

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

25th October 2024

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

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Marmalade sandwiches anyone?



£90 raised!
Thank you!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 4th November

- ✓ Monday 4th November – First day of half-term
- ✓ Monday 4th November – 3:35pm – 4:15pm – “Marvellous Monday” book look

Dear Parents and Carers.

What a fabulous end to what has been a fantastic first half term. The children continue to astound me with their support and understanding of each other, how they celebrate difference and how amazingly inclusive they all are.

Today, our amazing Pupil Governors, which includes pupils from Years 1 to 6, did an amazing job of presenting their version of our School Improvement Plan to our adult Governors. They had all spent time before the meeting discussing the elements of school that they wanted to improve and then split themselves into groups, with each group discussing the 4 different sections of the School Improvement Plan: Quality of Education; Personal Development; Behaviour and Attitudes and Leadership and Management. Every member of the group spoke and explained what was already



happening towards each target and put forward their suggestions as to what they could do or what they needed to be able to continue to work towards achieving each of the targets. It really is amazing to see a Year 1 right the way up to a Year 6 child talking so confidently and passionately about the school and being able to articulate how they think it could be improved. Some of the key suggestions were around further resources to expand outdoor learning opportunities, online safety information sessions for parents, new football goals for the field and more maths based educational games.

The entrepreneurial skills in Beech Class were on show today with their Marmalade Sandwich sale in aid of UNICEF. The children had decided that they wanted to take part in the UNICEF initiative 'Postcards from Paddington' and came up with the ingenious idea of raising funds through selling their sandwiches. It was a roaring success and they managed to raise over £90.00. Even some of our Governors who were there for the Pupil Governor presentation partook in a sandwich and commented on how delicious they were.

Our target around developing our outdoor learning provision is continuing and we are very lucky as Sparsholt Agricultural College students have agreed to continue to help us with a few final elements in the pond area which we are so grateful for. We also have the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust in to work with certain classes on the 5th and 11th November which will be an amazing experience for the children and an excellent training opportunity for our staff.

This afternoon in Worship, as part of Black History month, the children have done an amazing job through both presentations and dramatizations of telling the other children about some figures in history who have achieved phenomenal things from Simone Biles, to Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole to Katherine Johnson. The children were fully engaged the whole way through and were impressed by what a difference these individuals had made.

Finally, please don't forget that on the first Monday back we have Marvellous Monday for all classes. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children to be able to share all the amazing learning they have been doing with you as parents/carers. Parents and children will be able to come back into school at 3:35pm. Also, please don't forget that our Parent Evenings are taking place on the 12th and 14th of November and if you haven't already, please do make sure you book your appointment which can be done through Arbor. The instructions for this were sent out to all parents on Wednesday 23rd October.

I want to thank all of you for the amazing support you continue to show us as a school and want to wish you all a wonderful half term break.

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	Evan	Sylvia	Afisemi
Beech	Jonathan & Alexander	Arthur	Enid
Maple	Jemima	Olive	Liv
Rowan	Emily	Martha	Evie
Oak	Alexia	Lucy	Adam



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:



- * Henry R – won his dressage test at Sparsholt College and then won overall riding champion at the Winchester Riding Club Show!



- * Henry N – scored during his football team's 5-1 win
- * George M – awarded "man of the match" for his football match
- * Abel – completed 3 games of rugby despite terrible weather conditions
- * Rory – achieved his brown belt in Jujitsu and played in a rugby tournament in awful weather
- * Edi – awarded "man of the match" in his football match and is now team captain for the next 2 weeks
- * Liv – awarded "Star of the Week" at gymnastics for being brave enough to do a handstand on a beam!

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

Key Dates for the Diary



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Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Mon 4th Nov 2024	First day of half-term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 4th Nov 2024	Marvellous Monday	Child's classroom	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes	For all classes. An invitation to come in with your child and view their work.
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. Year 7 Secondary School Applications – FINAL REMINDER

For parents of our current Year 6 children, please remember that applications for your child's Year 7 secondary school place close on **31st October 2024**. Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information.

2. Parents Evening (in-Person) – Tues 12th November and Thurs 14th November – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Bookings are now open on Arbor! Please make sure you book your slot with your child's teacher as soon as possible!

3. Marvellous Monday – Monday 4th November – 3:35pm – 4:15pm

You are all invited to come into school with your child / children on Monday 4th November and view their work in their classroom(s). Please collect your children as normal, and then once all children have been collected, you will be able to come back into school with your child to look at their books.

4. Artiology Club

Artiology Club will be continuing on Thursday afternoons next half-term. 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- 4



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



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 7th November and finishes on Thursday 12th December 2024 (6 sessions £48).

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.

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



Please email hallimaris@googlemail.com if your child would like to join or drop this slip into the school office.

Name:

Class:

Email:



FoSS Update

Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

Event	Details
<p>Movie Night</p> <p><u>Friday 25th October</u> <u>6-8PM</u></p> 	<p>Sold out!</p> <p>Look forward to seeing you there!</p>
<p>FoSS AGM</p> <p><u>Monday 11th November</u> <u>19:30</u> <u>Running Horse</u></p> 	<p>We would love people to come and share their ideas and socialise.</p> <p>If you have a specific topic/issue to raise please let us know by November 6th then we can prepare for this.</p> <p>Miriam will send out a poll via WhatsApp closer to the time so we know how many people are likely to attend.</p>
<p><u>New Event...</u> <u>For parents/carers</u></p> <p><u>Total Body Workout</u></p>  <p><u>Wednesday 20th November</u> <u>7pm</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This session will be 45 minutes long and will be run by Stef (mum of Ezra in Beech)</p> <p>Tickets will be available after half term and will cost £10</p>
<p>Disco</p> <p><u>Wednesday 18th December</u> <u>Memorial Hall</u> <u>Timings TBA</u></p> 	<p>KS1 and KS2 Disco. We will split the key stages with the younger ones going first and the older ones straight after.</p> <p>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!</p>