

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

18th October 2024

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

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Bread making in Willow Class

Whole School Harvest Celebration – thank you for your generous harvest donations!



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 21st OCTOBER

- ✓ Wednesday 23rd October – No fencing club this week
- ✓ Friday 25th October – Last day of half-term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to say that I really can't believe that we are nearly half way through the Autumn term. Having just come back from this morning's wonderful Harvest Festival, I can't tell you how incredibly proud I am of every single one of our children and our school community as a whole. Some newer parents commented on how welcoming both the school and the parental community are and for me that says everything.

For those of you who were able to attend today's Harvest Festival, I am sure that you would all agree that not only were the children's performances amazing and uplifting but the messages they shared were both moving and so important for all to hear. Our children continue to astound me with their understanding of the world around them and their desire to make a difference in all aspects of life. They really are a very special group of children. Thank you also for your incredibly kind generosity around the items you donated for the Winchester Night Shelter – every item makes such a difference to members of our local community.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful FoSS team who did an amazing job of serving refreshments at today's Harvest. The money raised by FoSS makes a huge difference to us as a school in terms of the opportunities we can provide for the children. The funding we get from FoSS enables us to turn ideas into reality and do things we would not ordinarily be able to.

Whilst Monday now seems an age ago, our Year 1s and 2s and Year 5s were incredibly lucky to receive a visit from the Hampshire Fire Service. They were all fully engaged in the workshops they were involved in and have come away with a really clear understanding of fire safety and what to do in a fire emergency situation.

On Tuesday, our newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers, Hugh and Verity, took part in a really important webinar around the role of the JRSOs and how they can support other children to understand the importance of road safety. Hugh and Verity will be organising a number of different events and activities to not only educate the other children but also to inspire them to become road safety ambassadors themselves.

Please can I ask that you take a look at the section in this week's important notices about the car park. As we have children moving through the car park, it is essential that the protocols we have set out are followed.

Whilst the weather is not looking the best for the coming weekend, I do hope you will all be able to get outside and have some exercise out in the fresh air. The children are so inspired by our Sparsholt Shooting Stars initiative and it is wonderful when that can be part of life at home too.

I hope you all have a wonderful and fun 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.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Grayson	Leo	Bea
Beech	George	Max	Willow
Maple	Wilf	Theo	Allana
Rowan	Gus	Joshua F	Evie
Oak	Henry N	Henry R	Sofia



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.

Bronze "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 100 house points.

Silver "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 200 house points.

Gold "rosette" awards are given out to children who have earned 300 house points.



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Bryony – awarded Stage 5 in her swimming lessons
- * Zevon – completed his 60s exercise tracker
- * Chloe – awarded a medal in her gymnastics competition
- * Alexander – cycled 22km of the Meon Valley trail
- * Beni – completed a 5km autumn run
- * Reuben – received his third tag at Jiu Jitsu
- * Evan – received his first tag at Jiu Jitsu
- * Daisy R – scored in her football match & was voted player of the match
- * Olive – moved up a class in her swimming lessons



Well done everyone! Please do keep sending your achievements into us!

Key Dates for the Diary



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Dates for your diary – 2024/25

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents invited?	Notes
Mon 4th Nov 2024	First day of half-term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 4th Nov 2024	Marvelous Monday	Child's classroom	3:35pm - 4:15pm	Yes	For all classes. An invitation to come in with your child and view their work.
Tues 12th Nov 2024	Open morning for prospective parents	School	09:30am - 12:00pm	n/a	Please share with the community
Tues 12th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Thurs 14th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm - 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Sun 8th Dec 2024	Church Carol Service	St Stephen's Church	6pm	Yes	
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. Year 7 Secondary School Applications

For parents of our current Year 6 children, please remember that applications for your child's Year 7 secondary school place close on **31st October 2024**. Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information.

2. New menus

The new Hampshire Catering menus for November – April are now on the school website at:

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/school_meals/210528

Please note that each day, we will be offering a meat, vegetarian, jacket potato or pasta option.

3. School Car Park Guidelines

We would like to remind you of our car parking guidelines:

- Please do **not** move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for a few minutes longer and allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-ways in the car-park

- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office (where the white lines are painted) impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour.
 - There are 3 parking bays closest to the shop which are for the use of Post Office/Shop staff.
 - For safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park
 - If you double-park in the car-park please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible.
 - An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground – we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays or private driveways in front of some of the houses in the Close.
 - Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass.
 - Finally we ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park.
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4. Reminder about School Uniform

We are continuing to see children coming into school wearing incorrect school uniform. In particular, please can we ask that **branded white sports socks are not worn as part of the full school uniform.**





As a reminder, please see the “school uniform” section of the school website, which details what our uniform consists of. Thank you for your support with this.

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/school_uniform_/280451

FoSS Update

We have had some creative parents take it upon themselves to raise funds for FoSS by hosting a wine tasting evening at their home in November. They will be hosting 20 people-sure to be lots of fun! We will let you know how much is raised after the event.

If this has got your fundraising ideas flowing and you would like to chat it through or host an event to raise funds for FoSS, please get in touch at: friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com or 07974 158974 (Miriam).

Event	Details
<p>Movie Night</p> <p>Friday 25th October 6-8PM</p>  A graphic for 'Movie Night' featuring a yellow background with the text 'MOVIE NIGHT' in black. It is surrounded by colorful film reels, a clapperboard, and other movie-related items.	<p>We still have some tickets available, so please sign up if you want your child to come to this.</p> <p>Ticket sales close on Tuesday!</p> <p>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sparsholt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=86943</p>
<p>FoSS AGM</p> <p>Monday 11th November 19:30 Running Horse</p>  A graphic for the 'AGM Annual General Meeting' showing the text 'AGM Annual General Meeting' above several raised hands of various colors.	
<p>Wine Tasting</p> <p>Friday 22nd November</p>  A photograph showing a person pouring wine from a bottle into several glasses on a table.	<p>This is now sold out!</p>
<p>Disco</p> <p>Wednesday 18th December Timings TBA</p>  A graphic for a disco event featuring the word 'DISCO' in large, colorful, neon-style letters on a multi-colored checkered floor with a starburst light effect in the background.	<p>KS1 and KS2 Disco. We will split the key stages with the younger ones going first and the older ones straight after.</p> <p>If anyone has DJing skills they would like to show off or knows a thing or two about a good disco – we would love for you to be involved!</p>

Other Information



Bursaries are available



Be a Chorister - Open day
Saturday 9 November 2024, 2.15pm - 6.30pm

Unlock your son's musical potential and find out what it's like to sing in a Cathedral Choir

Learn about the unique experience of being a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral and a boarder at The Pilgrims' School. Sing Evensong with Winchester Cathedral Choir, hear the mighty organ and try on a cassock.

Welcoming boys from Years 2 to 4
Please contact choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk or call 01962 857200 to book

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Hampshire Healthy Steps is a new service for families with children aged 2 to 12 years in Hampshire, with the vision of promoting healthier childhoods.

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Volunteer Training with Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Looking for a rewarding way to give back to your community?

Join Home-Start Winchester and Districts for our upcoming Volunteer Training and help make a positive impact on local families!

 Start Date: 30th January 2025 for 5 consecutive weeks excluding half term

 Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

 Location: The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, SO22 4EJ

Our comprehensive training course will prepare you to support families with young children who are going through challenging times.

 What You'll Learn:

- Supporting families through challenges
- Understanding the importance of play
- Building resilience in families
- Confidentiality and safeguarding

To register or for more information, please email info@home-startwinchester.org.uk or visit our website www.home-startwinchester.org.uk

Make a difference to the lives of local families – volunteer with Home-Start today!