

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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

- ❖ Important notices for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> December
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
- ❖ Dates for the Diary
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Maple and Rowan visit Butser Ancient Farm



### IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR W/C MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

- ✓ LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL-RUN CLUBS
- ✓ Willow and Beech Class Nativity – 9:30am Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec in the hall
  - FoSS will be selling teas/coffees/mince pies and raffle tickets
- ✓ Sparsholt Village Christmas Fair – 10am – 2pm Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ✓ St Stephen's Church Carol Service – 6pm Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to say that one of the things I especially enjoy about this time of the year are the wonderful sounds that waft up the corridor from the children practicing songs for both the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Kaleidoscope. The sounds of children singing so enthusiastically and beautifully is just so uplifting.

Firstly, can I say thank you to those of you who have fed back so positively about our recent OFSTED report. For me the parts that make me most proud are those that mention how amazing the children are – they really are an inspirational group who I have no doubt will continue to have a really positive impact not only on this school but also in the wider world. As parents and carers, you must feel so much pride.

On Tuesday, Maple and Rowan had a fabulous time at Butser Ancient Farm. Rowan were focussing on the Roman era whilst Maple focused on the Stone Age and Iron Age period. Both classes had some fantastic experiences including having the opportunity to make Roman style jewellery out of copper, going inside the round houses and experiencing Roman style toilets! Rowan Class were particularly impressed by the replica that had been created of the Sparsholt Roman Villa and were even more amazed when they noticed that the floor mosaic was our very own Sparsholt school logo!



Our club lists for next term will be coming out shortly and we are very excited that we have a new offering from 'Upbeat Pop & Rock' who came in today and did a short assembly for the children. By the end of the session everyone was up and dancing and having a really fabulous time so please do look out for further information about this wonderful club. Please do remember that next week is the last week of school run clubs before the Christmas break.

Thank you for all the wonderful raffle prizes that were brought in today for the FoSS raffles that will be taking place at the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Kaleidoscope. We are really looking forward to welcoming KS1 parents into school next Friday (8<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 9:30am for our Nativity and KS2 Parents in on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm for the Kaleidoscope.

Finally can I please ask that children come to school dressed for the colder weather including when they are wearing their PE kits. Please can you ensure that children have a coat in school as temperatures are definitely dropping.

I really hope you all have a wonderful 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.

	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>Willow</b>	Willow	Tillie	Maxi
<b>Beech</b>	Krish	Florrie	Finbar
<b>Maple</b>	Scarlett	Hemming	Felix
<b>Rowan</b>	Pippa	Berkeley	Elise
<b>Oak</b>	Neve	Annabel	Olivia



### 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: Henry R,  
Nancy, Oliver,  
Edward P, Seb**



## Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term 2023				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>KS1 Nativity</b>	9:30am	Yes	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>St Stephen's Church Carol Concert</b>	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Nasal Flu Vaccinations</b>	Morning		<b>New</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope</b>	2:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> £1/£2 donation for Save The Children	All day		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Sports for Champions - Chloe Peplow Q&amp;A and sponsored fitness circuit</b>	Morning		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Last day of term 3:30pm finish</b>	3:30pm		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>FoSS Winter Wander Trail</b>	5pm - 7pm	Yes	

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## Important Notices

### 1. School Clubs

Please note that w/c 4<sup>th</sup> December will be the last week for all school-run clubs for the Autumn Term.

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL-RUN CLUBS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM (Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec).**

For clubs run by outside providers, please check with the providers themselves about final dates for this term.

Look out for our new list of clubs for the Spring Term coming soon!

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## 2. Flu Vaccination

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. This is free from the NHS.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. Access to the consent forms will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116317

Session date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Link to website: [Winter Flu Vaccination programme: Hampshire Healthy Families](https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme)

Consent will close: 9am Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

If you have already completed the consent form, please ignore this message. Only complete one consent form per child.

From the School Age Immunisation Service

School Age Immunisations  
Today's Health. Tomorrow's Better

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NHS Foundation Trust

**School Age Immunisation Team**  
Get protected against flu

**COMING SOON**

The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray

Date: 12 December 2023

**FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU**

1. Protect your child - the vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect your family and friends - having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed - the nasal spray is painless and easy to administer.
4. It is better than having the flu - the nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - if your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School code  
SH116317

For more information about the flu vaccination visit  
[www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme](https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme)

## FoSS Updates

- Thank you so much for your raffle prize donations!
- FoSS will also be selling teas/coffees/mince pies and raffle tickets at both the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope.



EVENT	DATE and TIME	INFORMATION
Sparsholt Village Christmas Fair	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10am-2pm	<p><b>Updated</b></p> <p>Anyone who would like to bake a cake for this event, please can you let your class reps know or fill in the sign-up form on the FoSS website. If you fancy manning the cake stall for an hour or so – you can also register your interest on the website or with your class rep 😊</p> <p>It would be great if bakers could drop off cakes at the village hall on the morning, but if that isn't possible, we can make other arrangements.</p>
School Christmas Parties	TBA	TBA
Winter Wander Trail	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm-7pm	TBA

## Other Information

Parents are welcome to contact us at [upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com) if they have any questions about our forthcoming camps/ club at Sparsholt.

"We were amazed at what you produced after just 2 days at the Xmas course – incredible! I couldn't believe my eyes that Anastasia was singing so happily in the front row. It was a huge personal step forward for her".

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