

## Sparsholt C of E Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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

- ❖ Key Reminders
- ❖ Headteacher weekly update
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Growing beans with  
Beech Class!



#### REMINDERS FOR W/C MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

- ✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with School Nursing Team
- ✓ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9:15am in playground – Whole School Harvest Celebration

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again we have had a really exciting and busy week with many wonderful things taking place. Obviously for the children it has been a shorter week than normal but for us as staff we have had an incredibly productive day today undertaking our Outdoor learning training with the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife trust. The staff have all come away with some really engaging ideas about how to use the outdoor spaces we have to enhance and enrich the children's learning experiences. In November, the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife trust will be coming back in for two days to work with the children and the staff providing some live examples of high quality learning that will not only be fantastic for the children but will continue to enhance the staff's understanding of how these sessions can work effectively. There will be a further two days in the Spring Term and another 2 in the Summer Term. Thank you once again to FoSS for funding this specialist training and to all of you who continue to support the FoSS activities. The money you raise really does make a huge difference to the school and the children.



At the beginning of the week we had our first Open Morning for prospective Year R parents and all I can say is what a wonderful advert for our school, the children are. Some of our amazing Year 6 prefects came up and spoke to the parents all about their experiences of the school before I then took families round on a tour. In every single class everyone was fully engaged in their learning and demonstrated exemplary behaviours and I have to say they really are a fantastic group of children.

Also on Monday we had 'Upbeat Pop and Rock' put on a fantastic assembly all about what the club is about and what they do. By the end, all the children were up singing and dancing and having a wonderful time so if you do want to sign your child up for this fantastic club please do go to <https://upbeatmusiccourses.co.uk/after-school-camps/>.

Science has been a real focus this week with Beech Class measuring the length of their rather impressive runner beans which I believe were around 40cm and Willow looking at Autumn seasonal changes. Rowan class have also been undertaking Science investigations around how things can be made to freeze and made their own ice-cream! Years 5 and 6 were treated to a science investigation led by Winchester College looking at the spectrum of white light. The children used spectroscopes to look at light sources and were fascinated by the images created and the light range they saw.

Today has seen the completion of the works on the Willow Class front playground with the resurfacing now finished. We are really pleased with the outcome and know that it will be a fantastic space for the children to develop their gross motor skills and physical agility.

As you know, next Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) is our Harvest Festival and it has been wonderful to hear the children practising for what will be a fantastic performance. Please see the letter from Mrs Gwilliam and the information in "important notices" about the sorts of donations we will be asking for this year for the Winchester Beacon.

I very much hope you are all having a wonderful extended weekend and have been able to get outside and enjoy today's blue sky and sunshine.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hanratty

## Sparsholt Shooting Stars Sports Challenge

Some sporting achievements from home to highlight this week:

- \* Berkeley – played in a Rugby Tournament in London with his team winning all of their matches, and played his first ten holes of golf!
- \* Zevon – moved up a level at his tennis club!
- \* Abel – played in a Rugby Tournament in London with his team winning all of their matches and will be joining Winchester Penguins swimming club after a successful trial!
- \* Henry R – scored 6 goals for his football team and was player of the match!

Well done everyone!

Please do keep sending your achievements into us!



## Key Dates for the Diary



### Sparsholt C of E Primary School Dates for your diary – 2024/25

Term: Autumn 1

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents invited?	Notes
Fri 18th Oct 2024	School Harvest Festival	Playground / Hall	9:15am	Yes	Weather dependent
Fri 25th Oct 2024	Last day of half-term	School	3:30pm	n/a	

Term: Autumn 2

Date	Event	Location	Time	Parents invited?	Notes
Mon 4th Nov 2024	First day of half-term	School	08:40am	n/a	
Mon 4th Nov 2024	Marvelous Monday	Child's classroom	3:35pm – 4:15pm	Yes	For all classes. An invitation to come in with your child and view their work.
Tues 12th Nov 2024	Open morning for prospective parents	School	09:30am – 12:00pm	n/a	Please share with the community
Tues 12th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm – 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
Thurs 14th Nov 2024	In-person parents' evening	School	3:45pm – 7:00pm	Yes	Booking will open 2 weeks before
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

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### 1. Whole School Celebration of Harvest

We are extremely excited about our Harvest Festival on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 9.15 am on the playground (weather permitting), and we are delighted to invite you to come along and take part in our wonderful Harvest celebrations.

Winchester Beacon (formally known as the night shelter) are appealing for kind donations of food and household items. Please send your donations to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

The Winchester Beacon are most in need of the following items at the moment:

Dried Pasta, Basmati Rice  
Tinned Tomatoes, Baked Beans  
Sweetcorn Pot Noodles, Cup-a-soups  
Marmite, Honey, Jam, Chocolate spread  
Tea bags, Instant Coffee, Bottled Squash  
Granulated Sugar, Instant Hot Chocolate  
Tomato ketchup, Brown, BBQ, Salad cream  
Tinned Meats, Gravy Granules  
Cereals  
Biscuits  
Toilet rolls and Kitchen roll  
Anti-Bacterial spray/wipes and J Cloths



Thank you in advance for supporting this vital local charity and for being super courageous advocates!

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### 2. 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 close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. Please refer to the Hampshire Admissions website if you need any further information.

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### 3. Flu Vaccinations – Feedback and Missed Vaccinations

If your child missed their vaccination this week or you did not register in time, the system has now re-opened and if you submit a form you will be invited to a community clinic.

School Code: SH116317

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you would like to provide any feedback to the School Immunisation Team, please find the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/parentfeedback>

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## Other Information



Free Online Courses









[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

### Fully Funded School Support Course

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)

Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



# MUSIC PRODUCTION

## THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

DJ & iPad Production Workshop

9am-3:30pm

Suitable for children in year 5.6.7 and 8

The Kings School, Fair Oak

Learn how to create songs from scratch! Learn how to record, mix, and edit music, using iPads and how to perform live music with DJ and keyboard controllers. All equipment provided.

REGISTER NOW!

[WWW.HANTSMUSICHUB.ORG.UK/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/](http://WWW.HANTSMUSICHUB.ORG.UK/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/)



# VOCAL WORKSHOP

## FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Musical Theatre-Pop Up Vocal Workshop

10am-3pm

Suitable for ages 8-18

The Kings School, Fair Oak

No previous experience required - just a love of singing and having fun!

REGISTER NOW!

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