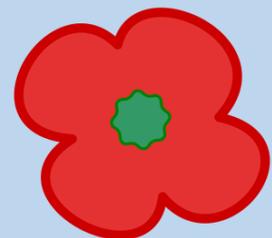
We pray for peace in our hearts.

We ask for courage to live a life full of love and compassion

Amen

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement

Lynn Laver (Headteacher)



Lest We Forget.

Update on the School Bus Company from Monday 12th November

Airlynx will be replaced by a bus company called Xelabus. They have sent out bus passes to all our children. They will be following the same route and timetable as before.

Bag2School Total

Thank-you to everyone who brought in their donations for our Bag2School Collection. Together we raised £162.40 for FoSS. The next collection will be on Wednesday February 27th.

Advent Calendars

Rev'd Jax and the parishes of The Downs Benefice have bought Advent Calendars to give to all pupils at Sparsholt Primary School from The Real Chocolate Company which tells the story of Christmas in a fun and memorable way. As in past years, dairy and gluten free alternatives will be given to children with specific dietary requirements. If any family does not wish their child/children to receive this Advent Calendar, could they please inform the School Office immediately.

Messy Holy Spirit - Saturday 10th November

This title may look familiar as we first ran this session in Littleton in June. However, many families were not able to attend, so we have decided to give you all a second chance! Join us from 4-6pm on Saturday 10th November, in Littleton Church Room, to find out more about the Holy Spirit through a variety of activities and crafts, and the Celebration in the church. We shall finish as usual with a cooked tea - all free of charge but donations towards the food are welcome.

For more information, visit our Facebook page: Messy Church in the Downs Benefice.



Christmas at Sparsholt C of E Primary School



This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 13th December 2018**.

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:

Chocolate Ice Cream

or

Satsuma

For the kitchen to order stock we need confirmation of numbers by **3rd 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 £2.30 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:

Clubs - Update on finishing time

As the nights become darker we will be finishing all clubs at 4.15pm from w/c 19th November

Artiology Update - Monday 12th November

As Mrs Ormerod is helping with the Year 6 trip to parliament, Artiology club will not be running next Monday.

School Football Team Sessions on a Friday commencing 16th November



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PLAYING THROUGH THE THIRDS

AND MUCH MORE

Science Club to commence in January 2019

We are excited to announce that Wessex Mad Science are going to start an after-school Science Club at Sparsholt Primary School from January 2019.

Mad Science sessions are hands-on and fun themed around a particular area of science and include such topics as electricity, magnetism, chemistry, forces, insects, light and many more. They are led by trained, qualified and dynamic instructors and follow professional lesson plans and use unique equipment and original materials and meet national curriculum standards.

The club will initially be open for Years 1-3 on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm starting 16th January.

The club will cost £32 per child for 5 weeks, payable in advance, half termly. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

Register at <https://register.madscience.org/wessex/afterschool-register.aspx>