

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



14th November 2019

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days	15th Nov 2019 , 14 th Feb 2020, 26 th June, 22 nd July
PG Wells Bookfair	Friday 22 nd November from 1.30pm
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
Flu Immunisation Yr R to Yr 6 (letters to parents 26/11/19)	Tuesday 10 th December from 1pm
School Choir singing at The Buttercross Winchester	Tuesday 10 th December 4pm
KS1 Nativity	Friday 13 th December 9.30am
FoSS Meeting in the Memorial Hall	Friday 14 th January 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week even though it's only been four days! A reminder that tomorrow is an Inset day for staff training.

Willow Class had a wonderful trip to the Hawk Conservancy Trust. They had a fascinating talk from an Owl Expert and saw owls in flight, this has really inspired them with their class work this week on the book 'Owl Babies'.

There was great excitement in Oak and Rowan Classes this week as I gave the children their new home/school reading diaries. Children in Willow, Beech and Maple Classes already use reading diaries and they are a great way of celebrating their reading and encouraging reading for pleasure. In regards to celebrating, children will be able to earn house points each week for reading and recording in their diary.

We held a whole school remembrance day collective worship on Monday. This was an opportunity to remember all those who lost their lives in conflicts.

Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to the PG Wells bookfair, details of which are below.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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	Olivia	Toby	Harry	Livvy	Tom
Compassion	Mia	Cecily	Beatrix	Timmy	Martha
Creativity	Berkeley	David	Nancy	Jack	Millie

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 sports clubs promptly at 4:15pm instead of 4.30pm, **week commencing 25th November**.

PG Wells Book Sale - Friday 22nd November

We are delighted to announce our Autumn Book Fair which this year is being run by P.G. Wells Bookshop, will be taking place Friday, 22nd November, between 1.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Teachers will be visiting the Book Fair with classes during the afternoon and parents are most welcome to take their children after school when they collect.

Books (fiction and non-fiction) will be available in the £1 to £10 price range. Children are welcome to bring money into school to spend during the afternoon when they visit the Book Fair with their classes, but parents can also visit with their children after school and pay then if preferred.

If children are bringing in their own money to spend it needs to be in a clearly labelled envelope with the child's name, class and amount.

PG Wells Book Sale extra - a Christmas present for parents and carers!

Our very own author mum, Emma-Nicole Lewis, will also have her latest historical time-slip novel, 'A Shadow Beyond', on display in the bookshop. Set in the present day and during the seventeenth century, a chilling and spooky mystery unfolds as the story follows the true events of a devastating plague outbreak in the Peak District village of Eyam. The book has received accolades across Goodreads and Amazon for being 'the best example of a time-slip story' and 'clever, moving, gripping and twisty'. Emma-Nicole will be joining the PG Wells stall to sign any copies of the book, which retails for £8.99.

Bag2Schools Collection - Tuesday 26th November

We have some spare bags in the office if you need them.

- 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.

Bags2 Schools will be collecting on Tuesday 26th November - please keep your bags at home until the morning of the 26th and bring into school then. 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

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.

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.

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 **6th 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		
TOTAL			