



6th November 2020

Dates for your diaries

Inset Days

Virtual Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wear Crazy Socks for Children In Need

1st February 2021, 21st June 2021

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November

Friday 13th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite all that is going on in the outside world, the children have continued to be so positive and motivated here at school. We have been so lucky over the last few days with the weather and it has been so nice to see the children being creative on the field and making various creations out of the Autumn Leaves.

I would like to congratulate Isabelle H and Oliver T (Yr 5s, Oak Class) who completed their online Hampshire Junior Road Safety Training this week. They will join Emily S (Yr 6) who took the training last year, and we are looking forward to some fantastic ideas from them to promote safe travelling in Autumn and Winter.

I would also like to congratulate Maple Class who have 100% attendance for the whole of Autumn 1st half-term!

Thank you to all of you who have been supporting the British Legion Poppy appeal this year - the snap of the wrist bands can be heard across the school! The children's desire to be involved in fundraising activities just shows how aware they all are of the importance of being advocates for others and also their understanding of the challenges others face locally, nationally and internationally.

Next Friday we will also be supporting the BBC "Children in Need, Together We Can Change Young Lives" appeal by inviting children to wear whacky socks to school on Friday 13th November. Wear your craziest socks to school and bring in £1 to support this vital charity supporting the most vulnerable children in the UK.

Whilst we are obviously enjoying some lovely sunshine and blue skies at the moment, the temperature is definitely dropping. Please can you make sure that the children are suitably dressed (including always having a coat and a jumper/cardigan in school) bearing in mind windows and doors are being opened to ensure there is adequate ventilation and we are going outside in almost all weathers. Some children are still coming to school in shorts, which I know they like to wear, but a number are complaining about being cold so please could you ensure that they are dressed appropriately.

Thankfully the weather doesn't look too bad for the weekend so I hope you will all be able to at least get outside and enjoy looking at the Autumnal trees.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Parents' Evenings

The next parent/teacher consultation meetings (10 minute slots) are for Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. They will be held on:

- **Tuesday 10th November 3.50pm - 7pm**
- **Wednesday 11th November 3.50 pm - 7 pm**

The booking system is now closed - if you want to book an appointment please contact the school office and we can help.

You will use the same online parent evening meeting system to take part in the video call with your child's teacher. Attached to this email / along with this newsletter is a parent step-by-step instruction sheet to access the video call system.

FoSS News: - FOSSIL

Here's the idea. Every year at this time, FOSS is doing amazing work raising money for our awesome school. This year though, their job is being made infinitely more difficult by the dreaded COVID! So, a small group of us thought we could all do something to boost their efforts and raise some extra cash, whilst keeping us fit and (maybe more importantly), sane during lockdown.

Our idea is that we all get out there and walk, run, ride, swim or whatever is your thing and donate £1 to FOSS each time you do any activity. Keep track of what you do and we will endeavour to make some sort of way of sharing our achievements and maybe introducing an element of competition to keep us all motivated. Of course, the real winners are those raising the most money and having the most fun! One thing that should also be made clear is that Lycra is NOT mandatory! (It just made for an awesome name.... Friends of Sparsholt School In Lycra - FOSSIL!) Please text **"I'm a FOSSIL"** to **07717134477** if you are up for taking part and happy to join a WhatsApp group!

For the Strava disciples among you, there is a club called FOSSIL that you can join to track all your activities and even have a little light-hearted competition on some running, road bike and MTB routes and segments!

Alastair Cobbold (dad to Charlotte, Aubrey and Madeleine) and *Adrian Baber* (dad to Olivia)

School Lunches

A reminder of the options for this term's school lunches:

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| MONDAY | Pork or vegetarian sausages in a fresh tortilla wrap, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day. |
| TUESDAY | Chicken or vegetable goujons in a fresh tortilla wrap, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day. |
| WEDNESDAY | Homemade pizza or ham sandwich, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day. |
| THURSDAY | Freshly baked sausage roll or cheese sandwich, fresh salad, fruit, and pudding of the day. |
| FRIDAY | Fish finger wrap or vegetable fajita wrap, fresh salad, fruit and, pudding of the day. |



SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 8th year, Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School have teamed up with our reputable Christmas tree supplier to provide beautiful Nordmann Fir non drop trees at a reasonable price. The quality of the trees is excellent - if you want to know more, please ask around - we have provided hundreds of trees to the village and school over the last seven years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 6th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with either cash or a cheque (made out to FOSS) by **Thursday 26th November**. Please use your surname as reference and email friendsofsparsholtschool@gmail.com when done so we can trace your order

All money raised will go to both the school and the shop



Christmas Tree Order Form

Name: _____

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if possible): _____

Email address: _____

| Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop) | Price per tree | Quantity required | Total amount (£) |
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| 3 - 4 ft | £26 | | |
| 4 - 5 ft | £30 | | |
| 5 - 6 ft | £37 | | |
| 6 - 7 ft | £47 | | |
| 7 - 8 ft | £56 | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

FOSS Bank Details:

Account name: Friends of Sparsholt School.

Bank: Santander Sort code: 090153 Account no: 35353282