



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

SPCEDS VE Day Challenge

In the blink of an eye, or at least that's certainly the way it would seem, we are at the end of our third fortnightly challenge having lived with this new 'norm' for seven weeks. I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well whilst looking after each other and your families. Thank you to all of you who have been in touch over the last fortnight – it truly is fantastic to hear from you and the children, Please, please keep messaging, tweeting and emailing, we are all loving hearing about what you have been up to at home, through your home learning projects, your projects or just day to day activities. We continue to review our approach in terms of contact with families and are keen to be in regular contact with each and every one of you. If your contact details have changed please email and let us know at office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

Like I have said many times the most important thing at this point in time is that our children feel happy and safe. Please do not push too hard in terms of the learning, take things at their pace, share a story, play a game, read a book, bake a cake, things that could cover maths skills or communication skills but most of all just have fun and be happy! Please share your calm, your love, your connection, your humour and your care. We will use all of our skills and expertise to support your children when they come back.

Thank you to all of the pupils who took part in our third SPCEDS challenge, focused on VE Day and the 75th Anniversary. Whilst VE Day celebrations have been very much muted compared to the events that were planned, I'm sure many of you marked this in your own way over the Bank Holiday weekend. It has been lovely to see all the different ways our pupils have marked the occasion from designing bunting, to making cakes for neighbours to even holding a sponsored event to raise money for armed forces charities. Thank you and well done to Alex, Dexter, Luke, Florence, Zayne, Isaac, Freddi, Leo, Beth, Harry, Richard, Isabella, Jack, Alena, Oliver, Milly, Max, Emily, Grace and Kaylee.



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Thank you to all who took part in our VE Day challenge, all pupils who have taken part will receive 10 house points on their return to school and this information has been shared with class teachers.

Our fortnightly winners for this challenge are:

Foundation Stage: Alex for his patriotic homemade bunting.

Key Stage 1: Florence for a thoughtful VE Day prayer.

Lower Key Stage 2: Alena for her fantastic hand painted poster.

Upper Key Stage 2: Kaylee for her garden design linked to the topic – the perfect place to celebrate VE Day.

Overall: Jack for completing a range of VE Day activities including a VE Day sponsored silence raising over £150 for Armed Forces charities.



I'm sure you'll agree we've had some really fabulous activities and events as part of the VE Day celebrations, thank you for taking the time to take the SPCEDS challenge and for sharing them with us. It is super to be involved in what the children are doing allowing us to be together while we're apart.

SPCEDS Challenge 11th May – 22nd May

For our fourth challenge, our focus is on the NHS and all they are doing to support us all during the current pandemic. This might be by focussing on the history of the NHS by exploring significant people within the NHS - including local NHS workers – or by showing appreciation and support for our heroes. Please see the attached sheet for further details and some ideas to get you started but I'm sure we can all be inspired by the events of recent weeks and the amazing work the NHS continue to do day after day.

Remember the idea of the challenge is to encourage pupils and siblings (potentially parents too) to get involved and learning something new or trying a new activity. Whilst supporting our emotional wellbeing this also allows us to stay connected as a school community. The deadline is Friday 22nd May and we will post some of the pictures on the school Twitter account and through the next newsletter with a prize for the best entries and house points for all. Please share your ideas with us all either through Twitter or through the Year Group emails. Thank you, I look forward to seeing all that you achieve over the next fortnight. As pupils and members of the SPCEDS community, you never cease to amaze me with all that you do and all you achieve. You make all of us proud each and every day and this continues even during our current circumstances – you are all superstars!

Whilst we remain closed, please remember that we are here to help and support you in any way we can. It is also important we stay connected so that when we do re-open, pupils still fully feel part of the SPCEDS community and family. Please stay in touch via Twitter and the Year Group emails or contact us should you need any support through feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk. Wishing you and your families well. Take care and above all stay safe. We are thinking of and missing you all!

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher