

# The Spalding Parish Post

#proudtobeparish

March 13th 2020

Term 4

All newsletters can be found on the SPCEDS website.

#### Dear Parent/Carer.

As you will no doubt be aware Coronavirus seems to be the top conversation point both in and out of school and I fully appreciate parents and carers worries and concerns. Whilst very much focussed on the pupils and their education, which is our primary focus, I can confirm that we continue to follow all DFE and PHE guidance in school, including regular hand washing.

Good personal hygiene continues to be the best preventative measure. The main control is regular and thorough hand washing. The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport. This short NHS film provides simple guidance for parents/carers. **PUT THIS** https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU

Updates will be sent via Wisepay and the website so please monitor these.

Diane Mulley, Head Teacher

#### Dates for the diary:

19th Mar: YICR Class Assembly (9am) 20<sup>th</sup> Mar: Y4SH Class Assembly (9am) 24th Mar: Y3/4 Football Festival (University Academy Long Sutton 24th Mar: Parent Consultations (SPCEDS 4pm-7.30pm - not Y5EW) 26<sup>th</sup> Mar: FS2 Class Assembly (9am) 27th Mar: Y3NP/RW Class Assembly 26th Mar: Y5/6 Netball Competition (Grantham 10am-2pm) 26th Mar: Parent Consultations (SPCEDS 3.30pm-6pm - not Y5EW) 31st Mar: Year 4 European Museum (SPCEDS 2.30pm-3.00pm) I<sup>st</sup> Apr: Key Stage I Multi Skills Festival (Spalding Grammar School 10am-2pm) Ist Apr: SPCEDS Got Talent

#### Head Teacher Awards

Each week pupils in school are nominated for Head Teacher Awards celebrating their achievements be it academic success, sporting success, fantastic manners, role model/ behaviour or indeed anything else worthy of note. Well done to all award winners!

Daniel (FS2LM), Vlad (FS2LH), Andrei (FS2RG) Year I: Amelia (YIEWJC), Auris (YICR), Fabian (YIRS) Year 2: Tommy (Y2AC), Freddi (Y2DN), Livia (Y2JS) Year 3: Beth (Y3EP), Briana (Y3NH), Nigel (Y3NPRW) Year 4: Gustas (Y4AR), Gabriele (Y4CH), Tomas (Y4SH)

Year 5: Abi (Y5AS), Arnas (Y5EW) Year 6: Rhiannon (Y6KB). Mikelis (Y6KR)

#### Read all about it...

(SPCEDS-School only)

Each week our pupils are awarded house points as a reward, with a weekly winner from our 6 SPCEDS House Teams, Spiritual Solvers, Positive Promoters, Challenging Challengers, Exciting Experts, Dynamic Dynamos and Supportive Supporters. This week's winner are:

Dynamic Dynamos

#### Attendance Awards

Attendance and punctuality are attributes that are essential as children grow up and this is the time of their lives when they learn them. A number of weekly and termly incentives and awards are in place to reward pupils who attend regularly and who are punctual for school at the start of the school day.

**FS2**: FS2LM (100.0%) KSI: Y2JS (100.0%) LKS2: Y3NP/RW (98.93%)

**UKS2**: Y5AS (99.67%) Well done to all and FS2LM and Y2JS for 100% attendance!



# Sports News

Our most recent sports fixture was a Netball match against Crowland at SPCEDS. It was another fantastic victory for the team and we are now preparing for the next round of the Netball competition that is scheduled for 26th March in Grantham.



# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

### Foundation Stage:

This week in EYFS we have been focussing on Science Week. The habitat that we have been looking at and learning about in depth is the ocean. As part of this we have been learning about some of the

animals that live in the oceans and used as a stimulus for our artwork.

Look at some of our beautiful work that we created during this week.





## Key Stage 1:

This week in Key Stage I we have been celebrating Science Week and what an amazing week we have all had! Throughout the week children in Year I and 2 have been involved in finding out about animals and plants in their habitats and have taken part in lots of investigative work.

The week ended with a fantastic opportunity for the children to share learning with parents/carers and family when they made their own bug hotels! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in this e.g. donating various items or even being able to make it into school to share the experience on Friday. We hope this week inspires you to have a go at some simple scientific experiments

# Lower Key Stage 2:

This week, Year 4 have become biologists investigating the ecosystem of the rainforest from learning about the diversity of plants and animals within the different layers to creating food chains for the rainforest environment. We had a great time on Friday designing and building our bug hotels. In Geography, we have begun to research our European countries, ready to present at our European Museum at the end of term. In addition, we have been potters creating European sculptures. Many thanks to Jen Callow for showing us the basics of creating sculptures out of clay.

# Upper Key Stage 2:

Upper Key Stage 2 had a great week celebrating Science Week. Year 6's theme was Polar Ice and we started the week researching famous Polar Explorers past and present. Using their research, Year 6 planned and wrote biographies about famous Polar Explorer Ernest Shackleton. The children then investigated the insulating properties of blubber to see why animals like walrus and polar bears that live in Polar regions grow a thick layer of fat, or blubber. To investigate this, the children placed one of their hands in a bowl of ice and water and timed how long they could hold their hand in it. The children then covered their other hand in fat and compared how long they could keep their hand in the icy water. The children also set up an investigation to find which material would provide the best insulation for a Polar Explorer. We all had lots of fun during the week!