

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

24th May 2024

The children absolutely loved the P & G Wells book fair yesterday!

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

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Sparsholt School Cricket Team at this year's Cricket Festival at St. Cross



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024

- ✓ Tell Me Tuesday – "Life in Uganda" by Ms Lewis - 2:45pm Tues 4th June
- ✓ No brass lessons this week (teacher planning) – Wed 5th June
- ✓ Change of day – Keyboard / Recorder lessons – Wed 5th June (not Thurs this week)
- ✓ Girls' Cricket Tournament at Kings School (selected pupils) – 4pm Wed 5th June
- ✓ Outdoor Learning Day (all children) – Thurs 6th June – PE kit with long trousers
- ✓ Change of menu for Outdoor Learning Day – Thurs 6th June
- ✓ Primary School Swimming Gala (all children) – Fri 7th June - morning

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic way to end this half term. I am sure all of you who were able to attend this afternoon's Musical May concert will agree that we have an amazing and incredibly talented group of children who continue to show such fantastic enthusiasm for all that they do. They performed with such poise and their singing was truly uplifting and inspiring. Our wonderful FoSS team also did a fantastic job of providing delicious refreshments and I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for the tireless work they do to raise much needed funds to enable the children's experiences to be enhanced.

This week has gone by in a blur with so many amazing opportunities and experiences happening. Last Saturday, some of our amazing Year 6 pupils held another Table Top sale on the Memorial Green in aid of WaterAid. It was such a pleasure to see them set up the items and then use their VERY persuasive sales techniques on potential customers including those who were just passing by! Thank you so much to all the parents who supported this event and for those who purchased some of the amazing items that were for sale. The Table Top sale made £160 and the children should be incredibly proud of their amazing courageous advocacy efforts.

On Tuesday, our Cricket team were out in force attending the St. Cross Cricket Festival organised by Kings School. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed amazing support to each other in every match and sportsmanship to other teams. They were truly a credit to the school.

Also on Tuesday, we had two members of the Police Education Team come to speak to Years 5 and 6 about both 'Online Safety' and 'Hate Crime'. The children all listened intently and asked really well-considered questions about the information they were given. Both Police officers commented on how impressed they were with the children's knowledge and interest.

On Thursday afternoon, our Book Fair run by P&G Wells was a roaring success with the children loving the ability to browse the huge array of books that were available. So many of the children went away so excited with their purchases and it really did demonstrate what a love for reading our children have. Thank you so much to those of you who came along to the Book Café and were able to listen to Emma from the Schools Library Service who did such a wonderful job of talking to the children and parents about some wonderful and inspiring books for all ages. Thank you again to FoSS who provided tea and coffee and some incredibly delicious cakes and sweet treats.

Next half-term is incredibly busy with things such as Sports Day, the Year 6 residential, the new Year Rs' transition events and our whole school production to name but a few. Please do make sure you have these events in your diaries because we really do enjoy sharing these wonderful experiences with you all.

Finally, if you are able to give some time and support to the Pond project on Saturday 8th June 2024, please do let FoSS know so that they can make sure there are enough of the wonderful refreshments they will be providing in exchange for your help.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd June.

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	Enid	Peter	Zachary
Beech	Wilf	Evie	Max
Maple	Daisy	Clara	George
Rowan	Isaac	Bryony	Diya
Oak	Abel	Jemima	Molly



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: Skyla, Finbar, Liv,
Edward P, Henry R**

BRONZE: Megan



Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 2 2024

Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school after half-term	8:50am	N/A	
Mon 10 th June to Fri 14 th June	Year 6 Residential	N/A	N/A	
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day	1:15pm	Yes	
Fri 21 st June	Class photos	N/A	N/A	
Fri 28 th June	INSET DAY	N/A	N/A	
Mon 1 st July	Marvellous Monday - all classes Invitation to come in with your child and view their work.	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes All parents / carers	
Wed 17 th July	Whole school outdoor production	1:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 18 th July	Whole school outdoor production	6:00pm	Yes	
Tues 23 rd July	Year 6 Leaver's Service	9:30am	Yes Families of Year 6	
Tues 23 rd July	Last day of school year	3:30am	N/A	
Wed 24 th July to Fri 30 th Aug	Summer Holidays	N/A	N/A	
Mon 2 nd Sept - Tues 3 rd Sept	INSET DAYS	N/A	N/A	
Wed 4 th Sept	Children return to school	8:50am	N/A	

Important Notices

1. Outdoor Learning Day – Thursday 6th June

We are so excited that following the success of last year, Sparsholt School's Outdoor Learning Day is returning for its second year! The children will be spending all day outside, completing lots of nature-themed activities incorporating maths, geography, science and many other topics.

Please can children wear their PE kit to school on this day – children **must wear long trousers (leggings or joggers)**. We will be outside for most of the day whatever the weather, so please ensure that children bring a coat to school if rain is forecast, or have applied suncream and bring a hat to school if the weather is expected to be good. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school.

2. In-app messages - Arbor

The school is using in-app messages as a quick and easy way to communicate with parents. Please ensure that you have turned notifications on so that you are notified when a new message is sent and do not miss out on important information.

3. No Brass Tuition on Wednesday 5th June

There will be no brass tuition this week as the teacher is taking this week for his termly planning.

4. Change of day for Keyboard / Recorder lessons – Wednesday 5th June

For this week only, Mrs Leitzell will run her music lessons on Wednesday and not Thursday, due to the Outdoor Learning Day on Thursday 6th June.

5. Head lice in school

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of head lice this week at school. Please could we ask that all parents check their child's hair over half-term for head lice. It would be great to have a determined effort to clear them from school as soon as possible. Thank you.

6. Artiology Club – Thursdays – Summer Term 2

Artiology Club will be continuing in the second-half of the Summer Term for 5 weeks (please see the information in the poster overleaf). The children have loved making some wonderful creative pieces this half-term, and so, if you have a child in Years 1 to 3, please do think about signing them up for this amazing club for next half-term!

ARTiOLOGY club

After school art club on **Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm**
For children in Years 1- 3



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 6th June and finishes on Thursday 5th July 2024 (5 sessions £40)

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

Name:

Class:

Email:



7. Information from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary

This week our Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a really informative talk from an Education Partnership Officer from Hampshire Police. One focus of the talk was around online safety and the police have also provided some online safety guidance for parents and carers. Please see the document attached separately to this newsletter.

8. A message from Hampshire Transport

Over 90% of families in Hampshire make their own journeys to school. They walk, cycle, use public transport, lift-share with other families or take their child to school in the family car. Visit Hampshire County Council's [Travel to school page](#) for information.

The County Council understands that for a minority of children, particularly those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), there are exceptional reasons why they are unable to get to school, even with the help of families or friends. In these situations, the County Council may be able to provide free transport assistance. This is available for eligible children from **the term after their fifth birthday up to and including year 11**.

You can visit the Hampshire County Council website to [check whether your child is eligible for free transport assistance](#). If you believe your child meets the eligibility criteria, and you need help getting them to school, you can [apply now for transport assistance](#) for the 2024/25 school year.

If your child already receives School Transport, **you don't need to do anything** unless your circumstances have changed. If you have moved home or school location, you will need to [reapply for transport](#).

Application Deadlines

Applications for School Transport for 2024/25 must be submitted by the following applicable dates.

Type	Application Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mainstream primary and secondary schools	31 May 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students with SEND	30 June 2024




Late applications

Applications received after the applicable date will be treated as late applications, and will only be reviewed after all on-time applications have been processed. This means that **transport will not be in place for September 2024 and may not be available for the first academic term**.

What next?

Providing your application is submitted on time, you can expect to hear back from us with the outcome of your application within 15 working days. This may vary during busier periods. For approved applications, you will then receive a second communication detailing your child's transport arrangements, and this will be sent to you no later than the end of August.

FoSS Update

Event		Details
<p>Pond Area Community Event</p> <p><u>Saturday 8th June @ 10am</u></p>		<p>Please let your class reps know if you can help.</p> <p>Kick off will be from 10am. We will give more details nearer the time</p>
<p>Father's Day</p> <p><u>Final orders will be Monday 10th June</u></p>	<p>'Make a Marvellous Man' (or Someone Special)</p> 	<p>We will be offering a gingerbread man from a local bakery, along with a decorating kit.</p> <p>These will be distributed on Friday 14th June, and then the children can take them home to weave their artistic magic 😊</p> <p>Cost will be £3 for a gingerbread man kit or £2.50 each if buying more than one.</p> <p>Ready to order now!</p> <p>FOSS (pta-events.co.uk)</p>
<p>Sparsholt Village Fete</p> <p><u>Saturday 29th June</u></p>	<p>FoSS will be having a stall TBA</p> 	<p>More information to follow.</p> <p>We will be looking for volunteers to help with the FoSS stall and the bar. If you think you can spare an hour or so we would very much appreciate it.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

Other Items



Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s),

On Saturday 8th June 2024, Kings' School will be hosting their annual Summer Fayre. Previously we have hosted a Year 3,4,5 and 6 Biathlon prior to the Fayre commencing and we are keen to do this once again. The Biathlon will begin at 10:30am, however, registration will begin at 10:15am and I would ask all competitors and parents to be present and arrive no later than 10:25am. Following the Biathlon, parents and pupils are then welcome to attend the School Fayre.

The Biathlon event will consist of a 100m swim immediately followed by a 1km run for Years 5 and 6 and a 50m swim immediately followed by an 800m run for Years 3 & 4. Pupils will compete in waves of their own age and gender and it is intended that this event is a personal challenge as opposed to a timed event. All pupils will be encouraged to move up the rankings within their wave, however, they will not be positioned. For this reason, we would like to have as many competitors as possible and make this a challenging mass participation event.

Upon completion of the Biathlon, all pupils will receive a medal and small goodie bag for their achievement. We hope that as many families as possible can stay for a while to enjoy the day and have some fun.

If your child is willing to participate in this event and can definitely commit their time from 10:15am-11:00am (depending on the number of participants) on Saturday 8th June, please complete the following reply slip by 8pm on Friday 7th June 2024 and email the reply to agoneastleighandwinchester@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully,

Alison MacQuillin and Emma White
North Eastleigh and Winchester School Games Organisers
Kings' School Winchester

RSVP By 8:00pm on Friday 7th June 2024

Son/ Daughter's Name

School

Year group (3,4,5 or 6)

"I confirm that I can transport my son/daughter to and from this event"

Signed

WHAT'S ON MAY HALF TERM

Tudor House, SeaCity Museum & Southampton City Art Gallery



See venue websites for further details on events and to book*
seacitymuseum.co.uk, tudorhouseandgarden.com and southamptoncityartgallery.com

SCC CULTURE CLUB Southampton Culture Club for Kids (6+ -12yrs)

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9am-4pm
(drop off from 8.45am) / SeaCity
Museum / £35 (90 for 3 days)
Days of investigation, imagination
and discovery for children aged 6 to
12yrs who love being creative and
learning through fun activities. Led
by the experienced cultural services
learning team, at Kids' Club children
will explore the past, experience
the museum and gallery and make
really cool things!

Tues 28 May - This is my Swamp
Weds 29 May - Cats in Boots
Thurs 30 May - Friendly Giants

Family CULTURE CLUB

A loyalty reward card for families who
love getting 'hands-on' at Southampton
museums and art gallery.



Buy six family activities and get the 4
seventh FREE with our Culture Club for
Families scheme.

Pick up your loyalty card from SeaCity
Museum, Southampton City Art Gallery
or Tudor House and Garden.
Full details and T&Cs:

www.southampton.gov.uk/cultureclub

Art for All: Under The Sea Printmaking (6+)

Tues 28 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm
/ Art Gallery / £8



Tour for All: Secrets of Southampton Castle

Tues 28 May / 11am,
2pm / Tudor House
/ £7 per person, £24
family ticket



Wizard School (6+)

Weds 29 &
Thurs 30 May /
10.30am, 12pm,
1.30pm / Tudor
House / £8



Art for All: Clay Fairy Gardens (4+)

Weds 29 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm / Art
Gallery / £8

Art for All: Clay Dinosaurs (4+)

Thurs 30 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm,
2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8

Art for All: Paint a Seascape (6+)

Fri 31 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm,
2.30pm / Art
Gallery / £8



MONTHLY CLUBS

The Young Ones (7-13 yrs)

Saturdays: 18 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul /
10.30am-12.30pm / 1.30-3.30pm
/ Art Gallery / £12.50 / £30 for all
three sessions

Join us to experiment with different
art materials and ideas and have
some fun! Each monthly session is
led by a local artist, who will take
their inspiration from the network on
display. You are welcome to stay with
your child or to drop them off.

Mini Monets Art Club (Under 7's)

Sat: 25 May, 22 Jun, 27 Jul / 10am-
11am / Art Gallery / £7.50, £18 for
all three sessions

Join artist Debra Marsh to
experiment with different art styles,
techniques and materials in a fun
and accessible way. A great
way to encourage your
child's creativity without
making a mess at
home.



COME PARTY WITH US!

If you've got a Themed workshop, a history fest or a child who loves to get creative, why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities tailored to their interests.

Email museums.education@southampton.gov.uk

*All activities must be booked in advance KEY: Dress for mess * Bring a packed lunch 🍷 Venue has accessibility issues ♿

LOVE RUGBY

Taster Session for Girls in Years 5 & 6

DATE: Monday 3rd June

TIME: 4:15 - 5:15

LOCATION: Winchester RFC

Contact: Hannah 07773463039

winchgirlsrugby@gmail.com

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