

# *Sparsholt C of E Primary School*



*9th October 2020*

## **Dates for your diaries**

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| Inset Days                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2021      |
| Flu Vaccinations                     | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                              |
| School Photographs (Portraits)       | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                                |
| Virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November |

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*What another amazing week we have had (all but a bit shorter due to our INSET day). I have to say I am always amazed by how many fabulous learning experiences go on and how engaged the children are in them. After their very impressive persuasive letters from last week, Beech class had their 'Elmer day'. As part of the learning, the children had to design and make their own Elmer style T-shirt. Not only were their designs incredibly creative but their finished article looked exactly like original designs despite their young age; how incredible their eye for detail is!*

*Science was most definitely a focus this week from Rowan making a representation of the water cycle from shaving foam and blue food colouring to Oak learning about air resistance through the investigation of gyrocopters and seeing what affected the speed at which they fell.*

*I want to say a huge thank you to our Worship team for promoting our Harvest collection in aid of the Winchester Night Shelter and to all of you for demonstrating courageous advocacy by donating food items to this very important cause. We as a school feel that this is such an important part of our whole school community ethos and want to thank you for your support with this.*

*As you should all know, homework is now being set on the VLE for Years 1-6. Please can you ensure that your children are given the opportunity to access their homework and engage fully with the tasks set. Please can you assist your children in uploading their completed tasks back onto the VLE so that teachers can provide feedback. If you need any support with this, please telephone or email Miss Sheppeck [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) and she will be more than happy to talk you through the process. If you are unsure as to when homework is set and due to be returned, you can find this information by looking on the school website under 'Learning' and then accessing your child's class in which you will find the class information sheet.*

*I really hope you all have a lovely weekend and are able to get out and have some fun in the Autumn sunshine.*

*Kind regards,  
Mrs Hanratty.*

## **Increase in Hampshire Lunch costs**

Hampshire lunches will increase by 10p to £2.50 per day from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020. The decision to increase the school meal price was taken at the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People Decision Day (16 September 2020). Read the School Meals Decision Report online at [hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings](https://hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings) for more information.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Online Flu Vaccination consent must be completed by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. A letter was sent to parents by email on 30<sup>th</sup> September with the information attached; if you have misplaced it and would like to arrange a flu vaccination for your child, please email the school for another copy. The school cannot complete consent on your behalf; if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination, please ignore the letter.

**Data Forms for checking**

Thank you to all those of you who have already emailed your data forms. If your data is correct or there are necessary amendments required, please advise us by emailing [adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk).

**Pupil Absence**

Please make use of the school absence email to notify the school as soon as possible with your child's name and reason for their absence. Using this service means you do not have to send in a letter on the first day of your child's return to the school following an absence - [absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk)