Sparsholt C of E Primary School





11th December 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days FoSS Christmas Class Parties School Christmas Lunch 1st February 2021, 21st June 2021 Monday 14th December Tuesday 15th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we edge ever closer to the end of term, the feel of Christmas spirit can be felt throughout the school. This week the children have learned about the symbolism of Christingle in preparation for their class Christingle celebration next week. Thank you in advance for your support with the Children's Society Christingle appeal. The children were sent home with a candle coin box this week so if you are able to, please donate to this very worthwhile charity.

All the children are looking forward to their 'Christmas entertainment' funded by FOSS this coming Monday. The children can come into school wearing something festive as part of their school uniform (e.g. jumpers, hats, tinsel etc.) to get them into the party mood.

Anti-bullying has been the theme this week in worship and PSHE sessions. The children have been really proactive in showing their understanding of what bullying is and how unacceptable they know it to be. The children were able to provide some really good responses about what they would do if they saw others being bullied and who they would talk to if they felt it was happening to them or others around them. Their responses really showed how much they all demonstrate our core Christian values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

Please continue to ensure you are following all Tier 2 guidance so that we can protect our whole school community as we approach the Christmas break.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients today. Three children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	, Oak
Courage	Penny	Fallon	Erin	Fred	Cecily
Compassion	Aanika	Madeleine	Olivia	Oli H	Timmy
Creativity	Jannah	Henry	Molly	Hannah	Charlotte

Basics Bank

Last Friday, Mr & Mrs Wesley delivered to the Basics Bank all the goods that the children provided for the Reverse Advent Calendar. Staff at the Basics Bank would like to pass on their extremely grateful thanks to everyone at Sparsholt School who was involved in this fantastic effort.

Hour of Code

It's Hour of Code week and this is a quick reminder to you all to head over to the website and have a go at some of the activities.

Hour of Code Website

There is also a Sparsholt Primary School Webpage with our children's favourite activities from <u>previous</u> <u>Hour of Code weeks</u>.

Moisturiser

A reminder to parents that the school does have a stock of sensitive skin hand moisturiser in a central location in school and if and when children require it, we will be asking for your permission to apply it.

Christingle Donations

Please return your donation candle boxes on Monday 14th December - thank-you

Pupil Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15th December

This will take place on Tuesday 15th December. Pupils can choose to bring in a packed lunch from home. Alternatively, Hampshire Caterers are offering:

Half turkey/half ham sandwich, cheese twizzle, fruit and cake picnic box. For vegetarians the sandwich is cheese.

Nativity/ Christmas Celebrations Update

Due to restrictions we will be placing Christmas celebration videos of our children online (School VLE and Tapestry for Yr R) for parents to view. We have costumes for the nativity; however, teachers may request some additional costumes/clothing for their classes and individual letter to parents were sent out with children this week. Please note that we have already requested consent from parents to show class videos of children celebrating our events over the Autumn term. If you wish to withdraw consent, please contact the school office. Many thanks

Be Bright, Be Seen Helmet Competition - Results

After much deliberation, prizes have now been distributed around the classes – thank-you to all the children who took part in creating some amazing designs for remaining visible to traffic during these dark winter mornings and evenings. Please continue to Be Bright, Be Seen, take care over the Christmas break.

After School Childcare for Spring Term 2021

Please contact the school via email (<u>adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk</u>) to confirm your child's continued attendance at After School Club on a Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and/or Thursday for the Spring Term commencing 4th January 2021. Payments for childcare must be made in advance and at the new rate of £9 per session.

Any parents interested in commencing after school club attendance for their child should visit the school website for more information: <u>https://sparsholt.eschools.co.uk/web/extended_school_provision/210531</u> and then contact the school office.

FoSS Grand Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Grand Christmas Raffle are now available! They can be bought outside school or at bus stops Monday to Thursday next week. Cash, card or bank transfer accepted. Alternatively email FOSS friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com to buy virtually!

- £1 a ticket, £5 a strip or £10 for 2 strips.
- Draw will take place in school next Friday, the last day of term.
- 10 fantastic festive hampers to be won!

