

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



What an incredible "Tell Me Tuesday" – learning all about the Air Ambulance

Weekly Newsletter

28th March 2024

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

- ❖ Reminders for w/c 25th March
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Willow Class making "moon" rock cakes



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 15th APRIL 2024

- ✓ Return to school after Easter – Mon 15th April
- ✓ No school-run clubs (except Breakfast Club) running this week
- ✓ Final reminder for music tuition payments and sign-up for school-run clubs



Our amazing Yr6 children leading some fun Easter activities!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to what has been a fantastic term! I am sure that everyone who was able to attend our Easter Presentation this afternoon would agree that we truly do have the most wonderful, enthusiastic and talented group of children. The enactments of key moments in the Easter story from Desmond Tutu's Children's Bible were extremely moving and reminded us all of the true meaning of Easter. The poems and the songs were truly uplifting and a delightful reminder that spring is definitely in the air.

Our whole day has been Easter themed with our wonderful Year 6s taking on the challenge of organising and leading some fun end of term Easter activities for all the children. They have done such an amazing job of resourcing the activities, explaining what the children needed to do and supporting the children (especially the much younger ones) with taking part in them. We definitely have leaders of the future in our midst whose moral compass and desire to help should be celebrated.

On Tuesday, we had our Easter Service at the church with our new Vicar Reverend Kevin Rogers or 'Rev Kev' as he is happy to be called. The children led the service and you could tell he was blown away by not only the presentation the older pupils gave but also the singing from the whole school. I have no doubt that 'Rev Kev' will be a fantastic asset to our school and become an integral member of our whole school community.

This week our amazing football team were in action against Owslebury, clinching an exciting 3-3 draw. They played amazingly well and gave it their all. One of the most wonderful things about the match was when one of our team said, "Do you know what, I really love playing for our team, whether we are winning or losing, everyone is always so positive and supportive" which I think not only describes the team but also our whole school community.

After school today, we of course have the wonderful FoSS team putting on their amazing fundraising event the 'Easter Eggstravaganza'. I imagine by the time many of you are reading this you will have already experienced the array of fun activities they have planned. The FoSS team work so hard and their (and your) support is what enables us to provide those special experiences for the children.

I really do want to thank all of you for your continued support this year and the positivity that you show us as a school. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and am looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 15th April for what I know will be an amazing Summer term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty



Thank you as always for
your incredible
generosity and
donations for the
Winchester Basics Bank

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: Aubrey

BRONZE: Beni



Dates for the diary

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

Important Notices

1. School-run clubs – w/c 15th April

Please remember that there are no school-run clubs (rounders, netball, cricket) as it is the first week of the Summer Term.

2. 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 22nd 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 opened on Arbor at midday Saturday 23rd 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.

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 Booking link for Sparsholt children - Summer Term
Tuesday	Rounders (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
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 3 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Thursday	Artiology Club (Years 1 – 3)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by Halli Ormerod. Please book and pay directly at hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Cricket Club (Years 4 - 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term. FULLY BOOKED – Contact the office to put your child on the waiting list
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

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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
07816 901396 [upbeatlondon](https://www.instagram.com/upbeatlondon) 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 or hand this slip into school if your child would like to join.

Name:

Class:

Email:

Phone number:



3. 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.

4. 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

5. 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.

6. Music Tuition for next academic year

Please complete the following online form (**by Sunday 30th March**) 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.

7. 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					

FoSS Update

Event	Details
<p>Yoga for parents and carers</p> <p>Wednesday 24th April 9-10am Sparsholt Village Hall</p>	<p>Join us for yoga with a qualified yoga instructor. All abilities welcome. Sign up with your class rep. £9 to include the class and tea/coffee afterwards.</p> 
<p>Bags2School clothes collection</p> <p>Tuesday 30th April</p>	<p>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</p>



YOGA

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Support FoSS and come and try out Iyengar Yoga with qualified local instructor Sheena Sutton. All abilities welcome.

Wednesday April 24th
9-10am

Sparsholt Memorial Hall
Only £9 (includes tea/coffee after)

Sign up via class reps. Bring a mat if you have one. If not, some spares will be available.

Other Items

This will be a fun and free event for girls (prebooking is required) as Sparsholt Cricket Club try to encourage more girls into trying cricket. It is aimed particularly at Year 4 and 5 girls who have not tried cricket before



Sparsholt GIRLS cricket festival

Tuesday 9th April

Up to age 12: 10:30am to 12:30pm

12-16 years: 2pm to 4pm

Free for all girls! Come and have fun and cake!

Book a place <https://tinyurl.com/cricket4girls>

For extra info contact srz@soton.ac.uk

