



Dates for your diaries

16th 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

15th February, 22nd & 23rd July 2019
 Thursday 6th December
 Friday 7th December 9.15am
 Thursday 13th December 9.30am
 Friday 14th December
 Tues 18th & Weds 19th December from 6.30pm
 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	Sebastian	Rose	Lyla	Livvy	Claudia
Compassion	Erin	Nancy H	Sophia	Oscar	Jenna
Creativity	Oscar	Patch	Charlie D	Amelia	William

Year 6 Visit to Parliament

Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday. First they visited the House of Lords and were then led through the Division Lobby into the House of Commons. At the end of the guided tour the children stood at the entrance to St Stephen's Hall full of awe and wonder as they marvelled at the new art installation, 'New Dawn' designed by Mary Branson. The stunning light sculpture celebrates 150 years since the campaign for women's rights began. Year 6 were delighted that Steve Brine surprised them by taking time out of his schedule to meet them in St Stephen's Hall for a Q and A session. They returned to school full of the excitement of their day and feeling empowered and determined to become future voters.

Creative History Experience with Jane the Baker!

Jane the Baker visited year R, 1 and 2 on Wednesday for a truly memorable and irresistible learning experience. After a short introduction the children became a living tableau of 1666 London. With the addition of authentic costumes and props the children re-enacted the progress of the devastation and attempts to manage The Great Fire of London. The interactive story telling enabled the children to gain a deeper and wider understanding of the events. Having escaped to safety the children took part in artefact handling and recording activities to develop their analytical history skills.



Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who brought in coins to cover our giant Pudsey Bear today. Pudsey gleamed with the shimmer of silver and gold coins! All your change will go towards changing the lives of young people all over the UK. At first glance it looks like we will have raised well over £100!



Worship this Week- Do you see me?

This week our worship team: Lizzy, India, Jess and Layla led a thought provoking worship explaining that God never loses sight of us! We thought about why it is important to notice people and what it feels like not to be noticed. The worship team enacted the story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19, their lively acting illustrated beautifully that Jesus noticed Zacchaeus when no-one else did! We reflected on Psalm 139: "The darkness is not dark to God; he sees me in secret places". We thought about God noticing us when we are lonely, tired and worried. He never stops noticing us!



Lizzy from Oak class led us in prayer:
 Dear God, Thank you that you always notice us.
 Please give us eyes to notice people who are lonely
 and help us to always make others feel wanted. Amen.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement
 Lynn Laver (Headteacher)

Clubs - Update on finishing time

As the nights become darker we will be finishing all clubs at 4.15pm from next week

Littleton/Crawley Bus Update

The bus company we are using at present, Xelabus, have been unable to offer us a large enough coach with seatbelts; therefore, Hampshire Transport will be switching to a new local company from w/c 26th November - Mervyns - which does have a coach large enough and with seatbelts to accommodate our children. However up until Friday 23rd November Xelabus will still be taking our children to and from school, without seatbelts.

Hampshire Transport will be sending out new Mervyn's bus passes to all parents for the new company in due course. Mervyn's will be following the same route and timetable as before.

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 £31.25 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>



SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 6th 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 2nd 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 **Friday 23rd November**.

All money raised will go to the school and the shop.

Name: _____

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if poss) _____

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	£34		
6 - 7 ft	£41		
7 – 8 ft	£50		
TOTAL			

Last date for orders is FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2018

Cheques payable to FOSS please
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: