

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Welcome Meeting

FoSS Coffee Morning - All Invited

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September (date tbc)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I start off by saying what a pleasure it has been to meet all of your children this week. The enthusiasm and positivity they have all shown has been amazing and they should all be really proud of the attitude with which they have started this school year.

As I have walked around the school, I have witnessed a real buzz of excitement with children thinking about the year ahead and developing their own ideas and goals about what they want to achieve and how they will reach those goals. It is clear there is a real love for learning here.

I too, am very much looking forward to the year ahead and would like to say thank you for the warm welcome you, as parents, have given me. I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you better and working with you to ensure Sparsholt continues to be the nurturing and vibrant school that it already is.

If over the coming weeks there is anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Here's to a great year ahead.

I would like to introduce our new teaching staff: Mrs Morrissey in Willow and Mr McGettigan in Rowan. All the staff have worked really hard during the summer to prepare for this year and the school is looking fantastic.

### Welcome Meetings

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the Welcome Meetings for Year 1 - Year 6 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September (date tbc); this is an opportunity for you to meet the staff, visit your child's classroom, look at class routines, and find out about the curriculum, year group expectations and homework. The timings of the Welcome Meetings are as follows

- 5.30pm Year 1 Willow Class & Year 1/2 Beech Class (in Beech Class)
- 6.00pm Year 3 Maple Class
- 6.30pm Year 4/5 Rowan Class
- 7.00pm Year 5/6 Oak Class

Mrs Hanratty

### Core Value Awards

I was proud to commend our Core Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Three children are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Lucas	Henry	Menorah	Lyla	Ollie J
Compassion	Matilda	Adam	Annie	Charlotte	Jenna
Creativity	Fallon	Hattie	Rose	Timmy	Max

### School Safeguarding

- All the staff at Sparsholt believe our children's safety is paramount and we take safeguarding very seriously. We would therefore ask parents to always come to the school office at the front of the building for advice or assistance. Please do not enter the building through other doorways, unaccompanied. Thank-you for your understanding.
- Administration of medicine - please note that all children's medicine (prescription) must be left at the school office and the appropriate consent paperwork completed.
- Healthy snacks (NOT CONTAINING NUTS) can be brought in for morning break time. Please remind your children never to share any food with others and dispose of all litter in the bin
- Please note that we cannot guarantee supervision in the playground before 8.30am. Therefore, we request children do not enter the school grounds until this time.

### Music tuition from September 2019

We have some space for paid-for music tuition. Clarinet (Yr 3 +),- 2 spaces, & Recorder (Year 2+) - 1 space. First-come-first-served. Please contact the school office if interested.

### **Year R children school day for w/c Monday 9th September:**

- Monday-Thursday: mornings only 8:45-11:45am (leave before lunch)
- Friday: mornings with lunch 8:45-1:15pm (leave after lunch at school)
- w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September - full-time 08:45 - 3.30pm

### **Data Collection Forms coming home for checking**

Year 1 through to Year 6 children will be coming home today with a copy of the personal and contact details we hold on them. We would appreciate it if you could check and amend the form if necessary and return to the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. Please read the accompanying letter as we will also need consent to process the data of your chosen emergency contacts.

Year R forms will be sent to parents once the children have settled into school and we have received final contact details from parents.

### **Attendance**

We believe that every day matters in a child's education and this is backed up by research to show how crucial regular attendance is in ensuring children reach their full potential.

We urge, as parents that you:

- Ensure your child only misses school for reasons which are unavoidable, such as illness
- Always notify the school on the first morning of absence
- Try to avoid booking a family holiday during term time
- Talk to us if your child is reluctant to come to school.

In line with other primary schools, we would like to aim for 97% or above for every child's attendance this year. I really appreciate your support with this and know that many children achieve 100% attendance which is fantastic.

Please remember we have a dedicated absence email account; please contact us via this email address regarding your children's absence from school: [absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk)

### **End of Term Invoices**

Lunch invoices up to and including Friday 19th July were sent out in book bags at the end of last term. You can use our online facility (via the Sparsholt School website) to pay the outstanding amounts. If you would prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please return the invoice with your payment to school by the end of next week please.

Outstanding lunch invoices for last year's Year 6 children with siblings in school have been transferred to that sibling's account.

### **School Lunches from Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Just to remind parents, schools lunch costs increased this term to £2.40

### **Jacket Potato options (in addition to meat and vegetarian options)**

- Monday: Cheese & Beans
- Tuesday: Tuna Mayo
- Wednesday: Sausage & Beans
- Thursday: Tuna & Sweetcorn
- Friday: Vegetarian Sausage & Beans

### **What you have been up to over the summer holidays?**



Summer reading challenge - well done Nancy!



Nancy as a mascot at the Southern Vipers vs Western Storm (women's cricket match at the Ageas bowl)

### **Nuts in School**

We have pupils and staff who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut derivatives. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of peanut/nut products and cross contamination. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:

- avoiding giving your child / children nuts and nut derivatives in school lunches and snacks - examples include peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella, snacks/bars containing nuts, pesto, nut oils, nut flours and nut milks. (This list is not exhaustive.)
- asking children not to share their lunches.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of an allergic reaction. We thank you for your co-operation.

### **School Car Park Guidelines**

We would like to remind you of our car parking guidelines:

- Please do **not** move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for a few minutes longer and allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-ways in the car-park
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office (where the white lines are painted) impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour.
- There are 3 parking bays closest to the shop which are for the use of Post Office/Shop staff only and should only be used for a quick pick-up/drop off only.
- For safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park
- If you double-park in the car-park please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible
- An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground - we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays in front of some of the houses in the Close
- Please note we will not be able to offer the field as an over-flow car park during wet weather.
- Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass
- Finally we ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park

Thank-you

### **FOSS September Social**

Saturday 21st September 2019, 7pm - 12am  
Winchester Racquet & Fitness Club

Curry, disco, live band, bake off treats, raffle and auction!  
Welcome drink on arrival and cash/card bar.

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Tickets £25 per person

Payment details: FOSS Account SC 090153 Acc 35353282 or cash or cheque  
(FOSS)

If paying by bank transfer please reference your surname and email  
[friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com) with names

**If you would like to attend please pay before next Friday (13th) September  
so we can have final numbers for the venue.**



## School Clubs commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

All after school clubs will commence from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September (Extended School provision "After School Kids Club" commences from 5<sup>th</sup> September - see over).

We will be offering a new timetable of clubs after the school day from September. For some clubs we will be stipulating a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will be pulling names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list.

For any child registered in an after-school club who is unable to attend, parent/carers 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.

All after-school clubs will finish at 4.30pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers, we may bring this time forward to 4.15pm for outdoor clubs as the evenings become darker - thank-you.

Day	After-School Clubs	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club Yr 2 - Yr 6 Fencing Club (12 minimum)  Chess Club (Lunchtime) Yr 3 - Yr 6	Artiology Club - registration and payment directly to Mrs Ormerod hallimarie@googlemail.com Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 <a href="mailto:jdsportscoaching@gmail.com">jdsportscoaching@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Bench Ball Yr 2 - Yr 6 (30 max) Football Squad Club Yr 4 - 6	
Wednesday	Integr8 Mini Football Club Yr 1 - Yr 3 Integr8 Junior Football Club Yr4 - Yr6 Netball Yr 4 - 6 (24 max)	Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398
Thursday	Jnr Lacrosse Yr 3 & Yr 4 (20 max) Snr Lacrosse Yr 5 & Yr 6 (20 max) Recorder Club (lunchtime) (Yr 1 - Yr 6) Fencing Club ( lunchtime, 12 minimum)	Lacrosse is a paid for club through the school (£30 for 10 sessions) Fencing is a paid for club registered and payment directly to Jonathan Mann 07554 442320 <a href="mailto:jdsportscoaching@gmail.com">jdsportscoaching@gmail.com</a>
Friday	Integr8 Multi-Skills Yr 1- Yr 6 Integr8 Dance	Multi-skills Club - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Integr8 Dance - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Dance 01962 808398

### After School Clubs from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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)

Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bench Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Netball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Football Squad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jnr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snr Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorder Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chess Club	<input type="checkbox"/>

## DO YOU HAVE A PET?

**The annual Pet Service,  
led by Mrs Wesley  
and  
Sparsholt School,  
will be held  
on the Green in  
Woodman Close, Sparsholt  
on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
at 10.00 a.m.**



**Bring your Pets  
(and a chair to sit on!)**

**If you don't have a pet, still  
come to see the animals,  
bring a cuddly toy,  
join in the Service  
& enjoy  
the refreshments afterwards.**

