

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

3rd February 2023

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Key dates for your diaries

Inset Days 22/23

Year R and 1 Parent Workshop

"Teaching your child to read"

Year 6 SATs Information Evening

Willow and Beech - Terrific Tuesday

Children and parents invited to look at books

Maple, Rowan & Oak – Wonderful Wednesday

Children and parents invited to look at books

Bags2School Collection

Additional Bank Holiday

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Tuesday 7th February at 3:45pm

Tuesday 7th February at 6pm

Tuesday 21st February 2023 (in classrooms)

3:35pm – 4:15pm

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 (in classrooms)

3:35pm – 4:15pm

Tuesday 28th February 2023

Monday 8th May



A huge **THANK YOU** from the school to a parent who generously donated 9 boxes of photocopier paper this week. With school budgets as tight as they are at the moment, donations such as these really do make such a difference for us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fabulous week here with so many of the children getting some wonderful topic related learning opportunities that not only provided them with some first-hand experiences but also showed their enthusiasm for what they have been learning about.

On Tuesday, Maple class had their Ancient Egyptian day with everyone looking fantastic in their Egyptian style costumes. The creativity around what everyone was wearing was a real spectacle and the eye for detail in terms of the accessories such as jewellery pieces and makeup was fantastic. The children all had an amazing day learning about the ancient Egyptian art of bread making, creating their own papyrus paper and writing in hieroglyphics. They also mummified tomatoes and will be observing what happens to them over the coming weeks. In addition, the children had a number of really interesting ancient Egyptian artefacts that they were able to handle and study in detail. A lot of discussion was had around what each of the artefacts could have been used for with the children using their historical detective skills to come up with some really interesting theories and ideas.

Yesterday, Willow and Beech class visited the SeaCity Museum in Southampton as part of their study of the Titanic. Being lucky enough to accompany them, I have to say how wonderful they all were and how impressed I was with the enthusiasm every single one of them showed. Not only was I (and the SeaCity museum staff) blown away by the children's recall of information they had already learned about the Titanic but also their skills at looking at artefacts and supporting their thoughts about their uses. As part of the day, the children had the opportunity to dress up as both crew and passengers of the Titanic, learn about different sections of the ship from the 1st class gymnasium to the boiler room and undertake experiments around the theory (all but flawed) of the unsinkable nature of the Titanic due to its compartmental design. They even learned about many of the failings that led to the disaster including that none of the lookout crew had been provided with binoculars, let alone searchlights to help them look out for icebergs and other dangers.

Next week, we have another packed schedule of events linked to Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Connection'. There will be so many amazing activities going on from "star breathing" to outdoor scavenger hunts. We will also be focusing on Internet Safety as this can also have a negative impact on mental health. On Friday it will be 'Dress to Express' day with children able to come into school dressed in clothing that they have special connections with e.g. team kit, favourite colour, uniforms etc. Please see the separate e-mail for further details.

Please don't forget that on Tuesday at 3.45pm we are holding a Phonics workshop for the parents of children in Year R and 1. If you have not yet confirmed whether you will be attending please can you do so at your earliest convenience. At 6pm on Tuesday we will also be holding the KS2 SATs information evening for our Year 6 parents, again can you please confirm if you will be attending.

Finally, please note that we have added an additional date to our calendar for our 'Easter Presentation' which will take place on the afternoon of the 30th March 2023 (details to follow). After the event, our amazing FoSS team will be holding an Easter Fayre from 3.30pm.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

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 | Florrie | Cora | Henry R |
| Beech | Emily | Pippa | Scarlett |
| Maple | Jack | Megan | Harrison |
| Rowan | Neve | Adam | Henry P |
| Oak | Fred | Isla | Rocco |



General Information

Parent Governor Vacancy

WE NEED YOUR HELP as a parent governor!

The school Governors are here to support the Staff, you, and the children in ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction at our school.

Our task is also to make sure the school budget is well spent, and we hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. Parent Governors are valued members of the Governing Body who provide a parental perspective. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this key role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the school office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday 13th February 2023.

For more information about the role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Caroline Horrill, at caroline.horrill@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk or on 07710 067620.

School Communications

We would just like to remind you of the various e-mail addresses that we use at school and when we would ask that you use them:

| E-mail Address | Use |
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| absence@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk | Please use this e-mail address to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. Please ensure that you let us know the reason for absence, whether the absence is going to be for a full day or part of a day and, where applicable, if you would like a school meal ordered for your child. If you do not request a school meal to be ordered, we will assume your child will bring in their own lunch if required. Please inform us about absences at the earliest opportunity, as due to safeguarding reasons, we must be able to account for all children each day. Please note that you will receive an automated response to this e-mail. |
| goinghome@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk | Please use this e-mail address to let us know about any different home arrangements for your child <i>e.g. if your child is being picked-up by someone other than yourself, if your child is taking the school bus home, if your child is not attending a club they are registered for.</i> Please ensure that any home arrangements are communicated by 2pm at the latest – you will receive a “received and actioned” response from this e-mail to confirm that the office has actioned your request. If you do not get this response by 2:15pm or you have an emergency change of arrangements, please ring the school office , and then write a follow-up e-mail to this address. |
| adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk | For any other, non-urgent enquiries, please use this e-mail address. |

E-mail distribution lists

Typically we add the primary contact for a child to our e-mail distribution lists (e.g. newsletter, parent information). If another contact would also like to be on one or more of the distribution lists, please contact the school office at adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk informing us and we can ensure that another contact is added.

Sharing of Photographs



We just wanted to make another polite request that if you attend a school event and take any photographs which have other children or staff members in them, please can we ask that you do not share these on social media, without specific agreement of the other people in the photograph. Thank you for your understanding with this.

List of upcoming trips / events

| <u>Date and Time</u> | <u>Pupils involved</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Things to remember</u> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 9th Feb 12:50pm | Year 6 | Indoor climbing at Sparsholt College | Parent transport to and from session. Children to bring; trainers with grip, tracksuit bottoms, a T-shirt/polo shirt, sweatshirt, a hair tie/band |
| Tuesday 21 st Feb 8:45am | Year 5 in Rowan | Science session at Henry Beaufort | Parent transport to and from session. |
| Tuesday 7 th Mar 8:45am | Year 5 in Rowan | Science session at Henry Beaufort | Parent transport to and from session. |

Themed lunches



On Friday 10th February, we will be running a special Valentine's Day themed lunch menu. We will send a reminder out about this menu the day before – ordering this lunch will just be like normal – you do not need to book in advance. Jacket potatoes remain an option on this day.

FoSS Update



There will be a cake sale by Beech Class next Friday after school.

£1 for a cake.

Cash, card or pre bought cards with credit are all accepted.

Cakes will be kept for those at street dance and sold at 4.30pm.

Other events / useful information



Love Musical Theatre? So do we! Join us!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

14th - 18th August 2023
10am-4pm

Wildern School, Hedge End

Limited places available for
wraparound care (8.30am-5pm)

Open to ages 8-17

£150

Get Musical! 2023 Booking Form



Hampshire
County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms



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What is Get Musical...

Get Musical Summer Musical Theatre week is back for 2023! Following another brilliant week in August 2022, bookings are now open for this year with the theme of 'Fantabulous Fantastic Beasts'. We will be working on a programme that includes numbers from a range of musicals, including Little Shop of Horrors, Wicked, Moana and more. Participants will take part in exciting drama, dance and singing workshops run by our team of specialists, leading to a performance to friends and family at the end of the week. Please contact Jemima.kingsland@hms.hants.gov.uk for more information and scan the QR code to book. Everyone welcome.

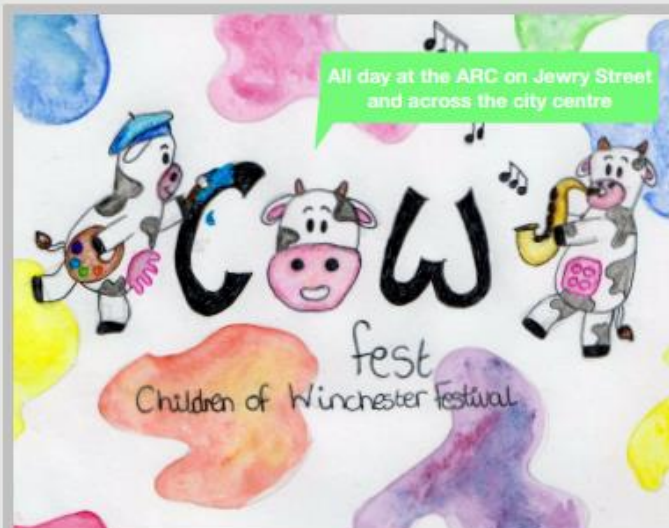
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FREE FOR ALL AGES



SATURDAY
11TH
FEBRUARY
2023

COWfest 2023 is supported by



Try something new at half-term!

Music, relaxation, toddler gym
Inclusive sports
Art and crafts
Stories, games and more

Pre-book or drop in

Learn more at cowfest.org.uk

KIDS FRIDAY FILM CLUB: MADAGASCAR (U)

17 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-11:30AM
£4.50/£2.50 concession
When four pampered animals from Central Park Zoo accidentally find themselves shipwrecked on the exotic island of Madagascar, they discover it really is a jungle out there! Certificate U, ages 12 and under must be accompanied.

WEAVE A SUPERHERO SHIELD

17 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:00PM
£8 per person
Create a beautiful, superhero-inspired shield design, incorporating wool, felt, and other sensory textiles. Suitable for ages 5-9 years, parents are encouraged to stay and join in.

SUPER HERO SUNDAYS: THE INCREDIBLES (PG)

12 FEBRUARY
11:15AM-1:10PM
£4.50/£2.50 concession
While trying to lead a quiet suburban life, a family of undercover superheroes are forced into action to save the world. Certificate PG, ages 12 and under must be accompanied.

SUPER HERO SUNDAYS: THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (PG)

12 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:45PM
£4.50/£2.50 concession
He's LEGO Batman. He only wears black or sometimes very, very dark grey and now he has his own movie. Certificate PG, ages 12 and under must be accompanied.

WINCHESTER CITY MUSEUM

A POLITE EXCHANGE OF BULLETS: GEORGIAN PISTOL DUEL WITH FOREIGN FIELD LIVING HISTORY

13 FEBRUARY
10:30AM, 12:30PM & 3:00PM
Included in museum admission
Join Georgian gentlemen Mr Bawll and Mr Glover as they choose the museum as their duelling grounds... Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.

ANGLO-SAXON TAKING WITH WEOROD LIVING HISTORY

17-18 FEBRUARY
DURING MUSEUM OPENING TIMES
Included in museum admission
The museum is being taken over by Anglo-Saxons, to tell you more about Saxon life. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied.

ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE, FAREHAM

MRS BLOSSOM MAKES - CIRCUS AND MAGIC
13 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-12:00PM (AGES 6-11)

1:00PM-3:00PM (FAMILIES)
£10 11:00am session only, £15 family of four (1.00pm session only - must include at least one adult)
Roll up, roll up and join Mrs Blossom to craft and learn the skills you'll need to run away with the circus! Suitable for ages 6-11. Parents/carers are asked to attend the 1.00pm session only.

STOP-MOTION ANIMATION

14 FEBRUARY (AGES 7-11)
15 FEBRUARY (AGES 11-16)
10:00AM-4:00PM
£25 per person

Learn movie-making techniques such as claymation and stop-frame animations in this fun and inspiring workshop. Suitable for ages 7+.

PROFESSOR SLUG'S HOUSE OF BUGS

18 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:00PM
£8/£28 family of four
Professor Slug is an eccentric expert who helps bugs out with their buggy problems - and you can too! An interactive show packed full of colourful puppets, catchy songs and educational info about the world of bugs. Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied.



WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM, FAREHAM

FEATHERED FRIENDS

13 FEBRUARY
10:00AM & 11:00PM
£8 per child
Support National Nest Box Week by creating your own home for a robin. Each child will get their own nest box kit to get together and decorate. Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.

LETS GO FLY A KITE

17 FEBRUARY
10:30AM-12:30PM
£3 per child

Create your own mini kite. Colour, draw, design and fly! Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.

FOREST ARTS CENTRE

MAKE-AND-TAKE CRAFT TABLE

13 FEBRUARY
1:00PM-3:00PM
£3 per person
Explore various materials, activities, colouring and make creative objects at the craft table. What will you create with your imagination? Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied.

CREATIVE CAMPS: MINIONS

16 FEBRUARY
9:30AM-12:45PM
£10 / £8 for an additional child
A morning full of crafts, perfect for young people who love making, inspired by the film *Minions: The Rise of Gru!* This activity includes all materials for crafts and admission to the film. Suitable for ages 5-12, children aged 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

FILM: MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU (U)

16 FEBRUARY
11:00AM-12:45PM
£3 per person
In the 1970s, young Gru tries to join a group of supervillains. When the interview turns disastrous, Gru and his Minions go on the run with the villains hot on their tails! Suitable for all ages, children aged 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent/carer.



PROFESSOR SLUG'S HOUSE OF BUGS

19 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:00PM
£8/£28 family of four

Professor Slug is an eccentric expert who helps bugs out with their buggy problems - and you can too! An interactive show packed full of colourful puppets, catchy songs and educational info about the world of bugs. Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied.

RED HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS

MUSEUM MAKE: DINOSAUR PUPPETS

14 FEBRUARY
10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM & 3:00PM
£4 per child, accompanying adults go free
Create and decorate your own super-sized dinosaur stick puppet! Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.



MUSEUM MAKE: DINO FOSSILS

14 FEBRUARY

10:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM & 3:00PM
£6 per child, accompanying adults go free
Make your own dinosaur fossils using clay and plaster of Paris. You'll also have the chance to handle real dinosaur fossils. Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.



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878 AD
BOOKING UNTIL JUNE 2023
DURING VENUE OPENING TIMES
Adult £15
Child (5-15) £9.50
Concession £12
Family (up to 5 people, max 2 adults) £46.50
Experience the sights and sounds of Anglo-Saxon Winchester and discover the stories of the people who lived there, brought to life with the spectacular world of *Assassin's Creed Valhalla* and *Discovery Tour: Viking Age*.

878 AD is a seamless experience in two parts: an interactive attraction with live performance and an augmented reality self-led app tour of Winchester. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied.

ALDRESHOT MILITARY MUSEUM
MODEL MAYHEM
15-16 FEBRUARY
10:30AM, 11:00AM, 11:30AM, 12:00PM, 1:30PM, 2:00PM, 2:30PM & 3:00PM
£3, one model per session
Have a go at model soldier painting, take your finished soldier home and spot model soldiers on patrol in the museum cabinets. With support from Warlord Games. Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied.

WEST END CENTRE, ALDRESHOT
MINI MONET: WATER LILLIES
14 FEBRUARY
10:30AM-12:30PM
£13 per child with one parent/carer
Children and their parents/carers are invited to explore the work of Claude Monet by recreating versions of one of his most famous works. Suitable for ages 5+, children must be accompanied.

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15 FEBRUARY
2:30PM-3:30PM
£8/£28 family of four
Professor Slug is an eccentric expert who helps bugs out with their buggy problems - and you can too! An interactive show packed full of colourful puppets, catchy songs and educational info about the world of bugs. Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied.

CURTIS MUSEUM, ALTON
MUSEUM BY TORCHLIGHT
14 FEBRUARY
5:30PM-7:00PM
£3 per child
Explore the museum at night! Bring your torch and enjoy our family torchlight trail through the galleries. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied.

NURSERY RHYME TRAIL
11-19 FEBRUARY
DURING MUSEUM OPENING TIMES
Free
Do you know any nursery rhymes? Join in this free nursery museum trail throughout half term. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied.

MILESTONES MUSEUM, BASINGSTOKE
PLAY DAYS: GAMES AT THE MUSEUM
11-19 FEBRUARY
DURING MUSEUM OPENING TIMES
Included in museum admission
From the fairground to the penny arcade and hopscotch to skittles, join Milestones for fun and games at the museum throughout half term week! Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied.

THE ARC, WINCHESTER
SUPER HERO SUNDAYS: BIG HERO 6 (PG)
12 FEBRUARY
11:15AM-1:00PM
£4.50/£2.50 concession
When robotics prodigy Hiro is thrown into the middle of a dangerous plot, he transforms Baymax the robot and his friends into a band of high-tech heroes. Certificate PG, ages 12 and under must be accompanied.

SUPER HERO SUNDAYS: DC LEAGUE OF SUPER PETS (PG)
12 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:45PM
£4.50/£2.50 concession
When Superman and the rest of the Justice League are kidnapped, Krypto the Super-Dog must convince a ragtag group of animals to master their own newfound powers for a rescue mission. Certificate PG, ages 12 and under must be accompanied.

SUPER SENSORY PLAY
13-17 FEBRUARY
11:30AM-12:30PM, 1:30PM-2:30PM, 2:30PM-3:30PM & 3:30PM-4:30PM
£3 per person
Perfect for the very young, our sensory activity sessions aim to appeal to all the senses this half term - with a superhero twist! Suitable for ages 2 and under; children must be accompanied.

DIY SUPERHERO PUPPETS AND PUPPET SHOW
13 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-11:30AM
15 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:30PM
£8 per person
This workshop will teach you how to create a character hand puppet step-by-step, taking your vision up, up, and away! Suitable for ages 5-9 years, parents are encouraged to stay and join in.

DIY MASK AND SHIELD
14 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-11:30AM
16 FEBRUARY
2:00PM-3:30PM
£12 per person
Create your own felt hero mask and cardboard shield to get your super senses tingling. Suitable for ages 5-9 years, parents are encouraged to stay and join in.

MAKE YOUR OWN GUATEMALAN WORRY DOLLS
15 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-11:30AM
£10 per person
Make your own worry doll, using brightly coloured yarns and fabrics to pop under your pillow for a worry-free night's sleep. Suitable for ages 9-11 years, parents are encouraged to stay and join in.

CREATE YOUR OWN MANGA-INSPIRED CARTOON CHARACTER
16 FEBRUARY
10:00AM-12:00PM
£16 per person
Discover how to design and draw your own cartoon character inspired by Japanese manga comics. Suitable for ages 9+.