

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

15th December 2023



See you back in school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!

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

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A magical Kaleidoscope Concert!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 1st JANUARY 2024

- ✓ INSET DAY – Tues 2nd January
- ✓ Back to School – Wed 3rd January
- ✓ No school-run clubs this week
- ✓ Maple Class – swimming lessons – Fri 5th January, Winchester Leisure Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to what has been a wonderful term. I want to start by thanking every single one of you for all the amazing support you have shown us, we really appreciate all you do to support your children and the school, which is what continues to make this such a vibrant and inclusive community.

This week has been full of Christmas Cheer with so many of you attending the Carol Service at St Stephen's Church on Sunday. I am sure those of you who were there would agree that the children's rendition of Away in a Manager brought a tear to the eye. On Tuesday, KS2 put on what can only be described as a spectacle of talent and joy. The children's performances were exceptional and not only put everyone in the Christmas spirit but were also very moving at times.



On Thursday, we had a day of Christmas festivities with the children coming into school in their Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children. Your generosity has raised £105 for this very worthwhile charity.



The children started the day in their 'Christmas Families' made up of a mix of children from every year group. They worked together to make table mats and place names for the Christmas lunch, with the older children supporting the younger ones. The children had a fabulous Christmas feast and it was so wonderful to see the mixed age tables, chatting, singing and enjoying themselves together. There may even have been a little dancing from the staff at one point!! In the afternoon, the children were treated to an amazing entertainer courtesy of FoSS who dazzled and amazed the children with an array of magic tricks. Even some of the staff came down in disbelief as to how the magician had managed to do what he did!

This morning we held our final Celebration Worship of the year and lit our Advent wreath. We finished with a whole school rendition of 'Midnight' which is currently a firm favourite with everyone.

This afternoon we had the amazing Chloe Peplow in on behalf of the charity Sports4Champions. The children had a fantastic time undertaking circuit sessions with Chloe who talked to them all about the importance of sport not only for health but also for enjoyment. Thank you so much to all of you for the generosity you showed through your sponsorship – the school raised over £1000 in support of this worthwhile initiative.



I want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and hope you have time with family and friends to celebrate and relax with loved ones.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 3rd January for what I know will be a highly successful and engaging Spring Term.

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	Damien	Zachary	Jonathan
Beech	Henri	Allana	Cora
Maple	Martha	Daisy	Emily
Rowan	Isabella	Isabella	Isabella
Oak	Misha	Oliver	Pearl



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: Livinia

**BRONZE: Isabella D,
Gus, Toby, Berkeley,
Bryony**



Dates for the diary

Dates for the Diary - Spring Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Tues 2 nd Jan	INSET DAY	All day		New!
Wed 3 rd Jan	First day of term	8:40am		New!
Tues 16 th Jan	Tell Me Tuesday - WWII Artefacts	2:45pm	Yes	New!
Mon 29 th Jan	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	3:45pm	Yes Maple, Rowan & Oak Class parents only	New!
Fri 9 th Feb	Last day of half-term	3:30pm		New!

Important Notices

1. New PE Timetable for Spring Term 1

PE Days for each class are as follows starting from 3rd January 2023, for the first half-term of the Spring Term 2024.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

2. School Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Last chance to register for clubs for next term! For those who have registered, please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible – a child’s place is not reserved on a club until payment has been received.

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
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 – jdportscoaching@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)

Lacrosse	
Netball	
Junior Football	
Senior Football	

3. Swimming lessons for Maple Class – 6 weeks – Friday 5th Jan to Friday 9th Feb

Please remember to bring the following into school on Fridays for the first half of the Spring Term:

- Swimming costume / swimming trunks
- Towel
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Swimming cap for children with long hair
- Goggles (optional)

Please can children come to school in their PE kit, already wearing their swimming costume / trunks underneath. After swimming they will get changed back into their PE kit, so please remember to bring underwear with them.

4. Chance to Shine Cricket Lessons – 5 weeks – Monday 8th Jan to Monday 5th Feb – all classes

All classes will be having weekly cricket sessions, led by “Chance to Shine”.

Please can all children come to school on a Monday in their PE kit for the first half of Spring Term.

5. Lunch Payments for next half-term

The school requires that school lunches (for KS2) are paid in advance, on a half-termly basis. The current price for a school lunch is £3.00. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Scopay website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office.

To help you calculate the correct payment for next half-term on SCOPAY, please see below:

Number of meals per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for hot lunches Spring 1 half-term	£18.00	£36.00	£54.00	£69.00	£84.00

FoSS Updates

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered either baking, donating and/or helping out on various days throughout the term and more recently for the KS1 Nativity, KS2 Kaleidoscope and Christmas Fair bake sale. (Thank you also to the older children who helped man the stall for the event on Sunday).

Total profits:

Nativity and Kaleidoscope = £460.54

Christmas Fair = £84.47

We would also like to say a massive thank you on behalf of all the parents for all the hard work of the old FoSS team (Bonnie, Caroline, Katie and others) who are now handing over to the new FoSS team. They have provided the children with many lovely activities and worked hard to raise funds for some exciting projects over the years with a couple of these soon to come into fruition. We look forward to continuing their hard work and getting to know more parents across the school.

We hope to see as many of you as possible this evening for a hot chocolate/mulled wine at the Winter Wander Trail. Otherwise have a lovely Christmas break.

Kelly, Miriam, Sam and Melissa
(The FoSS team)

Other Information

Littleton Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

Littleton Crib Service takes place in Littleton Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We welcome back our Posada (if you've hosted it, don't forget to bring your sheep!) and make up the Church Crib. All welcome, especially suitable for families with young children.



Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December) at 4pm. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, children of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



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A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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