

SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS
22nd September 2017

Dates for your diaries

Inset Dates (2017/18)

Portrait Photographs
Sparsholt Pupils Art Exhibition
School Improvement Harvest Gathering for Parents
Harvest Festival

26th Jan 18, 19th Feb 18,
25th May 18, 23rd July 18
Tuesday 26th September 1.15pm
Thursday 28th September 2.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October, 6.30 pm
Tuesday 10th October 9.30am

Weekly Update from Mrs Laver

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had some exciting project hooks this week; a visiting Stone Age Man left artefacts on the field, some children took a crayon on a magical journey and others found themselves in a virtual African landscape! It is so wonderful to see all our children fully immersed in our new integrated curriculum. We look forward to the outcomes later in the term.

I am pleased to inform you that our Mosaic Awards for this week have been presented to;

<i>Willow Class</i>	<i>Beech Class</i>	<i>Maple Class</i>	<i>Rowan Class</i>	<i>Oak Class</i>
Anna	Sophia W	Oscar	Cara	Joshua, Elsa
Annie	Charlie A	Lula	Jacob	Stanley, Jackson

Scarecrow Home Learning Challenge

Supporting St Stephens Church Village Scarecrow Competition, we would like each *family* to design and create a scarecrow for the Harvest Supper this year.

Year 6 Visit to Parliament

Our year 6 returned from their visit from Parliament full of joy, having learnt a great deal from their day. They met Steve Brine who kindly spent half an hour with our children answering questions about his job as an MP.

Art Exhibition - Thursday 28th September, 2.30pm-4.30 pm

The children have all been working very hard this week on their artwork with the theme, 'What a wonderful World'. Parents and friends are invited to come along to view Gallery in the hall from 2.30pm next Thursday. Framed pictures will be available to purchase at a cost of £7 each.

(CASH ONLY please)

Nearly New Wooden Cricket Bats

We have 6 high quality wooden cricket bats, which are unsuitable for school use for sale at £5 each (proceeds to school funds.) Please see Mrs Gwilliam.

Playground Update

I have spoken to the contractors this week and, thanks to all your efforts last term we are able to proceed with the final phase using funds we already have! I will let you know when the work is due to be completed.

School Improvement Harvest Gathering - Tuesday 3rd October, 6.30pm

You are invited to join all the staff for a glass of wine and harvest nibbles. We will be sharing a short presentation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Please indicate on the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement,

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Lynn Laver - Acting Headteacher



Nathan

Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant in reporting any illnesses present in their homes, including stomach bugs, chicken pox, measles etc. Nathan in Year 3 is currently very vulnerable to any possible infections and as a school community we want to ensure his parents are informed of any possible risks. Thank you for your help.

School W/P Fleece Missing!

Please make time to check your child's uniform. Rocco (Willow Cl) has mislaid his school waterproof fleece. It has his sister's name in it (Gracie). If you find it could you please return to school.

Portrait Photographs – Tuesday 26th September from 1.30pm

Please note that the school photographer will be in school next Tuesday afternoon to take individual portrait photographs of all our children which will then be available for parents to buy.

Year R parents – please look out for a parent opt-out letter in book bags with details of this year's Hampshire Echo First Class supplement.

Football Squad Training for Year 5 & 6

Mr Lamb will be offering training to Year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30pm. Please contact the school office if your child is interested. This is a free club to those children who wish to represent their school in the football team!

Times Table Club for Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6

Mrs Rowe will be in school bright and early to run a weekly times table club on a Wednesday morning from 8.30am for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children.

FoSS Meeting – 8.45am – All Welcome!

Don't forget there is a FoSS (Friends of Sparsholt School) coffee morning, on **Friday 29th September** at 8:45am drop-off. All parents welcome – refreshments available.

Head Teacher Recruitment Update

Following on from the letter you received a few weeks ago, we wanted to let you all know that the position is now being advertised again. The closing date is the 3rd November and we hope to be interviewing at the beginning of December. We continue to have excellent support from the County Education team namely Ann Truman and Andrew Yeoman who both have a substantial amount of experience supporting the recruitment of Headteachers.

As always please let any member of the recruitment panel know if you have any questions at all - Katy Cobbold, Jeremie Bennett, Kathy Bamber, Rev Jax or Vic Parker.

Well Done Reuben!

Reuben (Oak Cl) took his chance in entering a BBC Match Of The Day magazine competition knowing there would probably be at least another 10,000 entries...but the luck paid off and Reuben is now the proud owner of a Ronaldo home team shirt with Ronaldo's name on the back and his number - 7!

How did he win? Well, he had to answer the following question:

*Which of these tournaments has Cristiano Ronaldo **not** won?*

(a) *Champions League* (b) *European Championship* (c) *World Cup*

Check to see if you have picked the correct answer by visiting the last page of this newsletter!



Sparsholt Village Scarecrow Competition

Sparsholt Village is holding its first ever Scarecrow Competition next month. It is open to all residents of Sparsholt and pupils (please see whole school home learning challenge leaflet) of Sparsholt C of E Primary School.



The plan is that the Scarecrows will be made ready to display around the village, in people's gardens and outside the school, from the **1st October**. Then they will be moved to the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 7th October** to be on display at the Harvest Supper that takes place at 7pm that evening. The Mayor of Winchester will attend the Harvest Supper where he will judge the competition. There will be lots of prizes!

To help people to prepare their Scarecrows, there will be a **Scarecrow Making Workshop** in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 23rd September** between **10 am and 11.45am**.

- There will be straw, paints, glue, string, canes to use
- Please bring anything else you need to create your scarecrow (hats, gloves, wool, wellies, tights, shoes, stuffing, newspapers etc.)
- Teas, coffees, cold drinks and cakes will be available to purchase on the day.
- £3 per scarecrow donation in aid of St. Stephen's Church

Tickets for the Harvest Supper are on sale in Sparsholt Village Shop; people whose Scarecrows are on display will get some money back on the cost of their tickets.

Harvest Festival - Tuesday 10th October 9.30am

We are looking forward to seeing parents at the Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 10th October** at 9.30am in St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt. This year, along with St Stephen's Church, we are supporting the Winchester Nightshelter as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. The Nightshelter has given us a list of items they really would like to receive, if you are able to help. Please see below for a list of their preferred donations. Pupils should bring donated items to school on the **Tuesday morning** (10th October) to take to the church – thank-you.

Harvest list of 'Most Wanted Items'

<i>Food items</i>	<i>Domestic items</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tea Bags• Coffee (instant)• Hot Chocolate• Biscuits• Chickpeas• Noodles• Rice• Brown sauce/tomato ketchup/mayonnaise• Tinned vegetables – peas, beans, mushrooms, sweetcorn• Tinned custard• Evaporated / condensed milk• Healthy cereals (no porridge please)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shampoo• Toilet rolls• Kitchen roll• Anti-bac spray• Floor cleaner• Dish cloths• Tea towels

Save The Date! - Friday 13th October 2017

Come and join FOSS for a fun packed evening of entertainment for parents, carers and friends of Sparsholt School at the **Little Kitchen Bistro (Headbourne Worthy) from 7.30pm - 11.00pm.**

Please make a note of the date, book a babysitter and gather your friends for a great night out! Tickets are £40 per person to include a three course dinner and half a bottle of wine. Tables of 6 or 8 available if you want to come as a group or a great opportunity to meet new parents.

Year 6 leavers parents - a great opportunity to catch up after a few weeks of senior school - come back and join in the fun!

- Tickets available in the playground (cash or chqs payable to FoSS) or email katiesimpson08@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Numbers are limited so don't miss out.

- **AUCTION OF PROMISES PLEDGES REQUIRED**

As part of the 13th October evening we will be running an Auction of Promises. We already have a number of generous 'Promises' but we still need more and hope that the majority of contributions will come from YOU, the parents, carers and Friends of Sparsholt School.

We would be hugely grateful if you could offer your time, skills and services in the form of a 'promise'. Maybe you have a particular skill or craft, or you know someone who has, and would be willing to support our school.

Some ideas of ways to help at the Auction

Can you.....

- bake a cake, cook a meal or do any DIY?
- give lessons or tuition (driving, cycling, music, languages)?
- offer computing, translation, PA skills?
- do some ironing, cleaning, gardening, dog walking, car washing, babysitting?

Do you...

- own or manage a shop or business which could contribute goods or services?
- own a holiday accommodation - from a villa abroad to a caravan or camping equipment which could be offered for a weekend or more?
- have contact at theatres, cinemas, film studios, sporting venues, which could offer guided tours or tickets?

Are you...

- an Artist, Painter, Sculptor willing to donate work or offer a commission?
- a Councillor, Lawyer or Solicitor willing to offer an hour's advice?
- a Homeopath, Reflexologist or Aromatherapist prepared to offer a consultation?
- a Hairdresser, Florist or Beauty Therapist willing to offer your services?

All offers gratefully received. Please email katiesimpson08@gmail.com for a pledge form if you can help

Charity Fund Raising Boden Sale

Fri 13th October 6-8pm & Sat 14th October 10am - 2pm at Crawley Village Hall, Crawley SO21 2PR

In the past few years we have run this event and it has proved to be "a nice little earner". So it seemed silly not to do it again. Come along for a browse before you head off to the Autumn Dinner or come and have a look with a coffee the following day to soothe your hangover!

Boden will deliver their new Autumn/Winter collection to Crawley Village Hall on Friday 13th October from 6pm. Chilled Prosecco and nibbles will be ready for you whilst you browse through the collection. If you can't make Friday evening come along the following day between 10am and 2pm for coffee and cake.

The women's, men's and children's collection with accompanying shoes and accessories will all be there in different sizes and colours for you to see, touch and try on and the first 40 people through the door will receive a free gift!

As a charity FoSS, (Friends of Sparsholt School) will receive a donation of 10% of your order if you are an existing customer and 20% if you are new to Boden.

Bring all your friends and relatives because if you bring someone who is new to Boden and they place an order you will get £25 credit on your account. You will also get 20% off your order that day with free postage and returns. There is also a £50 Boden voucher being raffled, £5 per ticket. So you could even win the first £50 off your order too! We will be selling raffle tickets in the playground nearer the time too.

If you cannot make it, please let us know as we can give you the special code to use to still get 20% off your order with free postage and returns and you will also add to our commission.

Please pass this on to anyone you feel may also want to see the collection and place an order.



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You are invited to join all the staff for a glass of wine and harvest nibbles. We will be sharing a short presentation of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). To give us an idea of numbers, please complete this reply slip and return to the school office by Friday 29th September, thank-you:

I/We would like to attend the School Improvement Harvest Gathering

Name:

Number of adults attending

Signed

Date: