

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

6th December 2024

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

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Our delightful
School Christingle
Service

REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 9th December

- ✓ Sunday 8th December – Carol Service – 6pm at St Stephen's Church
- ✓ Monday 9th December – KS1 to bring Nativity costumes into school in a named bag
- ✓ Friday 13th December
 - KS1 Nativity at 9:30am in the hall
 - FoSS Serving refreshments and raffle tickets beforehand

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fabulous and festive week this week. The children are now in full performance mode with the most beautiful and melodious sounds wafting up the corridor. The singing is exquisite and the sounds of hand bells so uplifting. I have also witnessed some fantastic character acting with the children really taking their roles seriously and putting their all into their performances. I have no doubt that you will be fully entertained and I highly suspect there may even be the odd tear or two due to the children's wonderful and moving performances.

This week, Sparsholt Agricultural College students were back again and have made further progress with the decking area. Having been in there yesterday, I can attest to the fact that it is going to be an excellent resource allowing the children to access some great first hand experiences.

On Monday, we had a representative from Naomi House/ Jacksplace in to talk to the children about where the money raised from our Santa Fun Run, which as you know is taking place on the 19th December 2024, will go. The children came away really motivated to try and raise as much as they could for this incredibly worthwhile and essential charity. They were also rather excited when they found out that Naomi House were also providing Santa suits and hats for them to run in!

Yesterday, the children came in to school in an array of outfits in exchange for donations for the FoSS raffles that will be taking place at both the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 Kaleidoscope. It is always lovely to see the children in their own clothes and I have to say there were a number of very sparkly numbers and a lot of football kits!

This morning, all the children went across to the church for our School Christingle Service. It was a lovely service led by the children with Rev Kev leading us in prayer and giving the blessing. All the children will be bringing home a Christingle tonight so 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 monies have gone away to be counted and we will let you know what the school have raised for this incredible charity next week.

The coming week is another busy one with the St Stephen's Church Carol Service taking place this Sunday at 6pm which the children have been invited to sing at. There is also the end of term performance for the parents of the children who attend Upbeat Pop and Rock on Monday and of course the KS1 Nativity next Friday.

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 and please do remember to keep checking the overview of the festive events that was sent out last week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

School Awards

Core Christian Value Awards

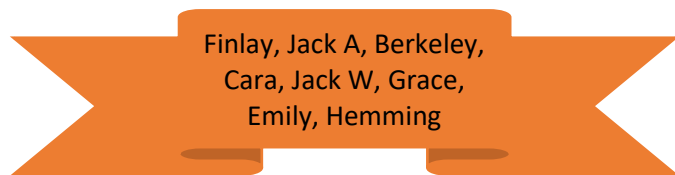
We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Ari	Grayson	Leo
Beech	Cora	George	Jemma
Maple	Liv	Henri	Olive
Rowan	Joshie	Felix	Hannah
Oak	Berkeley	Fallon	Edward



House Point "Rosette" Awards

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



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Emily – ran 4km in the Winchester Santa Fun Run & raised £50!

Well done to George M for completing his second shooting stars card and earning his silver shooting star badge.



Sparsholt C of E Primary School Dates for your diary - 2024/25

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
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

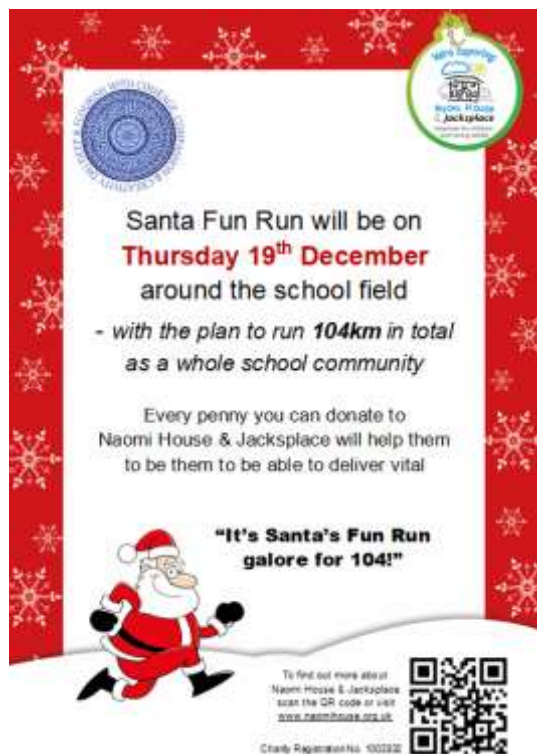
1. Sparsholt School Santa Fun Run

We are excited to announce our school will be hosting our very own Santa Fun Run in aid of Naomi House & Jackspace on Thursday 19th December, as part of our Christmas Festivities Day!

The Santa Fun Run will involve pupils and their teachers dashing around the school grounds, donning Santa Costumes and/or hats and having a jolly good time!

We kindly ask that those of you who can, raise as much as possible in sponsorship to support Naomi House & Jackspace. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child, and we encourage you to spread the word to friends and family. Every penny raised will go directly to Naomi House & Jackspace to help them continue their amazing work.

We believe this is a wonderful opportunity to encourage our pupils to stay active in line with our school "Shooting Stars Sports Challenge", spread festive spirit, and fundraise for a worthy cause.



Please can your child bring any sponsorship money raised along with their sponsorship form in a sealed, named envelope into school on Thursday 19th December. Thank you as ever for your support.

2. Clubs until the end of term

Please note the following end dates for clubs for this term:

Day	After-School Clubs	End Date
Monday	Upbeat Pop & Rock	Monday 9 th December
Tuesday	Mad Science	Tuesday 3rd December - FINISHED
	Lacrosse	Tuesday 10 th December
Wednesday	Fencing Club	Wednesday 11 th December
	Netball Club	Wednesday 11 th December
	Junior Football Club	Wednesday 11 th December
Thursday	Artiology Club	Thursday 12 th December
	Senior Football Club	Thursday 12 th December
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis	Friday 13 th December
	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Squad	Friday 13 th December

3. Clubs Timetable for Spring Term 2025

Please see the clubs timetable for Spring Term 2025 below. Please refer to the separate email sent out today (Friday 6th December) for further information about how to book children on to clubs.

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 / 07816901936
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 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. £35 per full term.
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC Coaching
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. For further info, e-mail hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC coaching
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

4. Payment for keyboard, recorder and brass music tuition for Spring Term 2025

As per the school charging policy, music tuition for keyboard, recorder and brass must be paid for termly in advance, and commitment to music tuition is for a whole year. For those who are signed up for music tuition this year, payments for the Spring Term have now been added to your child's Arbor account, under "clubs". Please can I ask that payment is made as soon as possible and in advance of your child's first lesson next term. Thank you.

5. After-School Club – Creative Kidz

If you're looking for quality after school childcare, where safeguarding is the highest priority.... look no further.

To check out our fantastic offer at Sparsholt by scanning the QR code on the flyer. Via this link to our website, you will also find our price list and joining information. Prices include activities, snacks and drinks.

Offering a fantastic range of activities including but not limited to:

⚽ Sport

🍳 Cookery

✂️ Craft

📄 Science

After school club is a fantastic opportunity for your child to socialise with their peers in a safe and stimulating environment.

Our amazing schedule of activities is put together by the children during club council meetings which is a superb method of incorporating the child's voice and ensures that we tailor the provision to the children's interests.



Throughout the session, children can take part in any activity advertised on the timetable, or they can freely choose chill out and socialise with friends. We provide a wide range of "Free Choice" resources such as -art and craft, role play, Lego and other construction resources, board games and puzzles, a chill out area, gaming zone (site/age dependant) as well as an area for children to do their homework.

Try before you buy:

Free taster sessions are available by contacting head office 07588662120.

Contact us admin@creativekidz.org.uk

6. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will be closed on **Saturday 7th and 14th December**. It will then be closed for Christmas from **2pm Thursday 19th December until Thursday 2nd January 2025**. Apologies for any inconvenience

FoSS Update

Please see minutes from AGM attached within this week's email.

The end of term is nearly upon us and as always it's a really busy time of year. We have the KS1 Nativity (Friday 13th) and the KS2 Kaleidoscope (Monday 16th). FoSS serve tea/coffee/cakes at these events and there is also a raffle. If anyone is able to help out at either of these events, please let your class reps know. Thanks.

Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

	Event	Details
<p><u>Sunday 8th</u> <u>December</u></p> <p>10-2PM</p> <p>Sparsholt Memorial Hall</p>	<p>*Sparsholt Village Christmas Fete*</p>  <p>*Christmas Tree Collection*</p> 	<p>Thank you to the baking and stall volunteers—much appreciated!</p> <p>Christmas trees can be collected from 7am of this day</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 11th December</u></p> <p>19:30</p> <p>The Plough, Sparsholt</p>	<p>Social Meeting to discuss ideas for upcoming fundraising events</p>	<p>This is a meeting that is open to anyone who would like to come along and discuss ideas for fundraising events for the rest of the academic year.</p> <p>If you're unable to attend but would like to put your ideas forward, please contact your class rep.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 18th December</u></p> <p>Sparsholt Memorial Hall</p>	<p>*Disco*</p> 	<p>This will be held in two sittings...</p> <p><u>Yr R- 3</u> @ 16:30 – 17:30</p> <p><u>Yr 4-6</u> @ 17:45 – 18:45</p> <p>We have a party professional taking control of the turntables; the one, the only (?)... DJ Dean, who will be sure to get the kids dancing!</p> <p>Buy your tickets here...</p> <p>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=91256</p> <p>If you're able to help out on the night please sign up via link above as well!</p> <p><u>We are needing some more people to help out with the KS2 disco.</u></p>

General Information

SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday 8th December 2024

10am - 2pm

Christmas markets, festive eats and drinks,
one of a kind gifting and more



Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December). 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!

