



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Term 6 Update

Today would have marked the second week of Term 6 - time certainly does seem to be flying by. Despite the ongoing situation and the impact of this on school, our pupils, families and wider community, I hope you are all continuing to keep yourselves safe, well and healthy. You are all in our daily thoughts as part of our Spalding Parish family.

## Learning Projects

This week brings the next set of fortnightly Learning Projects. The Learning Projects are again differentiated for Year Groups with an overall focus this fortnight of the Environment. As stated previously the intention is that the core areas of Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling will allow pupils to practise and reinforce their skills in these areas linked to the curriculum for their Year Group whilst allowing some overlap with the topic activities so you may work on these as a family. Please see today's Wisepay for the links to the Learning Projects, these will also be on the school website on the relevant Learning Pages. Please do get in touch via the Year Group emails if you do have difficulties accessing.

It has been fantastic to hear from many of you about the things you have been getting up to at home through our regular communications - the staff and I have loved hearing from you all, please stay in touch. We are currently exploring the possibility of some form of online communication between pupils and their Class Teachers - I know a couple of parents have queried the possibility of this. Up until very recently we did not have the capacity to undertake this - indeed we have just completed recent updating in terms of our online provision - and are currently completing training in relation to this. Further details with regards to this will follow.

However, as I keep reiterating, please only do what you can, indeed the intention of the Learning Projects is not to put pressure on parents with regards to home learning. It is to keep you informed of possible activities that you can undertake, with letters and communications from school informing you of how we can support. I fully acknowledge that this continues to be an unusual and unprecedented time for all. I do appreciate that as restrictions are being reduced and parents are returning to work in a range of ways, a couple of days a week or more or less often than that, home learning may be more difficult to undertake. Please, please just do the best you can. Once pupils are back in school on a more formal footing, the school team will be there to support your child moving forwards.



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It has been good to hear that many of you have been working through the Learning Projects, whilst others have been adapting activities for your own children and some of you have been linking their learning to real life experiences including baking and gardening, all very valid learning opportunities. We know that what works for one family will not necessarily work for another. You, as parents, know your children best and we trust you to make the right decisions for them. If you are finding the home learning a challenge lower your expectations where you can or reach out for support via the Year Group emails. We are all in this together and we continue to be here to support you.

### **SPCEDS Challenge**

Thank you to all who took part in our NHS 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:** Dexter for a fantastic poster to celebrate the NHS.

**Key Stage 1:** William for a range of activities learning about the NHS.

**Lower Key Stage 2:** Isabella for a beautiful poem to celebrate the NHS and an interview with an NHS worker. I hope she thanked him on behalf of all of us at this time.

**Upper Key Stage 2:** Harry for a fantastic poem to celebrate the NHS.

**Overall:** Oliver for a range of activities including an extensive chronology of the NHS.

The focus of our next challenge is Recycling and Upcycling – linking well to our Learning Projects on the environment – see attached sheet for details. This challenge will run from the 8<sup>th</sup> June until the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please let us have your contributions before then – remember you can send them via the Year Group emails and via Twitter. Perhaps this could be a family project or activity.

### **Parent Feedback**

Thank you to all of you with children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 who have already taken the time to respond with your intentions for your child with regards to a wider reopening. If you have not already done so, please do so at your earliest convenience and by 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June as this will allow us to confirm our plans with regards to a wider reopening.

### **And Finally... While we can't hug!**

The link below is a lovely clip for children on how they can show affection for friends and family while we still can't hug those we love and care about. When sharing with your child please remind them just how much we care about and miss them – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PnnFrPaRgY>. Should there be anything we can help with, please get in touch via the Year Group emails or via [feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk).

Wishing you all well. Take care and above all stay safe. We are thinking of and missing you all!

Kind Regards,  
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