

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

6th September 2024

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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
- ❖ Important Notices – **please read carefully**
- ❖ FoSS Update
- ❖ Other Information

Oak discussing their
"I Can" cans in their
community circle
this week



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

- ✓ School-run clubs start back this week
- ✓ Music lessons start back this week
 - Guitar / Ukulele – Tuesdays
 - Brass – Wednesdays
 - Keyboard / Recorder – Thursdays
- ✓ Please check with external providers for start dates of other clubs

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't tell you what an amazing start we have had to this academic year. All the children, including our amazing new Year Rs, have come into school with such enthusiasm and joy. Walking round the school, you can feel a wonderful, productive atmosphere with every child showing a real love of learning and a desire to do their best. The sense of community is incredibly strong with community circles taking place in all classes and children sharing their thoughts and feelings with their classmates and sharing positive things that have been going on.

This year, we not only have new families joining our community both in Year R and in other year groups across the school but also new staff. We have Mrs Ormerod who is the new class teacher in Maple and Mrs Bishop and Mrs Kimber who are the new Learning Support Assistants in Willow Class. I want to give a really warm welcome to all of the new members of our whole school community and I have no doubt that they too will feel the wonderful positivity that abounds here.

You will be pleased to know that we already have some amazing experiences and opportunities planned for the year ahead. Our main focuses are around outdoor learning and physical activity linked to the 'Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing'. This year we are going to be working with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to develop our outdoor learning curriculum and become a 'Wilder' school. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust will not only be working with the children and providing some fantastic outdoor learning experiences but also working with the staff to develop their skills in delivering meaningful and effective outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum. We are also going to be focusing on physical health and developing an inspiring programme of physical activity which will be fun and motivational for children in all classes.

As in previous years, we will soon be providing you with the key dates for your diary for this academic year, so please look out for this important document which will hopefully make planning for the year ahead easier. You will also be receiving the usual class overviews and topic information to provide you with more detail about your child's learning for this term. There will also be an opportunity in the coming weeks (once the children have settled in) to come in to your child's new class and find out all about life in their classroom.

Finally, I want to wish you all a lovely weekend and have no doubt that the coming year will be one filled with amazing learning opportunities, laughter and gratitude for where we all find ourselves.

Please do remember to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Important Notices

1. Inset Days for next year

The remaining inset days for the 2024 – 2025 academic year are listed below. Please note that there will be one further inset day, but the date for this has not yet been confirmed:

- Friday 11th October 2024
 - Friday 14th February 2025
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2. Payment for school meals for KS2

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 £3.20. For administrative purposes, wherever possible, the school would prefer payment to be made online using the Arbor website or app. The school's charging policy is on the school website for reference. If you need support in setting up or using the online system, please ask the office. **To help you calculate the correct payment for this half-term on Arbor, please see below:**

Number meals taken per week	1	2	3	4	5
Cost for Autumn 1 half-term	£25.60	£51.20	£76.80	£102.40	£118.40

3. Payment for keyboard, recorder and brass music tuition for Autumn Term 2024

As per the school charging policy, music tuition for keyboard, recorder and brass must be paid for termly in advance, and commitment to music tuition is for a whole year. Guitar and ukulele tuition is now run by an external provider, Winchester Academy of Modern Music. Information letters were sent at the end of last term for all those who had signed up for music tuition, and payments were added to your child's Arbor account, under "clubs". Please can I ask that payment is made as soon as possible and in advance of your child's first lesson next week. Thank you.

4. PE Timetable for Autumn Term – starting Monday 9th September

PE days for each class are as follows for the Autumn Term 2024:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow					
Beech					
Maple					
Rowan					
Oak					

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the days they have PE. If children have a club after school on a day that is not their PE day, children should bring their kit in a small bag, and will be able to get changed at the end of the school day before the club.

5. Club Timetable for Autumn Term 2024

Please see below for the list of wonderful clubs that we will be offering this term. There are still plenty of spaces available in many of the clubs and so please do consider signing up! All school-run clubs will be starting next week. For clubs run by external providers, please check the term dates directly with them. If you have any questions or issues signing up for school-run clubs on Arbor, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

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 upbeatmusiccourses@gmail.com / 07816901396 See below for more information.
Tuesday	Lacrosse (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 per full term.
	Mad Science (Years 1 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Mad Science. Please book and pay directly at Wessex.madscience.org
Wednesday	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdportscoaching@gmail.com / 07554 442320
	Netball Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £35 per full term.
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC coaching
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. See below for more information.
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Southampton FC. Please book and pay directly at SFC coaching
Friday	Integr8 Dance – Sparsholt Minis (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – info@integr8dance.com / 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 – info@integr8dance.com / 01962 808398

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 12th September and finishes on Thursday 24th October 2024 (7 sessions £56).

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

Name:

Class:

Email:



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6. School Communications

We would just like to remind you of the e-mail addresses that we use at school:

E-mail Address	Use
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.

7. 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 open on Monday 9th September and close on 31st October 2024.

Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information or help.

8. 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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FoSS Update

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely summer.

We will be kick starting the year with a Back to School BBQ. This is a great opportunity for families to get together and new families to meet the rest of the school community. We hope to see you next Friday! Please see flyer for more information. We will send out a link to the FoSS website once the page is up and running so you can book your tickets.

As always, we are always keen for any help with organising/running events, so if you think you have some time to give, please let your class rep know.

Thank you
FoSS Team

FoSS Presents

Back to School Family BBQ



Friday 13.09.24 @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
School Field
Adults £8 Children £4

Other Information



The **HENRY
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At The Henry Beaufort School, there are no limitations to success.

BOOKING FOR 2024 OPEN EVENTS NOW LIVE

During our Open Evening, there is an opportunity to take a guided tour with our Student Leaders and meet students and staff, view the facilities and take part in a variety of activities. There will be a presentation by the Headteacher, Miss Hearle.

During our Open Mornings, the school welcomes prospective students and their parents to visit the school during morning lessons, where you will be able to tour the school on a normal working day guided by Year 8 students.

Please note booking is required for each event.

To book please visit:

www.beaufort.hants.sch.uk/openevents

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OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Thursday 12th September 2024

Open Mornings 9-10am
Thursday 12th September 2024
Friday 13th September 2024
Thursday 3rd October 2024
Thursday 17th October 2024