



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID 19 – End of Year Update

Wow! Can you believe that July has arrived already and we are heading into the final few weeks of the academic year? Despite the long days of lock-down, March seems so long ago now. Rainbows have always been a symbol of hope and images have been visible throughout COVID 19. Although we are not out of the woods yet, we have begun to see those rainbows finally peeking through. Within school it has certainly begun to feel more normal in recent weeks with EYFS, Year 1, Year 6 and key worker pupils in school alongside the majority of staff who have ensured that all 15 bubbles have been able to run safely and effectively. Thank you to all of you, the pupils who have responded so brilliantly to the new systems and structures, following our new guidelines so well, to our parents and carers for being so supportive during this period and for those with pupils in school for being so prompt at drop off and pick up. It has made the management of the situation so much easier. Finally, to the staff for their continued support for our pupils and their families.

The school term will finish for ALL children on Tuesday 21st July. Please note we will **NOT** be making provision for keyworker and vulnerable children during the summer break as we have done during the Easter and Half Term holidays and over the Bank Holidays. School is due to start back on Thursday 3rd September.

Learning Projects

This week brings the next and final set of fortnightly Learning Projects. The learning projects are differentiated for Year Groups with an overall focus this fortnight on Celebrations. The intention remains that the core areas of Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling will allow pupils to practise and reinforce their skills in these areas linked to their Year Group curriculum whilst allowing some overlap with the topic work so you could look at these as a family. Please see today's Wisepay for the links to the projects, these will also be on the school website. Please get in touch via the Year Group emails if you have any difficulties.

As always, please only do what you can; the intention of the Learning Projects is to keep you informed of possible activities that you can undertake. We are all here to support where we can, please just ask. We do appreciate, as the school year nears its conclusion and circumstances at home potentially change, that home learning may be more difficult to undertake. Please just do the best you can.



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As you will be aware, the Government has indicated that they will be releasing money to schools to support the 'catching up' of children's learning. They have said that they will be releasing guidance on how this money should be used over the course of the next several weeks. Once we have the children back in school, we will be able to determine how to make the most effective use of the funding in order to benefit as many children as possible. I would like to express my thanks to all of you at home who have been making amazing efforts to support your children's learning during this time.

Thank you also to all of you who have signed your child up for the live sessions with Class Teachers. These sessions will continue weekly until the end of term focussed on reconnection and re-engagement between home and school. Please look out for the emails from Class Teachers confirming details of these sessions.

SPCEDS Challenge

Thank you to all who took part in our recent Bake Off; all 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: James for his fantastic pretzels.

Key Stage 1: Freddi for helping with cooking at home including making pasta sauce.

Lower Key Stage 2: Jess for her creative cupcakes presented as a flower bouquet.

Upper Key Stage 2: Natalia for her Indian flat breads.

Overall: Emily for her three course meal including menu, recipes and meal.

Thank you to all of you who have taken part in our SPCEDS challenges during this period. It certainly seems to have fostered enjoyment and creativity and we have seen some amazing outcomes – indeed, at times, it has been very challenging to choose a winner. I hope you are all very proud of yourselves and deservedly so – I know I am.

And Finally...

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you for all your continued support since our enforced closure in March. If at the start of the year someone had said this is what schools (and the country as a whole) would face during the current academic year I'm not sure any of us would have believed them. However, as a school, I feel that everyone has risen to the challenges we have faced, our staff, our pupils and of course you, our families. Thank you to all of you for your support during a very difficult period in the life of the school, I have absolutely no doubt that we will come out the other side, hopefully in September, as a stronger, more united community. Thank you!

Wishing you all well. Take care and above all stay safe during the summer break. We are thinking of and missing you all and look forward to us all being back together soon!

Kind Regards,

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