

# Sparsholt C of E Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ School Awards
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Sparsholt Netball Team competing in their first netball tournament



Oak Class pizza-making – thank you for FoSS for our cooking facilities!

### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

- ✓ "Air Ambulance" Tell Me Tuesday by Mr Sawyer – 2:45pm Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar
- ✓ Football match (selected team) – 3:30pm kick-off Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar, away at Owslebury
- ✓ School Easter Presentation – 2:15pm Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar on playground (weather permitting)
- ✓ FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza – 3:30pm – 4:45pm Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar on field

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at school and I am really pleased to report that our new kitchen area in the staff room has been christened by the pupils in Oak class. As part of their science curriculum, the children have been looking at the use of microorganisms in food production and decided that pizza dough was the way to see its effect! In addition to the science focus, the children combined it with design technology and planned, designed and evaluated their pizza creations – strangely they found the evaluation part the most enjoyable! Next week, Willow class will be making use of the kitchen facilities where they will be making Moon rock cakes!

Our Pupil leadership groups have been in full swing this week with our Eco Team encouraging everyone to be involved in 'Earth Hour'. The children have pledged to spend at least 60 minutes making a positive difference to our planet and reminding everyone that there is 'No Planet B'. Our Pupil Governors met and have decided that as with last year, they would like the school community to donate 'Easter Treats' in aid of the Winchester Basics Bank that will then be distributed to children in need in the Winchester district this Easter time. I am, as always, so proud of the children's compassion for others and their activism and desire to make a difference.

This week our Netball squad competed in their first netball tournament and did us proud. They worked excellently as a team, showing great support for each other and sportsmanship towards other teams. Their ability to be flexible was clearly displayed with regular changes of position required from every player during each game. I have no doubt that they will become a formidable force in future events.

On Tuesday, Harriet in Year 6 treated us to a really inspiring 'Tell me Tuesday' all about her experiences in competitive swimming. Whilst she spoke eloquently about training schedules and winning medals, the pivotal message she delivered was about the importance of striving to beat your personal best. For such a young athlete, her understanding of what should truly drive an individual was really motivational.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Gwilliam and I had the honour of attending the licensing service at St Stephen's Church for the new vicar who will be serving the Downs Benefice. Reverend Kevin Rogers will be working closely with us as a school, and the children are really looking forward to our first school worship with 'Rev Kev' taking place at the church next week.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to our Easter Presentation next Thursday at 2:15pm. At the moment, we are very hopeful that we will be able to hold it outside on the playground and enjoy the spring weather, however if the weather forces our hand we will hold it in the hall. After the Easter Presentation, our wonderful FoSS team will be holding their 'Easter Eggstravaganza' on the school field so do make sure you come along and support this wonderful fundraising event.

**Finally, please can I ask that you carefully read the "Important Notices" section in this newsletter as it contains a lot of important information for next week and the start of the Summer Term, including club sign-up information.**

I hope you all have a fantastic 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
<b>Willow</b>	Tillie	Jonathan	George
<b>Beech</b>	Olive	Cora	Liv
<b>Maple</b>	Pippa	George	Hemming
<b>Rowan</b>	Berkeley	Cordelia	Isaac
<b>Oak</b>	Harriet	Nancy	Ella



### 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: Edward**

**BRONZE: Florrie, Renis**



## Dates for the diary

Spring Term 2 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole school Easter Presentation	2:15pm	Yes	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last day of term - 3:30pm finish	3:30pm		

Dates for the Diary - Summer Term 1 2024				
Date	Event	Time	Parents invited	New event?
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children return to school	All day		New!
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed	All day		New!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May - Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week	All day		New!
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school "Musical May" concert	2:15pm	Yes	New!
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half-term - 3:30pm finish	All day		New!

## Important Notices

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### 1. School-run clubs – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March

Please remember that there are no school-run clubs (lacrosse, netball, junior football, senior football) next week as it is the last week of term.

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### 2. School Easter Presentation – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school at 2:15pm next Thursday for our wonderful Easter presentation. We are hoping for a lovely Spring day so that the presentation can take place outside in our school playground. If the weather does not permit this, the presentation will take place in The Memorial Hall, but at this point we will have to restrict entry to a maximum of 2 people per school family. We hope that this will not need to be the case, and will communicate any changes if required nearer the time.

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### 3. Clubs for the Summer Term

Please find the timetable of after-school clubs for the Summer Term below. **Please remember that everyone must re-register for school clubs each term – your registrations from Spring Term 2024 will not carry forward.**

All school-run clubs will start w/c **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**. For other clubs, please check with the relevant provider. **Fencing, Upbeat, Artiology and Integr8 Dance** clubs are run by external companies. To book onto these, please contact the companies directly (information in the table).

For all school-run clubs (**Rounders, Netball, Cricket**) we will stipulate a maximum number of children. Places will be given on a first come – first served basis upon booking on our Arbor system. Arbor will require that payment for the club is made at the time of booking. **Bookings for clubs will open on Arbor at midday Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

The cost of school clubs will remain at £30 per term for 2023-2024 academic year (unless otherwise specified). For this price, we commit to offering at least 10 sessions per term. If we are unable to meet this commitment (note – in the case of bad weather, we will run an indoor session covering the rules / tactics of the sport), we will reduce the price by £3 per session below the 10 sessions per term. In a term where we are able to provide more than 10 sessions, we will **NOT** charge anything additional.

Mrs Leitzell's lunchtime choir club will be continuing for Years 2 - 6. There will be no charge for this club, and there is no need to re-register your child for this club.


If all places are booked on Arbor, please contact the school office, where we will place your child on a waiting list. Several of the school clubs were over-subscribed last term, and so please make sure you sign-up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

For any child registered in an after-school club who is unable to attend, please inform us of going-home arrangements. We will always hold children at school who are in clubs that are cancelled at short notice due, for example, to inclement weather.

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 <a href="mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com">upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com</a> / 07816901396 <a href="#">Booking link for Sparsholt children - Summer Term</a>
Tuesday	Rounders (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – <a href="mailto:jdportscoaching@gmail.com">jdportscoaching@gmail.com</a> / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 3 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. Please book and pay directly at <a href="mailto:hallimarie@googlemail.com">hallimarie@googlemail.com</a>
	Cricket Club (Years 4 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. <b>£30 per full term.</b>
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – <a href="mailto:info@integr8dance.com">info@integr8dance.com</a> / 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 – <a href="mailto:info@integr8dance.com">info@integr8dance.com</a> / 01962 808398

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**UPBEAT SPARSHOLT**  
EST 2001 SING, DANCE, RECORD, PERFORM



**POP & ROCK CLUB**  
MONDAYS 3.30 - 4.30  
FOR CHILDREN in Year R - Yr 6  
SESSIONS taught by 2 Specialist tutors  
RECORDINGS made with sound engineer  
End of term performance for parents  
DEVELOP CONFIDENCE  
LEARN NEW SKILLS, HAVE FUN

**TESTIMONIALS**  
"My children have been going for years. Max and co inspire them to perform with confidence. Loved every minute" Jason Donovan - artist  
"We never thought we'd see the day she would sing on her own in front of so many people" Sarah - parent

Sparsholt Primary School [www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk](http://www.upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk)  
07816 901396 [upbeatlondon](https://www.instagram.com/upbeatlondon) [upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com](mailto:upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com)

## 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.



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

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 25th April and finishes on Thursday 23rd May 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.



Please email [hallimarie@googlemail.com](mailto:hallimarie@googlemail.com) or hand this slip into school if your child would like to join.

Name: .....

Class: .....

Email: .....

Phone number: .....



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#### 4. Lost Property

Please look out for a table outside of school on the last day of this term with all of the lost property we have. Anything that is leftover will be disposed of over the Easter holidays. Thank you.

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#### 5. New lunch menus – Summer Term

Please visit the school website at [School Meals](#) to see the new menus for the Summer Term. As well as the meat, vegetarian and jacket potato options, for the Summer Term there will also be an additional “picnic” option available to all children.

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#### 6. 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 Arbor. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference.

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

Number of meals per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for hot lunches Summer 1 half-term	£18.00	£36.00	£54.00	£69.00	£87.00

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#### 7. Music Tuition Payments for next half-term

For children currently having music tuition (brass, guitar, recorder or keyboard) in school, the payment of £75 for the Summer Term is now available to be paid on your child's Arbor account. Please can we ask that payment is made prior to the start of next term. Thank you.

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#### 8. Music Tuition for next academic year

Please complete the following online form if you would like to express interest for your child to participate in group music tuition lessons next academic year: <https://forms.gle/fDoJH1ug5fxspjpy7>

This includes those already having music lessons.

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#### 9. Bags2School

There will be a Bags2School collection on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Details and bags will be handed to children nearer the time.

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## 10. Uniform – Direct4Logos

The Romsey Shop will close at **4:30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** and then reopen again at **9:30am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**.

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## 11. Tell Me Tuesday

We invite all parents and our community to join pupils and staff to 'Tell Me Tuesday' events, so please do make a note in your diary and join us for the final talk of the Spring Term:

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Air Ambulance Talk - Mr Sawyer**

Please also see below for our timetable of exciting talks for the Summer Term:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Wesley	Intriguing India
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Ms Christie	Kayaking adventures
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Findley	Course Fishing
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Wesley	RNLI
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Miss Lewis	Life in Uganda / 'Project Embabazi'
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Jemima & Olivia	Jolly Hockey sticks
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Alexander	Architecture

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## 12. PE Timetable – Summer Term 1

PE days for each class for next half-term remain the same and are highlighted in blue below:


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WILLOW					
BEECH					
MAPLE					
ROWAN					
OAK					

Just a quick reminder that children should come into school in their PE Kits on the days they do PE. **However, for any after-school sports clubs, if it is not their class PE day, children should come into school in normal uniform, and bring their PE kit in to get changed at the end of the day.**

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## FoSS Update

Upcoming events	
<b>FoSS Easter Eggstravaganza!!</b> – Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.30-4.45pm	Following the school's Easter presentation, come and join us for fun on the field. Let your class rep know if you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• bake</li><li>• host a stall</li><li>• help with set up/pack down</li><li>• donate child appropriate tombola prizes</li><li>• donate small or large easter eggs (donations to be dropped into the office)</li></ul> 
<b>Parent Yoga – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> 9-10am – Sparsholt Village Hall	Join us for parent yoga with a qualified yoga instructor. All abilities welcome. 15 spaces available. Sign up with your class rep. £9 to include the class and tea/coffee afterwards.
<b>Bags2School clothes collection</b> Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Donate your unwanted clothes and raise money for school. Clothes can be left in the school hall before 9am and a parent will follow the school bus in the morning to pick up donations.

## Other Items

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The Sparsholt litter pick will be on the morning of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am to 12 Noon. Meet in the Memorial Hall car park. Equipment and bags will be provided, please bring your own gloves. Some refreshments will be available.

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TESLA  
Winchester Easter Hunt  
25<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April

Complete the daily hunt and take away Tesla Easter Chocolate