

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Thank you so much to Mr Bowry, Mr Stass and Mr Patel for their help moving our decking materials this afternoon!

Weekly Newsletter

22nd November 2024

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

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- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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Pupil Governor meeting

Important topics discussed include:

- Playground astroturf rotas
 - New football goals
 - Plans for the Santa Fun Run...
- ... plus lots more



REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 25th November

- ✓ LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDERS by Friday 29th November
- ✓ Monday 25th November – Year 2 and 3 Trip to Butser Farm
- ✓ Friday 29th November – Oak Class Trip to The Spike Heritage Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

I think it is now safe to say winter is upon us! Despite the temperatures dropping outside, the children have definitely been turning up the heat in terms of their learning and engagement. In every class I go into, I see and hear so much enthusiasm and such a love for learning new skills and gaining new knowledge. These children are an exceptional bunch!

This week, preparations for our Christmas celebrations have started in earnest with our KS1 pupils showing such excitement as they learn the wonderful songs for the KS1 Nativity and the KS2 children starting to put together the fantastic array of pieces for the KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope. With Christmas in mind, please don't forget to get your order in for one of the wonderful Christmas trees supplied by FoSS (please see information on how to order, further on in the newsletter). Please remember that part of money raised through this initiative will come to the school to help enrich all of the children's educational experiences.

This week, despite the falling temperatures, Sparsholt Agricultural College students came to school on Tuesday and started the work on replacing the old decking in the pond area. We have now ordered (thank you to the amazing funds raised by FoSS) all of the resources needed to build the new larger decking area which will enable the children to have an excellent platform for pond dipping.

Whilst today we are experiencing beautiful blue skies and sunshine, as you know, yesterday morning was incredibly cold and there was even snow! Sadly, due to the incredibly low temperatures (which were in the minuses) we were forced to cancel Rowan's kayaking trip to Sparsholt Agricultural College. We did hold off until the very last minute in the hope that the temperatures would rise but sadly this was not the case. We have no doubt that there will be other experiences that they will be able to access in the Spring Term including using the climbing wall at the college.

As you know, every week each class has their own community circle where they share their thoughts, experiences, opinions and feelings about various topics. Well this week, Mrs Gwilliam held a whole school community circle where she sought the children's thoughts and opinions on whole school matters. She said it was an amazing success and the children came up with some really sensible and considered suggestions and solutions – another sign of how incredible they all are.

Thank you to all of you who placed a bid for the tickets for the Southampton v Liverpool football match this coming Sunday. Apologies for the very short notice, we were only given the tickets very late yesterday! Thank you so much to the winning bidder for their very generous donation which will go towards enhancing the children's education. Please watch this space as we hope to be able to offer further exciting opportunities through our link with the Southampton Football Foundation.

Next week, there are some more wonderful learning experiences going on with Year 2 and 3 off to Butser Farm and Oak Class off to The Spike Heritage Centre.

I hope you all have a wonderful 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
Willow	Sylvia	Beatrix	Evan
Beech	Maxi	Livi	Ezra
Maple	Wilf	Skyla	Theo
Rowan	Harrison	Diya	Mia
Oak	Alexia	Henry	Tom



House Point "Rosette" Awards

Following on from last year's scolosaurus awards, this year the children who achieve the required number of house points (see below), will come home with a lovely rosette badge.

Abel, Seb, Edward,
Hugh, James, Alice,
George M, Ari



Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- * Henry R – 1st First ridden class, 1st Novice lead rein NPS qualifier & overall reserve champion at the SWCPCA Show at Sparsholt College
- * George R – 2nd in the lead rein class on his debut on his pony, Mallorie
- * Neve – swam 150m without stopping for the first time



Well done everyone! Please do keep sending your achievements into us!



Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents Invited?	Notes
Sun 8th Dec 2024	Church Carol Service	St Stephen's Church	6pm	Yes	
Fri 13th Dec 2024	KS1 Nativity	Hall	09:30am	Yes	For KS1 only. FoSS refreshments.
Mon 16th Dec 2024	KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope	Hall	2:15pm	Yes	For KS2 only. FoSS refreshments.
Thurs 19th Dec 2024	School Christmas lunch & festivities	Hall	12:00pm - 3:30pm	No	Meal choices requested in advance.
Fri 20th Dec 2024	Last day of Autumn Term	School	TBC	n/a	

Important Notices

1. Year 2 and 3 – Trip to Butser Farm – Monday 25th November

As part of this term's topics, we have arranged to take Maple Class and Beech Class Year 2's to Butser Ancient Farm. We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at approximately 9am and returning by 3:15pm. The children will be taking part in a range of activities including jewellery making, chalk carving, fire lighting and cordage. **On this occasion we will not be visiting the shop therefore the children do not need to bring any money.**

Please provide a packed lunch with an extra drink and snack in a backpack or similar bag. The children should wear a school jumper/ cardigan or school PE hoodie, plain dark joggers or school trousers and sensible shoes/wellies. Please bring suitable outdoor clothing for the weather e.g. waterproof coat.

2. Oak Class – Trip to Spike Heritage Centre – Friday 29th November

In connection with our current project, we have arranged to take Oak Class to the Spike Heritage Centre. We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at approximately **9am** and returning by **3:15pm**.

Please provide a packed lunch with an extra drink and snack in a backpack or similar bag. The children should wear a school jumper, cardigan or school PE hoodie, plain dark joggers or school trousers and sensible shoes (trainers are allowed). Please bring suitable outdoor clothing for the weather.

3. Christmas Lunch – LAST CALL

The school Christmas lunch will be taking place on Thursday 19th December. If you would like your child to have this Christmas Lunch, please e-mail adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk by **Friday 29th November**, stating whether your child would like:

- Meat or Vegetarian main course
- Homemade shortbread or Ice-cream dessert

If we do not receive an e-mail from you by the deadline, we will assume that your child is bringing a packed lunch into school for that day.

4. Considerate parking

We have been contacted by a member of the local community to inform us that school parents are parking in passing bays and resident bays along the track leading to the new Barn Development and Church Farm Cottages. Please can we ask that you park considerately and only park in designated public parking spots.

Governor Update



We need your help please.

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you feel you can help in this capacity, please contact the office for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by midday on Monday 2nd December.

Many thanks,

The Governors

FoSS Update

A huge thank you to Stef for kindly running the Total Body Workout session on Wednesday night. And thanks to everyone who came along. We all had a great time and look forward to the next one! **This raised £80** for the school!

Christmas Trees



Please get your Christmas tree orders in asap! Deadline is next Wednesday 27th November!!

They are such lovely trees, great shape, needles don't drop, gorgeous Christmassy smell. And it's such a fun festive tradition to come with the kids (or not!) to collect it from the hall car park early on a December morning (Sunday 8th this year), and take it home to decorate it.

Don't miss out, get your order form filled in and transfer your payment to Foss. (Order form attached within Newsletter email / Order forms are also in the village shop)



Autumn Term Upcoming Events:

	Event	Details
<u>Sunday 8th December</u> 10-2PM Sparsholt Memorial Hall	*Sparsholt Village Christmas Fete*  *Christmas Tree Collection* 	FoSS will be running a cake stall, so if you have joined the Baking Group on WhatsApp expect a plea for some baked goods for this event 😊 We will also be sniffing around for anyone who would like to volunteer for a slot on the stall Christmas trees can be collected in the morning of this day
Wednesday 18th December Sparsholt Memorial Hall	*Disco* 	

General Information



WINTER TIMETABLE


Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

Winter 2024/2025


Newsletter

FREE until JAN 25




Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday 5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24




Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24




Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday 7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday 9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM: Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.


Free Online Courses







Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

Six Week Course
Mon - Fri

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(optional session for reflection and support if needed)

