

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

8th December 2023

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 11th December
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for the Diary
- ❖ Important Notices
- ❖ FoSS Update

What a magical nativity performance by Willow and Beech Classes!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

- ✓ Reverse Advent donations – Mon 11th December – Thurs 14th December
- ✓ Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Tues 12th December
- ✓ KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope Concert – Tues 12th December 2:15pm in the hall
 - FoSS will be selling teas/coffees/mince pies and raffle tickets
- ✓ Deadline for returning Sports4Champions sponsorship money – Wed 13th December
- ✓ Day of Festivities – Thurs 14th December
 - Festive jumpers for "Save the Children" (£1/£2 donation)
 - School Christmas Lunch
 - FoSS Christmas parties
- ✓ Sports4Champions Q&A and sponsored fitness circuit – Fri 15th December, 1 – 3pm
- ✓ Break-up for Christmas! – Fri 15th December at 3:30pm
- ✓ FoSS Winter Wander Trail – Fri 15th December 5pm – 7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been truly magical. For those of you who were at this morning's Nativity, I am sure you would all agree that it was not only amazing but truly uplifting. The children performed with such enthusiasm and heart that it really did bring a tear to my eye. I can't thank everyone involved enough for all the hard work that went into it, from the staff to the children and to you as parents and carers. I would also like to thank FoSS who provided tea, coffee and mince pies for the audience and organised the raffle. The funds they raise really do make a huge difference to what additional experiences and resources we can provide for the children.

In regards to FoSS funded projects, I am really pleased to let you all know that work on creating a cooking area for the children is due to start early in the new year and we are also now moving onto the 2nd phase of the pond area transformation, with the replacement of the decking starting in January, all being well. Thank you again for your amazing support of FoSS and their fundraising initiatives.

This afternoon was also lovely with us having our whole school Christingle Service in the church. I really hope that with the children each bringing home a Christingle tonight, that all families will have an opportunity to light the Christingle together and enjoy it at a time that you can all be there. Thank you also for the wonderful donations that were made in support of The Children's Society. The school raised over £100 for this incredible charity.

Not only has there been a flurry of activity regarding both the Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope Concert but Oak class also managed to squeeze in a trip to Winchester College to see their World War II artefacts. They had a wonderful time learning about the time period and how World War II affected Winchester and even got to try on some outfits from the period.



We have more wonderful whole school community events coming up including the St Stephen's Church Carol Service this Sunday at 6pm which the children have been invited to sing at, the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope Concert on Tuesday at 2:15pm in the hall and our day of Christmas celebrations on the 14th December including our whole school Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day and the

FoSS- funded Christmas parties. Please do not feel that you need to go out and buy a Christmas jumper for your child, a bright coloured top will be absolutely fine. Finally, we will end what has been an action-packed term, with our sponsored fitness event with Chloe Peplow (Sports4Champions) and the Winter Wander Trail hosted by our wonderful FoSS.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Carol Service at St Stephen's Church this Sunday.

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 |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Willow | Niam | Arthur | Hugo |
| Beech | Liv | Edward | Louis |
| Maple | Gus | Scarlett | Joshua F |
| Rowan | Harrison | Bryony | Renis |
| Oak | Toby | Aubrey | Cecily |



House Point “Scolosaurus” Awards

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

Bronze “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold “scolosaurus” awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.

This week we were delighted to present the following award:

GOLD:

SILVER:

BRONZE: Finbar, Reuben, Zevon, Jemima, Joshie, Lori, Cami, Isaac, Max, Alice, Liv, Julia, George M, Ella



Dates for the diary

| Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 2023 | | | | |
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| Date | Event | Time | Parents invited | New event? |
| Sun 10 th Dec | St Stephen's Church Carol Concert | 6:00pm | Yes | |
| Tues 12 th Dec | Nasal Flu Vaccinations | Morning | | |
| Tues 12 th Dec | KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope | 2:15pm | Yes | |
| Wed 13 th Dec | Deadline for sponsorsip money for Sports for Champions event | All day | | New! |
| Thurs 14 th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day £1/£2 donation for Save The Children | All day | | |
| Fri 15 th Dec | Sports for Champions - Chloe Peplow Q&A and sponsored fitness circuit | 1pm - 3pm | | |
| Fri 15 th Dec | Last day of term 3:30pm finish | 3:30pm | | |
| Fri 15 th Dec | FoSS Winter Wander Trail | 5pm - 7pm | Yes | |

Important Notices

1. School Clubs – Autumn Term 2023

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL-RUN CLUBS NEXT WEEK.

2. School Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Please see letter sent out by e-mail on Thursday 7th December for information regarding clubs for the Spring Term, including the process for registering your child for a club and how to make payment.

| Day | After-School Clubs | Timings | Notes |
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| Monday | Upbeat Pop & Rock (Years 1 – 6) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Run by Upbeat Pop & Rock. Please book and pay directly at upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com / 07816901396 |
| Tuesday | Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. |
| Wednesday | Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdsportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320 |
| | Netball Club (Years 4 - 6) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. |
| | Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. |
| Thursday | Senior Football Club (Years 4 - 6) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. |
| Friday | Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2) | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – info@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398 |
| | Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad (Year 3 – 6) | 4:30pm – 5:30pm Children cannot stay at school until 4:30pm. | Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – info@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398 |

School-Run After-School Clubs for Spring Term 2024

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)

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| Lacrosse | |
| Netball | |
| Junior Football | |
| Senior Football | |

3. Reverse Advent Donations

We are asking families who can, to bring a Christmas food item into school, and the children can leave their items by our school Christmas Tree to support the Winchester Basics Bank and families in need this Christmas. Donations can be brought into school from **Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December**.

If you would like to help the Winchester Basics Bank make Christmas a little brighter for those in need in our city, please support Sparsholt C of E Primary School's Reverse Advent Calendar Campaign.

4. A Day of Festivities – Thursday 14th December

On Thursday 14th December, we will be having an exciting day full of Christmas fun!

In the morning, our children will be busy crafting placemats and decorations in their Sparsholt Family groups, ready for the much anticipated whole school Christmas lunch up in the hall. Then in the afternoon, FoSS have kindly organised some wonderful Christmas entertainment for all of the classes.

As part of the day, children are invited to come into school in a bright or festive jumper **over their school uniform**. The children would like to raise some funds for "Save the Children" and so have asked if you could please donate £1 or £2 on the day towards this very worthwhile cause.

We really hope that the children will enjoy this magical and fun-filled day!

5. School Christmas Postbox – Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December

If your child would like to send any Christmas cards to their friends, the school Christmas Post Box will be available from Monday 11th December through to the morning of Thursday 14th December. Please remember to put the recipient's full name and class on the envelope so that the Christmas Elves can make sure the cards get to the right children.

6. Payment for School Christmas Lunch – Thursday 14th December

If your child is in KS2 and has ordered a Christmas Lunch for Thursday 14th December, please ensure that there is at least £3 on their lunch account on SCOPAY prior to next Thursday. Thank you very much.

7. Sports4Champions – Q&A with Chloe Peplow, followed by sponsored fitness circuit



We are so excited to be hosting an inspirational workshop and sponsored fitness circuit with England Under 20s Women's Third Place Play-Off Winner Chloe Peplow on Friday 15th December. Chloe needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help the school and other athletes across the country.

The children have all come home with another sponsorship form this week and there is also a crowdfunder website, <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sparsholt>, which has lots more information about Sports4Champions UK, Chloe Peplow, what will happen on the day and where the money raised will go. **Please can you ensure that the children bring their sponsorship money into school in a named and sealed envelope by Wednesday 13th December at the latest.**

This will be an amazing opportunity for our children, not only to meet an inspirational athlete but also to raise some essential funds for the school. We will be asking for ideas from the children as to what they would like to see bought with the money raised. So please direct your friends, families and local community to the crowdfunder website above, and make this a truly memorable day for our children!

What a way to finish what has been an action-packed Autumn Term!

8. Parking in Woodman Close / Bostock Close

We have received complaints from local residents that parents are parking in or blocking access to resident parking spaces in Woodman Close and Bostock Close. Please can we ask that you park considerately and never block access to resident parking spaces. Thank you.

FoSS Updates

- KS2 Kaleidoscope – 2:15pm Tues 12th Dec - we will be serving teas/coffees/mince pies & raffle tickets.

| EVENT | DATE and TIME | INFORMATION |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Sparsholt Village Christmas Fair | Sunday 10 th December 10am-2pm | Updated Thank you to all who have volunteered to bake! Please could you write a list of ingredients that we can pop next to your cake in case anyone has any intolerances. Drop off at the hall by 09:45 on Sunday morning would be very much appreciated. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help on the cake stand for an hour or so. If you are at a loose end and fancy it – please let us know! Thank you |
| Christmas Parties | Thursday 14 th December | Classes will have a Christmas party up in the hall during the afternoon. |
| Winter Wander Trail | Friday 15 th December 5pm-7pm | Donations of battery-operated lights please – you will get these back! And if anyone can help with setting up on Friday 15 th December, let us know. |

