

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Important Notices – **please read carefully**
- ❖ Letter from Chair of Governors
- ❖ Other Information

Beech Class with  
their "chain of  
courage"



### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Please remember instruments on the following days:
  - Guitar / Ukulele – Tuesdays
  - Brass – Wednesdays
  - Keyboard / Recorder – Thursdays

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! Our new Year Rs have settled in fantastically and completed their first full day in school on Wednesday. It seems slightly unbelievable that they have only been with us for just over a week because they are already becoming fully embedded in the school routines and are very much part of our school community.

Our whole school focus around physical activity has started with a bang with the 'Sparsholt Stride' being a daily focus for all the children. Many children have "cracked" 1km every day this week totalling an incredible 5km of vigorous power walking on our beautiful field. It was also such a pleasure to witness the older pupils walking with the younger pupils and encouraging them throughout.

Today's Celebration Worship was led by our Year 6 pupils and all the children were so motivated afterwards because they presented the new 'Shooting Stars' physical activity tracker and ideas of how the children can be active at home and keep track of their progress. We have also had some amazing and high quality PE lessons this week which have included sessions from Southampton Football Club working with Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Integr8 dance working with the children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3.

Our leadership roles have started to be filled with Pupil Governors being elected by their peers. Our Pupil Governors play such an important role in the school as they bring the views of their classmates to the monthly meetings and are real change makers in the school. Last year's Pupil Governors advocated for higher fencing around the astroturf to enable them to participate in more of a range of physical activities (without the fear of balls / equipment going over the fence) and due to their excellent (and persuasive) arguments as to why it was so essential, we agreed to have it installed with the work having been completed during the Summer. Our Lunchtime Leader programme is also in full flow with not only all Year 5s volunteering but also some of last year's Lunchtime Leaders (who are now Year 6) asking to also take part as they enjoyed it so much. It is always so fantastic to see the care and support the older children show to their younger peers.

Both school run and some external clubs started back this week and it was wonderful to see the children partaking in such a range of both physical and creative activities from Mad Science and Artiology to lacrosse, football, netball and fencing. There are still some spaces left in some of the clubs so please do contact the school for school run clubs and the external providers for other clubs if you would like to enquire about availability.

Please do make sure that you read the newsletter in full as there are some very important notices and information about upcoming events etc. Please also do look at the 'Dates for your Diary' which is also attached to this email in which we have outlined the dates for some key school events across the year (including Parent Evenings, Sports Day, end of year production etc.) so that you can get them in your diaries now.

After school today our wonderful FoSS team are holding their annual family BBQ on the field so I very much hope that those of you attending have a wonderful time and are able to enjoy yourselves at what is always a fantastic event.

I hope you have a fun and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

## School Awards

### 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.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
<b>Willow</b>	All of our new Yr R children		
<b>Beech</b>	Phoebe	Jemma	Jack
<b>Maple</b>	Theo	Henry	Wilf
<b>Rowan</b>	Emi	Hemming	Mia
<b>Oak</b>	Sofia / Finlay	Verity	Seb



### House Point "Rosette" Awards

Following on from last year's scolosaurus awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely rosette badge.

Bronze "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.



### Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Please see Mrs Gwilliam's e-mail sent out to you today, launching our exciting new physical activity initiative – the "Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge".

We are very much looking forward to celebrating both in-school sporting efforts as well as special, outside-of-school, physical activity achievements with the children throughout this year.



## Important Notices

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### 1. Key Dates for your diary

Please take a look at the separate document sent out with today's newsletter detailing the key school events / dates for this academic year. As always, these dates could be subject to change but we will always try and let you know of any changes at the earliest opportunity.

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### 2. Upbeat Club

There are still places available for the amazing Upbeat Club which will be starting on Monday. If your child is interested in joining this club, but is a little unsure, **Upbeat are offering FREE TRIALS this Monday 3:30pm – 4:30pm.** Please e-mail [upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com) with your child's details to be added to the list.



EST. 2001 YR 1 - YR 6  
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- [www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk](http://www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk)
- 07816 901396

The poster features a group of children in red t-shirts performing on stage with microphones and a large star graphic. Two circular insets show children smiling and a group of children in a classroom setting.



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### 3. Artiology Club

There are still a few spaces available for Artiology Club this term and **we would now like to open the club up to Years 1 – 4**. Please contact Mrs Ormerod as per the form below if you would like to book a place for your child.

## ARTIOLOGY club

After school art club on Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm  
For children in Years 1- 3



*Children engage in fun and sustainable, art-based activities while learning about natural science and the world around them.*



Examples of creative projects may include:

- clay modelling
- collaging
- observational drawing
- charcoal/ pastel art
- craft activities
- printmaking
- recycled art
- sketchbook activities
- outdoor art
- painting using different media

Artiology Club is booked on a half termly basis at £8.00 per session. Payment is made by BACS to Halli Ormerod. This half term the club starts on Thursday 12th September and finishes on Thursday 24th October 2024 (7 sessions £56).

All materials are included. Please send in a small snack with your child if they would like one and advise about any allergies/ medical conditions as necessary.



Please email [hallimarie@googlemail.com](mailto:hallimarie@googlemail.com) if your child would like to join or drop this slip into the school office.

Name: .....

Class: .....

Email: .....



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### 4. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closed on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Apologies for any inconvenience

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### 5. Head lice in school

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of head lice this week at school. Please could we ask that all parents check their child for head lice. It would be great to have a determined effort to clear them from school as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## 6. Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies on our Governing Body for parent governors. If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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### Letter from our Chair of Governors

Sparsholt  
September 2024

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

A very warm welcome to Sparsholt Church of England Primary School if you are a new parent or carer and welcome back to all those parents and carers who already have children at the school.

I am writing to introduce myself. My name is Caroline Horrill, and I am the Chair of Governors for the Full Governing Body.

I would like to introduce my fellow Governors, many of whom you may already know:-

Howard Firth, Jane Gwilliam, Elizabeth Hanratty, Ian Kemp – Vice Chair, Julie Milburn - Chair of Curriculum, Lee Milburn, Revd Kevin Rogers, Scott Underwood, and Sally Wesley - Chair of Finance & Staffing Committee.

Janine Emm is our really supportive Clerk.

We are honoured to have been selected as Governors and hope that we can get to know many of you over the coming months at various school events.

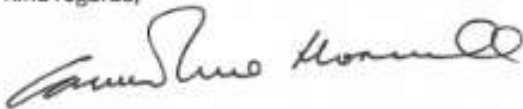
The role of the Governing Body is very specific. We have three core functions.

- I. Ensure the clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction for the school
- II. Hold the Headteacher to account
- III. Make sure our money is spent well

We are blessed with a wonderful school with talented staff serving our communities in the heart of rural Hampshire as we seek to give your children the education they deserve. We are so proud of our excellent judgement from our SIAMS inspection in April 2023 and our most recent OFSTED inspection when we were judged Good overall and Outstanding for both Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes. Our core Christian values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity are at the centre of our school community. These values capture the true heart of everything we do, and we strive to live by them in our words and our actions.

Please do let us know if you have any input for the Governors, and we look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,



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### Struggling with Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages?



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**Course Highlights**

- Understand the language of fractions, explore equivalent and mixed number fractions, and learn to find fractions of whole amounts.
- Discover how fractions relate to percentages and master finding percentages of a whole amount.
- Learn to relate decimals to place value with ease
- Receive a FREE Maths like Ninja book for attending the session online

**Date & time:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 10:00-12:00hrs  
**Location:** Online via a Teams Link

**Eligibility**  
Adults over 19 who lack numeracy confidence.

**How to Book**  
Refresh your knowledge and make math simple and fun.  
Sign up today using the QR code or link below.  
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**Hampshire County Council**  
multiply@hants.gov.uk



### Sherborne House

## Senior Schools Evening

Thursday 19th September  
5.30 - 7.30pm

An opportunity for families to find out about what local secondary schools can offer your child. The schools that will be joining us for the evening are:

- Embley
- KES
- Leehurst Swan
- Portsmouth High School
- Ryde School
- St Swithun's
- The Gregg

Join us...



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# Open Evening

Friday 4 October  
6pm-8.30pm

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**OPEN EVENTS**



On Thursday 31st October you're invited to come along in your best fancy dress!



Active Holidays



# Stanmore

## October Half Term 2024

Monday 28th October - Thursday 31st October

» 360 Sports

**£21 per day\***

\*Get 15% off with our Active Saver code OCTAS15 valid until Sunday 6th October.



Scan the QR code to book your place:

### Location:

Stanmore Lane,  
Stanmore, Winchester,  
Hampshire, SO22 4AJ



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For more information or to book, visit [www.active360.com](http://www.active360.com)

# ALADDIN

October half-term  
Three day drama, dance and singing courses for 4-10s

[perform.org.uk/aladdin](http://perform.org.uk/aladdin)



— A brilliant course. Eliza had an absolutely wonderful, happy and creative time.

Julia Robinson