

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Dates for your diaries

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Inset Days

Non-Uniform Day for FoSS Christmas Raffle

St Stephen's Christingle Service

KS1 Nativity

Christmas Jumper Charity Day (details to follow)

KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope

FoSS Coffee Morning Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> & Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

	<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rowan</b>	<b>Oak</b>
<b>Courage</b>	Melisa	Isabella	Hannah	Blake	Layla
<b>Compassion</b>	Alexa	Anna	Charlotte	Orla	Luke
<b>Creativity</b>	Adam	Jemima	Will J	Jamie	Elsa

### The Good Ship Sparsholt Ship- Shape!

Many thanks for your support with school uniform, the children have looked fantastic this week and we really appreciate your help with our drive for excellence.

### Board Game and Card Games Wanted!

We would like to improve the quality and range of board / card games available to children during wet playtimes and lunchtimes. Although our ever supportive FOSS have agreed to purchase some classic games for each class, we would be extremely grateful for any donations of games, in pristine condition. For example: Chess, Junior Monopoly, Guess Who, Connect Four, Frustration, Dobble and Uno.

### Willow Class Fire of London Bake-off!

There was a delicious smell in Willow Class this week as year 1 put on their aprons and baked bread, just like Thomas Farrier did in his Pudding Lane bakery in 1666. Our young bakers weighed ingredients, kneaded dough and left it to rise before baking. They were delighted to take the freshly baked rolls home to enjoy with their families.

### Countdown to Christmas!

We were overjoyed today when Rev'd Jax came into school to present every child with a gift of a fabulous Advent Calendar, produced by The Meaningful Chocolate Company. Behind each window there is a Fairtrade Belgium Chocolate and behind the first window is a beautifully illustrated Christmas Story booklet. This generous gift was kindly donated by the Parishes of The Downs Benefice.



### *Super Scientists in Rowan Class*

This week our budding scientists from Rowan Class conducted a fascinating experiment to investigate how the digestive system works.

Rowan Class Science reporters Madsy, Lilianna, Ollie and Jamie explained, "We placed a cracker and banana into a plastic bag, which represented the stomach and crushed the contents together. This represented the chewing stage. Next, we added orange juice to represent the stomach acid. By gently pressing the contents of the bag together, we observed the mixture turning to paste. We then transferred the mixture to some tights, representing the large intestine. It was great fun and rather gross, then it was time to squeeze and push the mixture out through the tights into a cup, representing the body getting rid of waste it does not want!"



What a fabulous experiment, well done Rowan!

*Worship this Week-Shine like stars in the Universe!*

In Worship this week we thought about how God made every single one of us to 'Shine Like Stars in the Universe'. Inspired by the verse from Philippians 2 V 15, we thought about our potential to shine light in the darkness and to use the teachings of Jesus to guide us in all we do.

We found inspiration as we prayed together:

Dear God,

Lord of the loving heart,

May mine be loving too.

Lord of the gentle hands,

May mine be gentle too.

Lord of the willing feet,

May mine be willing too.

So may I grow more like you

In all I say and do.

Thank you for your support and encouragement

Best wishes

Jane Gwilliam



### **Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember to bring in wine, chocolates and any other festive treats next Thursday to contribute to our Christmas raffle which is held at the KS1 nativity and KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscopes. As a thank you children can wear non uniform for the whole day.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children.

So come to school in your brightest, most festive woollies and bring in £1 to donate and you will be giving children the chance to build a better future.

### **Christmas Card Stamp Collection**

Please help raise money for the M.E association this Christmas by collecting your stamps.

Simply tear off stamps from Christmas cards /general mail and pop in the box labelled M.E stamp collection in the school reception. Such a simple way to raise money, it's worth encouraging relatives to join in!

### **Application to Sparsholt C of E Primary School (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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions), by requesting a paper application form from us or the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

The Hampshire County Council website contains information about the application process and individual schools in Hampshire. Information on the website about the application process is also included in Hampshire County Council's brochure "A parent's guide to applying for a school place in the main admission round, School Year 2019/2020", available on request from the Admissions Team. Reference copies are also available in Hampshire libraries and schools.

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. If you are unsure, please contact the County Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

### School Clubs commencing Monday 14th January 2019

The timetable of after school clubs will continue from January 2019. 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, *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 **4.15pm** for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers, we may change this time to **4.30pm** for outdoor clubs as the evenings get lighter - thank-you.

Day	After-School Clubs	Notes
Monday	Computing Club Yr 4 - Yr 6 (12 max) Netball Yr 4 - 6 (24 max) Integr8 Rugby Yr 4 - Yr 6 (18 max) Artiology Club Yr 2 - Yr 6	Rugby Club - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Artiology Club - registration and payment directly to Halli Ormerod
Tuesday	Choir Yr 1 - Yr 6 (30 max) Bench Ball Yr 2 - Yr 6 (30 max)	
Wednesday	Integr8 Mini Football Club Yr 1 - Yr 3 Integr8 Junior Football Club Yr4 - Yr6 Science Club Yr 1 - Yr 3	Football Clubs - registration and payment directly to Integr8 Sport 01962 808398 Science Club - register and pay online (details below)
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 (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 14<sup>th</sup> January 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)

Computing       Choir       Bench Ball       Netball

Jnr Lacrosse       Snr Lacrosse       Recorder Club       Artiology Club

### 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>

### **Reminder - 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 just a few minutes longer to allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-walks 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
- For health and 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 the winter months. We will review again late into the Spring term
- 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