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Weekly Newsletter

8th November 2024

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

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Outdoor learning in
Oak Class



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 11th November

- ✓ Monday 11th November – Rowan Class trip to Hilliers
- ✓ Monday 11th November – Beech and Maple Class Outdoor Learning sessions
- ✓ Tuesday 12th November – 9am to 12pm - Open Morning for prospective parents
- ✓ Tuesday 12th November – Lacrosse Club CANCELLED
- ✓ Tuesday 12th November – Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
- ✓ Thursday 14th November – No Keyboard / Recorder lessons – moved to Friday
- ✓ Thursday 14th November - Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm
- ✓ Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day at school

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week of fantastic learning and enrichment activities we have had!

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to all of you who were able to come to “Marvellous Monday”. The children all really enjoy sharing their learning with parents and carers and it is always so wonderful to see the excitement and pride they show when talking through what they have been doing. I am sure that Willow Class parents will experience the same when they come in this Monday.

On Tuesday, Oak and Rowan had their first outdoor learning session with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and staff commented on how enriching the sessions were not only from an educational perspective but also for wellbeing. The children relished being outside and being encouraged to notice the nature around them. This coming Monday (11th) Beech and Maple Classes will be having their sessions which I have no doubt will be equally engaging. The staff also said how incredibly useful the sessions were in terms of developing their practice in this area.

In terms of our outdoor provision, we are really thrilled to let you know that Sparsholt Agricultural College have very kindly offered to come in with some of their students and build a new extended pond dipping decking area to replace the existing ones. The work for this will be starting in the next few weeks and will add a really excellent resource for the children to use. In slightly more disappointing news, the wonderful wilding area that we had been cultivating in the corner of the field has had to be mowed due to the trust who own the field advising that it contravenes the lease. The children and the staff are incredibly disappointed by this decision as despite providing information about the benefits to the children’s learning and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust also advocating on our behalf, we were still asked to return it to a fully mowed area.

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 attended the annual Wildlife lecture at Winchester College. As part of this experience, the children were encouraged to enter the Winchester Primary Schools’ wildlife competition. This year the theme was elephants specifically “What makes an elephant a keystone species?”. As a school we were so proud that every single Year 5 and 6 pupil took up this opportunity and produced highly informative and creative entries. We are even prouder to announce that the judges awarded three highly commended prizes to the following Sparsholt pupils: Zevon, Rory and Madeleine. Henry C won third place prize overall and Berkeley was named as the overall winner across the whole competition of which there were over 200 entries from multiple primary schools. This is a massive achievement and a wonderful accolade for the school and the pupils. Well done!



Next week we are really looking forward to welcoming you all in for Parents Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. .

Next week, is another action-packed week with Rowan Class off to Hillier Gardens and Maple and Beech’s outdoor learning sessions happening on Monday. We will also be holding a Remembrance Service on Monday for the children. We also have our Open morning on Tuesday for prospective Year R Parents and I can I just say thank you to all of you who have shared the flyer with others. We will also be undertaking fun activities in aid of Children in Need.

Please do make sure that you read the newsletter carefully, especially the **IMPORTANT NOTICES** section as there is a lot of very important new information about upcoming events etc.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the fireworks.

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	Chloe	Monty	Ari
Beech	Beni	Willow	Krish
Maple	Cami	Harry	Henry
Rowan	Henry	Pippa R	Tom
Oak	Elise	Alexia	Zevon



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Camille – moved up to Stage 5 in her swimming lessons
- * Joshie – successful trial to get a place in Hampshire Cricket Squad

Well done everyone! Please do keep sending your achievements into us!



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Dates for your diary – 2024/25

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Tues 12th Nov 2024	Open morning for prospective parents	School	09:30am – 12:00pm	n/a	Please share with the community
Tues 12th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm – 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Thurs 14th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm – 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Sun 8th Dec 2024	Church Carol Service	St Stephen's Church	6pm	Yes	
Fri 13th Dec 2024	KS1 Nativity	Hall	09:30am	Yes	For KS1 only. FoSS refreshments.
Mon 16th Dec 2024	KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	Hall	2:15pm	Yes	For KS2 only. FoSS refreshments.
Thurs 19th Dec 2024	School Christmas lunch & festivities	Hall	12:00pm – 3:30pm	No	Meal choices requested in advance.
Fri 20th Dec 2024	Last day of Autumn Term	School	TBC	n/a	

Important Notices

1. RESCHEDULED: Marvellous Monday – Willow Class – Monday 11th November – 3:35pm – 4:15pm

Willow Class parents are invited to come into school with your child / children on Monday 11th November and view their work in their classroom. Please collect your children as normal, and then once all children have been collected, you will be able to come back into Willow Class with your child to look at their books.

2. Outdoor Learning Day – Maple and Beech Classes

We have the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust coming into school on Monday 11th November to work with Maple Class and Beech Class as part of the development of our outdoor learning provision. The children will be outside for lessons for a large part of the day, and so please can we ask that they come into school in suitable clothing for the weather:

- PE kit which MUST include long trousers (joggers or leggings)
 - PE hoodie or school jumper
 - Suitable footwear (trainers, wellies, walking boots) - if bringing wellies / walking boots, please bring into school in a separate bag
 - Waterproof coat
 - Gloves / hats etc - optional depending on weather
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3. Rowan Class – Trip to Hilliers – Monday 11th November

In connection with our current project on the Anglo-Saxons, we have arranged to take Rowan Class to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Ampfield, on **Monday 11th November**. We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at approximately **9:15am** and returning by **3pm**.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink in a backpack. The children should wear light long sleeved tops and trousers to minimise the risk of ticks and sensible covered shoes. Trainers or wellies are ideal. Please provide your child with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather.

4. CANCELLED – Lacrosse Club – Tuesday 12th November

Due to Parents Evening on Tuesday next week, we have had to cancel Lacrosse Club. Please ensure that you let the School Office know about any changes to home arrangements for this day.

5. Change of day for Keyboard / Recorder lessons next week

Due to staff availability, keyboard and recorder lessons will move **from Thursday 14th November to Friday 15th November**, for this week only.

6. BBC Children In Need 2024

We will be supporting the BBC Children in Need Charity **next Friday 15th November**. In support of this event, the children will have the opportunity to wear a hoodie, oodie or onesie to school over their school uniform (please ensure only school shoes or trainers are worn) and the Year 6 Sports leaders will host a circuit of fun and games.

We would greatly appreciate any donations (suggested £1 - £2) for this worthy cause. Every single penny will make a real difference, and all monies donated will go towards helping disadvantaged children and young people, here in the United Kingdom.

Thank you in advance for your support.



7. Christmas Lunch

Please see the e-mail sent out today, Friday 8th November. The school Christmas lunch will be taking place on Thursday 19th December, but we need to send our food order to Education Catering in advance. Therefore if you would like your child to have this Christmas Lunch, please e-mail adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk by **Friday 29th November**, stating whether your child would like:

- Meat or Vegetarian main course
- Homemade shortbread or Ice-cream dessert

If we do not receive an e-mail from you by the deadline, we will assume that your child is bringing a packed lunch into school for that day.



If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2, or is eligible for Free School Meals, you will not need to pay for this lunch. However, if your child is in KS2 and normally pays for school lunches, then this Christmas Lunch will cost the usual cost of a meal - £3.20. **Please ensure that your child's lunch account has at least £3.20 credit on it prior to Christmas Lunch. Unfortunately if there is no credit on your child's lunch account, they may be required to bring in a packed lunch.**

8. Parent Governor Vacancy

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 *midday on Friday 15th November.*

9. Information from the Director of Public Health for Hampshire

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Think Pharmacy First!

Did you know that you can take your child to your local pharmacy and get treatment for five medical conditions? These are:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

If your child is poorly with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate) and your child can get back to school sooner.

Visit our Pharmacy First website to find out more.

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Healthier Together

Not sure how to treat coughs, colds, scrapes and sniffles?

Download the Healthier Together app or visit:
what0-18.nhs.uk

Healthier Together provides advice for parents on every common injury and illness your child or teenager might experience, including mental health problems. If you're not sure what the best way to treat something is, or whether it's time to seek help, Healthier Together has the answer.

10. Hampshire Healthy Steps – New universal family behaviour change service launched

Introducing a brand new service for families in Hampshire...

Hampshire Healthy Steps

Supporting Your Family's Health & Wellbeing

Building healthy habits in childhood helps our children grow into healthy adults. Hampshire Healthy Steps offers support for families with children aged 2 to 12, providing practical advice on healthy eating, physical activity, sleep, and dental care.

Find Out More...

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Governor Update

Welcome to the first of regular Governor updates. I hope all families had a wonderful and restful half term.



My name is Caroline Horrill and I am the Chair of the Governors for our amazing school. I have been a Governor since the end of 2019. I live in Sparsholt and spent my career in marketing for major multinational companies and am currently a City Councillor for the Wonston & Micheldever ward.

There are 13 Governors in total for the school and we normally serve a term of four years. There are several different types of Governors.

- Four are parents of the children at school and you as parents and carers select these individuals.
- We have two Foundation Governors, one is the Rector of the Downs Benefice which includes the churches in Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt and another Foundation Governor appointed by the Winchester Diocese.
- We have one Local Authority Governor who is someone nominated by Hampshire County Council as our local authority.
- There are four co-opted Governors who are nominated as individuals who bring particular skills to the Governing Body, of whom I am one.
- The Governing body also includes the Headteacher and a staff Governor nominated by the school staff.

We have three key objectives and the development of our school strategic plan is one of the most important. Our plan through to 2025 is on the school website. It sets out our school's vision, values, and long-term strategic priorities. The strategic plan is complemented by the School Improvement Plan (SIP), a shorter-term operational plan extending over a period of 1-2 years. The SIP is developed by the Headteacher and School Leadership Team and approved by the Governing Body in response to feedback and the current emerging issues from the whole school community and wider stakeholders.

Please do let us know if you have any input for the Governors, and we look forward to meeting you at one of the future school events.

Caroline Horrill

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FoSS Update

The FoSS Movie Night was a great success with 75 children attending! Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in running the event. We really appreciate all the parent volunteers who step forward. The children always get so much out of it. This event raised **£392**.

Teas/coffees at the Harvest Festival brought in a total of **£50.30**.

Quality Christmas Trees are now available to purchase (please see details in flyer below). This can be done directly through the village shop or using the form attached with the newsletter email. Profits from this are shared between the FoSS and the shop!

Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

Event	Details
FoSS AGM <u>Monday 11th November</u> <u>19:30</u> <u>Running Horse</u>	We would love people to come and share their ideas and socialise. If you have a specific topic/issue to raise please let us know by November 6 th then we can prepare for this. We need a minimum of 8 people to attend. Hope to see some of you there
<u>For parents/carers</u> <u>Total Body Workout</u>  <u>Wednesday 20th November</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u>	A fun workout with adaptations for all level of fitness. This workout will have you strengthening your lower and upper body with a little sprinkling of cardio in there to make sure you leave feeling sweaty and energised. Open to all friends and families of Sparsholt School - no exercise experience necessary! Please bring a yoga mat with you and a bottle of water. This session will be 45 minutes long and will be run by Stef (mum of Ezra in Beech). Limited number of tickets available- please book early to avoid disappointment Please use below link to purchase tickets- cost £10 https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=89102
Disco <u>Wednesday 18th December</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u> <u>Timings TBA</u> 	KS1 and KS2 Disco. We will split the key stages with the younger ones going first and the older ones straight after. If anyone has DJing skills they would like to show off or knows a thing or two about a good disco – we would love for you to be involved!

Order your Nordmann Fir Non-Drop Tree by Wednesday 27th November for delivery on Sunday 8th December.


SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREES 2024

EMAIL
FRIENDSOFSPARSHOLTSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM
FOR AN ORDER FORM.

All money raised will be shared between Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School.



General Information

Pop Up Ensemble **FREE** 

Pop Up Ensemble
Winton Community Academy,
Andover
JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 15th December 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

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