

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Dates for your diaries

23rd November 2018

Inset Days

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July 2019

Non-Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle

Thursday 6th December

St Stephen's Christingle Service

Friday 7th December 9.15am

KS1 Nativity

Thursday 13th December 9.30am

Christmas Jumper Charity Day (details to follow)

Friday 14th December

KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope

Tues 18th & Weds 19th December from 6.30pm

FoSS Coffee Morning Meeting

Friday 18th January 8.45am

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	Toby	Harry	William N	Grace	Josh
Compassion	Madeleine	Scarlett	Isabelle	Lilianna	Elin
Creativity	David	Julia	Megal Bl	Ollie	Claudia

Smart Inside and Out!

Many thanks for your continued support with ensuring your child comes to school in our smart school uniform. We have been reminding the children every day in worship this week of our high expectations of school uniform. We talked about how proud we feel when we are looking smart and of the wonderful sense of belonging we feel to be part of the dream team here at Sparsholt C of E Primary School!

All children are expected to wear full school uniform which is: Sparsholt school polo shirt, Sparsholt school sweatshirt or cardigan with school emblem, grey/navy trousers or skirt or shorts, grey/navy socks or tights and black shoes. Our expectations with regard to our school uniform are high, please refer to the school website if you are unsure.

Christingle Collection

Today your child has come home with the Children's Society collection money box. Please give generously by filling the tube with any spare change you might have. Don't forget to send your child to school with their filled money box to present at our magical service on Friday 7th December. All money collected will make a massive difference to children in the UK who need care, security and support. Together we can show children that they are not alone this Christmas.



Yr 6 tackle the Sparsholt College Climbing Wall!

Yr 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the impressive and challenging, state of the art climbing wall at Sparsholt College Activity Centre this week. Student Outdoor Instructors coached the children to climb various routes on the 8.4 metre wall including, negotiating natural rock features and climbing blindfolded!

Cameron Bespolka Memorial Wildlife Talk

Four Winchester College Mini Buses arrived at school on Wednesday to transport children in Yrs 4,5 and 6 to the college lecture theatre, where television wildlife presenter Nick Baker presented his highly entertaining and fascinating talk entitled, *Weird Creatures!*

He told the children how he had been inspired as a ten-year-old boy by the many hours he had spent at the Natural History Museum with his grandmother. It was here, during his numerous visits, he found out about the extremely rare Pink Fairy Armadillo. Nick told us he spent many years dreaming about finding the creature until one day he persuaded a film crew to travel to western Argentina with him to find one! He told us many tales of his travels to the wildest parts of the planet, in search of the Pink Fairy Armadillo and many other weird, bizarre and incredible creatures. Nick's talk certainly opened our eyes to the extraordinary and exciting natural world and how we need to continue to work hard to save it!



Worship this Week- Finding God is discovering Treasure

This week in worship we thought about the importance of a relationship with God. The Worship Team: Maisie, Claudia, Cara, Millie, Elin and Cecily enacted the story Jesus told about the jewellery buyer, who searched a thousand different pearl shops before they found the perfect pearl. They explained that Jesus told this story to help people understand that knowing God is the most important discovery that anyone can ever make. A person might come to know God after a very long search like the jewellery buyer and the pearl.

The worship team explained that Christians believe that knowing God is worth more than all the possessions that they own and to know God is worth more than a box of treasure or the perfect pearl.

Maise led us in reflection and Cara led us in prayer:

Dear God

Help us to keep searching in our discoveries of you.

Thank you for all that you have given us.

Help us to realise which things matter most in our lives

Amen

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement

Lynn Laver (Headteacher)



Telephone downtime next week

Please be aware that our telephone lines will be down between 8am and 1pm on Tuesday 27th November. If you need to contact the school, please make use of email - adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Next week's bus

Hampshire Transport will be switching to a new local company to transport our children to and from school commencing Monday 26th November. You should have received the new bus passes from Hampshire Transport. The new company - Mervyn's - will be following the same route and timetable as before.

Now that we have a coach with seatbelts available again, we would like to remind you that children should be arriving in school no earlier than 8.30am. We cannot guarantee an adult will be available to supervise in the playground until this time. If you need to drop off your child any earlier than 8.30am we would request you remain with them until 8.30 when we are able to offer playground supervision.

Are you a parent whose child travels to school using home to school transport services funded by Hampshire County Council?

If so, the Home to School Transport Team in Children's Services would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this short survey: <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=153001686545>

The team wants to improve the service and the information that it provides about it so your feedback will be valuable in helping them to do that.

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 and cost £31.25 per child for 5 weeks, payable in advance, half termly. Places are limited.

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

Application to Year R in September 2019

This is a reminder that the deadline for applying for a place for your child/children to start Year R in September 2019 is **midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

You can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions, by requesting a paper application form from us.

The Hampshire County Council website contains information about the application process and individual schools in Hampshire.

It is important that you submit your application by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at your preferred school(s). All online applicants will receive an e-mail confirming that their application was submitted.



Christmas Lunch 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: