

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

26th November 2021

Here's what's in the newsletter this week!

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- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021
Non-uniform / Christmas Jumper Day
Sparsholt Christmas Market
KS1 Nativity
School Christmas Parties
KS2 Kaleidoscope
School Christmas Lunch

Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022
Friday 3rd December
Sunday 5th December
Friday 10th December - **9:45am in the playground**
Monday 13th December
Tuesday 14th December - **2:15pm in the playground**
Thursday 16th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been a hive of activity with our Eco-Warriors expertly organising their Soft Toy sale in aid of Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Program and the Marine Conservation Society. It was so lovely to see children parting with their old toys and 'adopting' new ones ready to be loved again. I had the pleasure of seeing Year 3 returning from choosing their new toy and the excitement on their faces was palpable.

During our Celebration Worship, the Worship team ensured that the whole school clearly understood the great work done by these amazing charities and what the money from their kind donations would be used for.

Whilst Christmas is still a little way away, some preparations have started for the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope. As you will all know from my email earlier this week, we have made the decision to hold both of these events outside. We very much want you to be able to see the children perform and the children to be able to experience a live audience, and feel this is the safest approach to be able to achieve both. As I said in my email, we will make sure the children are wrapped up warm and the audience are more than welcome to bring camping chairs (and blankets) to make their viewing experience more comfortable.

I want to thank you all again for the wonderful support you continue to show. I truly do believe we are very lucky to have the school community that we do.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Henri A	Edi	Madeleine	Fearne	Daisie
Compassion	Henry R	Bryony	Melisa	Zac	Charlie A
Creativity	Jacob	Milo	Hugh	Viva	Jack

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award!

School News

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 opened on 1st November 2021 and close on 15th January 2022. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website – www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. We welcome visits to the school and if you know of any families looking for year R places, please ask them to contact the school office who can arrange a tour of the school with Mrs Hanratty.

School Clubs

The timetable of after school clubs commencing **Monday 10th January 2022** is below. For some clubs we will have to stipulate a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will pull names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list. We ask for all school clubs to be **paid termly in advance** please.

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.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Children partake in art / creative activities based on themes to do with the natural world and the environment. Payable half-termly in advance £7.50 per session. Book directly with Mrs Ormerod – hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdportscoaching@gmail.com 07554 442320
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 and 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Activeme360 – link to follow next week
	Mad Science Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Mad Science – Wessex.madscience.org
Thursday	Lacrosse Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Friday	Integr8 Dance (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children are unable to stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398

* Due to the darker evenings, these clubs will finish at 4.15pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers. As the evenings get lighter, we may change this time to 4.30pm.

After School Clubs from 10th January 2022

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)

Senior Football ☐ Choir and Music ☐ Lacrosse ☐



**Year 1 & 2
Football
Skills
After School
Club**

Wednesday / Year 1 & 2

17/11/2021 – 15/12/2021

15:30 – 16:30

Please ensure your child wears shin pads and has outdoor trainers and football boots

Price: £3.60 per session

Book here:
<https://activeme360.class4kids.co.uk/info/135>

www.activeme360.com

Location:
Sparsholt Primary School
Woodman Lane, Winchester, SO21 2NR

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SPARSHOLT SCHOOL
YR1-YR6**

Day and Time: Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm
Dates: 12th January 2022 – 30th March 2022
Programme Duration: 11 x 1-hour sessions
Cost: £88
Please register by: 10th December 2021

REGISTER ONLINE

Visit Wessex.madscience.org click REGISTER HERE
Search "Sparsholt" in the 'Location drop down' and click SELECT

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807
Registration will be available until **10th December 2021**
Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.
For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:
schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.

wessex.madscience.org **01980 611807**

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS BIRTHDAY PARTIES CAMPS SPECIAL EVENTS WORKSHOPS

Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS)

Our weekly update!

Thanks to everyone for their support so far this term. We will be updating you with more FOSS info before Christmas but for now here is some info on what else we have planned for the next few weeks:

Friday 3rd December

Non-uniform/Christmas jumper day in exchange for raffle prizes please. The raffles will be drawn at the Nativity and Kaleidoscope events later in the month. Please give generously.

Sunday 5th December

We need cake makers and volunteers to man the cake stand at Sparsholt Christmas Market please (in the village hall from 10am-3pm). Any help gratefully received (hour by hour rota). We will be selling both cupcakes and big cakes. We can collect your goods on Saturday 4th December.

And one for the diary.....

Saturday 12th February 2022

Back by popular demand the FOSS parents social will be returning to Winchester Racquets and Tennis Club for an evening of curry, drinks, bake off competition, auction of promises and live music. £25 per person for a two course dinner. Email friendsofparsholtschool@gmail.com for tickets. Payment by transfer to FOSS account. Limited numbers available.

Christmas Activities

Christmas Holiday Lunch Scheme

Winchester Basics Bank is inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the Winchester city and surrounding areas) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for their Holiday Lunch Scheme. You do not need to be receiving Free School Meals to take advantage of this scheme; if you need a little extra help this year please apply. We are still awaiting confirmation if shopping vouchers will be provided for those children who receive FSM, so if you do we ask that you don't also claim for the food parcel too (but please register whilst we await the announcement). The scheme will provide food for 10 lunches per child. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family - www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help. Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal; rather than food items suitable for packed meals.

FoSS Christmas Artwork

Your children's festive artwork is now available online with lots of wonderful gift ideas for Christmas! To access the artwork you can visit <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login>. Enter the username **Sparsholt** and password **Px68k8Lf**.

Littleton Posada

Good news - we are able to organise the village Posada as usual this year! For those who haven't taken part before, Mary, Joseph, donkey and a flock of sheep (all knitted!) travel round the village, spending each night with a different family. You are free to entertain them in whatever way you like - their accompanying diaries list their adventures from previous years and are always delightful to read. The Posada starts with a service in St Catherine's Church at 4pm on Sunday 5th December (we love to get the children involved with this), and finishes with the Crib Service in Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you live in Littleton and would like to join in, then please email the following information to carolcoleman123@hotmail.com:

- your family name
- contact details (phone and address)
- any dates you would not be able to host between Sunday 5th and Friday 24th December
- whether or not you plan to come to the service on Sunday 5th December

For more details, and photos from previous years, visit our Facebook page (Littleton Posada)

Sparsholt Christmas Market

Taking place on Sunday 5th December between 10am and 3pm. Entry is free!

Gift stalls, cakes to eat and take away (run by FOSS), wine tasting and Christmas wine orders, light lunch available.

Please come and support the village!

