

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

10th December 2021

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

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Dates for your diaries

Inset Days from September 2021

Monday 31st January 2022, Monday 27th June 2022

School Christmas Parties

Monday 13th December

Christmas Parties!

Children can come to school in a bright or festive jumper and Christmas hat, over their school uniform.



KS2 Kaleidoscope

Tuesday 14th December - **2:15pm in the playground**

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those of you who attended today's KS1 Nativity, I am sure you will agree that it was truly magical. Seeing the children beaming as they were performing, seeing their enthusiasm when singing and their confidence when delivering their lines was so uplifting and I am absolutely sure I was not the only one to feel somewhat emotional. What made it even more special was being outside under blue skies with the sun shining and being able to all be together. Whilst I know we are not out of the woods yet, it is moments like this that make you realise there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to FoSS for providing warming refreshments before the performance and organising a raffle for afterwards. The monies raised by FoSS enable us to provide those additional experiences and resources for the children that we might otherwise struggle to fund.

This week has been another action packed week with not only the preparations for today's nativity and next week's KS2 Christmas Kaleidoscope going on but Oak class were also lucky enough to go back to Winchester College. They undertook a river studies investigation and experienced a liquid nitrogen lecture which they all found fascinating. We are so lucky to be able to have such a wonderful resource on our doorstep.

Thank you to all of you who have been contributing to this year's Reverse Advent, organised by our Pupil Worship Team. All your wonderful donations will be given to the Winchester Basics Bank to help families who are in need during this Christmas period.

On Monday, the children are having their Christmas parties which have been funded by money raised by FoSS. The children are more than welcome to come to school in a bright or festive jumper over the top of their school uniform and wear a Christmas Santa hat if they want to get into the party spirit! Then, on Thursday, we have our Christmas lunch which I am sure will be truly wonderful.

Whilst we are nearly at the end of term, I do need to ask parents to continue to be mindful for signs and symptoms of Covid as we do still have cases within our school community. Please do continue to use lateral flow tests for regular testing but do get a PCR test if any symptoms are being displayed however mild.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to our two student teachers who have just completed their first 3 week placement in Willow class. They have been truly amazing and their help and support with the KS1 nativity has been phenomenal.

Please remember that next Friday, FoSS are organising a Festive Christmas Walk which will also involve the opportunity for the children to sing some Carols that they have been learning in school, so please do make sure you attend what will be a lovely way to start the Christmas holidays.

Have a wonderful 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.

	Willow	Beech	Maple	Rowan	Oak
Courage	Evie	Olivia	Adam	Inigo	William T
Compassion	Hemming	Teddy	Isaac	Harriet	Megan
Creativity	Arthur	Sophia	Seb	Fred	Sophie S

These children will be coming home with a certificate letting you know why they have received their award.

Year R Applications for September 2022

Applications for year R admissions for September 2022 opened on 1st November 2021 and close on 15th January 2022. Information on starting school and how to apply can be found on the Hampshire Admissions website – www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. We welcome visits to the school and if you know of any families looking for year R places, please ask them to contact the school office who can arrange a tour of the school with Mrs Hanratty.

In the Local News!

Following on from Oak class's trip to Winchester College a few weeks ago, please see an excerpt from the Daily Echo this week. What a great experience for all of Oak Class and well done again to Sophie North!

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Winners of wildlife contest

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WINCHESTER College recently hosted local primary-school pupils for the Cameron Bessolka Memorial Lecture.

The Cameron Bessolka Trust was set up in memory of Cameron who was a nature enthusiast before he died at the age of 18.

Around 400 pupils attended from ten schools around Winchester with the event including a wildlife garden design competition.

The guest speaker, Jonny Owen from the Dorset Wildlife Trust, enthralled the young audience with a talk about the diverse marine life in Poole Harbour and the English Channel, before describing the perils of warmer waters, more acidic waters and plastic waters on Dorset's marine fauna and bird life.

Jonny's talk *A Wilder Future*, which was in memory of Cameron, highlighted the importance of young people becoming both young conservationists, and catalysts for change to protect our oceans from human threats.

Jonny spent an hour with Winchester's NKS at the outdoor classroom before joining 80 children, their parents and representatives of Hampshire's wildlife organisations for a special celebratory tea in College Hall.

The numerous entries for a schools' wildlife garden design competition were on display in College Hall. The panel of judges included

head gardener Alan Smith and Cameron's father, Kevin Bessolka.

Two pupils from Winnall Primary School and Sparsholt C of E Primary School were elated to win the prize of a day out for their class at Cameron's Cottage in the RSPB Franchises Lodge Nature Reserve in the New Forest, and the Brownsea Island Nature Reserve, donated by The Cameron Bessolka Trust and the Dorset Wildlife Trust.



Harry, from Winnall Primary School is one of the winners of the Wildlife Garden design competition. With Kevin and Corinne Bessolka, Cameron Bessolka Trust and Jonny Owen, Dorset Wildlife Trust



Sophie and her classmates from Sparsholt Primary School



Ten local primary schools attended the talk by Jonny Owen

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19746651.winchester-schools-attend-cameron-bessolka-memorial-lecture/>

School Clubs

The timetable of after school clubs commencing **Monday 10th January 2022** is below. For some clubs we will have to stipulate a maximum number of children; if we have more interest than places we will pull names out of a hat. Children not successful in acquiring a place will be placed on a waiting list. We ask for all school clubs to be **paid termly in advance** please. Please look out for the payment coming through onto your SCOPAY account.

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 due, for example, to inclement weather.

Day	After-School Clubs	Timings	Notes
Monday	Artiology Club (Years 2 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Children partake in art / creative activities based on themes to do with the natural world and the environment. Payable half-termly in advance £7.50 per session. Book directly with Mrs Ormerod – hallimarie@googlemail.com
	Senior Football Club (Years 4 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Choir and Music Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
	Fencing Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Jon Mann – jdsportscoaching@gmail.com 07554 442320
	Junior Football Club (Years 1 and 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Activeme360 – link to follow
	Mad Science Club	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Mad Science – Wessex.madscience.org
Thursday	Lacrosse Club (Years 3 – 6)	3:30pm – 4:15pm*	Run by the school. Payable termly in advance. £30 per full term.
Friday	Integr8 Dance (Year R – 2)	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398
	Integr8 Dance (Year 3 – 6)	4:30pm – 5:30pm Children are unable to stay at school until 4:30pm.	Please book and pay directly with Integr8Dance – natalie@integr8dance.com 01962 808398

* Due to the darker evenings, these clubs will finish at 4.15pm for a prompt pick-up by parents/carers. As the evenings get lighter, we may change this time to 4.30pm.

After School Clubs from 10th January 2022

Complete the form and return to the school office if your child is interested in enrolling in our school clubs:

Name of child Class

is interested in registering for the following clubs (please tick)

Senior Football ☐ Choir and Music ☐ Lacrosse ☐



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Complement Your Child's Learning Experience with a Mad Science After-School Club. Our unique approach gives children a solid scientific foundation that goes beyond the classroom, through hands-on activities and spectacular demonstrations.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR COURSE TODAY SPARSHOLT SCHOOL

YR1-YR6

Day and Time: Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Dates: 12th January 2022 – 30th March 2022

Programme Duration: 11 x 1-hour sessions

Cost: £88

Please register by: 10th December 2021

REGISTER ONLINE

Visit [Wessex.madscience.org](https://wessex.madscience.org) click REGISTER HERE

Search "Sparsholt" in the 'Location drop down' and click SELECT

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807

Registration will be available until **10th December 2021**

Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.

For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:

schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.

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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

CAMPS

SPECIAL EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

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Friends of Sparsholt School (FoSS)

Our weekly update!

FOSS UPDATE

Sparsholt School Recipe Book

The initial print run of the school cookbook with recipes and drawings from the children, their families and friends has sold out! Thank you so much. Please pay online ASAP if you have ordered one. We can order more if the demand is there. Send any requests to the FoSS email.

FoSS Bank Details:

Account name: FRIENDS OF SPARSHOLT SCH

Bank: Santander Sort code: 090153 Account no: 35353282

Christmas Parties - Monday 13th December 2021

All classes will have a Christmas party at a set time during the day. Christmas jumper/hat can be worn for this. But uniform for the day please.

Kaleidoscope - Tuesday 14th December 2021

Christmas Kaleidoscope 2.15pm in the playground with coffee and mince pies available in the hall beforehand.

Friday 17th December 2021

Please see attached poster for Festive Winter Wander at Ham Green 4pm-6pm. Refreshments available.

Saturday 12th February 2022

Back by popular demand the FoSS parents social will be returning to Winchester Racquets and Tennis Club for an evening of curry, drinks, bake off competition, auction of promises and live music. £25 per person for a two course dinner. Email friendsofparsholtsschool@gmail.com for tickets. Payment by transfer to FOSS account. Limited numbers available.

Auction of Promises

Please donate a prize for the auction of promises.....
Do you have a skill/offer to auction or contacts with something that could raise money?
Please email the usual address with what you can.
Thanks in advance.



Christmas Activities

Sparsholt Crib Service: 4pm on Christmas Eve

The annual Crib Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December) at 4 p.m. Do come and join us with Christmas songs and stories, and the blessing of the Crib. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas, children of all ages are welcome at this short service to get you in the mood for Christmas!

We are still managing the COVID risk – if you would like to attend any Service in Church, please contact the Benefice Office on 01962 880845.

Face masks should be worn by adults on entering and leaving the Church but may be removed when you are in your pew.

Christmas Holiday Lunch Scheme

Winchester Basics Bank is inviting families with school-aged children (who live or attend a school in the Winchester city and surrounding areas) who feel they need some extra help over the school holidays to register for their Holiday Lunch Scheme. You do not need to be receiving Free School Meals to take advantage of this scheme; if you need a little extra help this year please apply. We are still awaiting confirmation if shopping vouchers will be provided for those children who receive FSM, so if you do we ask that you don't also claim for the food parcel too (but please register whilst we await the announcement). The scheme will provide food for 10 lunches per child. If you need more support, please register for a full food parcel for all the family - www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/get-help. Please be aware that the food supplied is designed to replace the hot meal; rather than food items suitable for packed meals.

