



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## SPCEDS Kindness Challenge

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of our second fortnightly challenge. I hope you are all staying safe and staying well whilst looking after each other and your families. I think that is probably one of the most difficult challenges, being unable to see family and loved ones. With the exception of my husband and children, all my family are in the North East, parents, parents in law, siblings and nieces and nephews. Whilst we have become more creative in terms of staying in touch, we are still finding this really hard – I'm sure this is a challenge that many of you face too and my thoughts are with you. The same is true in relation to our pupils and families, our Spalding Parish family. Again we have tried to adapt our approach to support communications with Class Teachers emailing families of pupils in their class to keep in touch and offer support. Unfortunately there are a small number of families who have not given school an email address as a form of contact. If that is the case but you would like us to get in touch please email the Year Group email or [office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) and we will be in touch.

Thank you to all of the pupils who took part in our second SPCEDS challenge, focused on Acts of Kindness, so important when we are faced with such unusual times. An Act of Kindness can mean such different things to different people and can range from a simple smile to something much bigger. What we do know is that the current pandemic has had a significant impact on all of our lives yet despite that the pupils of Spalding Parish have continued to prove what superstars they are through their fantastic Acts of Kindness supporting families, friends and the local community. Thank you and well done to Doroteja, Dexter, James, Katie, Ethan, Ella, Rocco, Stanley, Mikey, Caitlin, George, Rory, William, Zayne, Freddi, Lucas, Jack, Jacob, Isabella, Jess, Maddison, Mia, Max, Jorja, Jayden, Zara-Jayne, Shay, Chloe, Matas, Grace and Harry.



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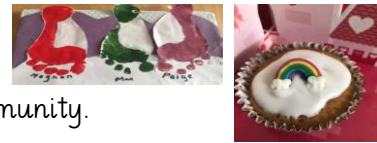
Thank you to all who took part in our Kindness challenge, all pupils who have taken part will receive 10 house points on their return to school and this information has been shared with class teachers.

Our fortnightly winners for this challenge are:

**Foundation Stage:** Doroteja for her weekly calendar of kindness.



**Key Stage 1:** Stanley for his 'Be Kind' animated short film.



**Lower Key Stage 2:** Jess for her Rainbow wall to cheer up the local community.

**Upper Key Stage 2:** Max for delivering sweet treats and artwork to cheer up his Nannie.



**Overall:** Maddison and Zara-Jayne, and Rocco, Lucas and Jayden for a range of Acts of Kindness both at home and towards the local community.

I'm sure you'll agree we've had some really fantastic Acts of Kindness undertaken during the past fortnight, 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 27<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May

For our third challenge, our focus is on the VE Day (8<sup>th</sup> May 2020) and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. When addressing the public on VE Day King George VI called on people to remember those who lost their lives and to 'make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours.' As part of this challenge we would like you to think about what you might do to celebrate give thanks and remember. Please see attached sheet for further details and some ideas to get you started but I'm sure we can all be inspired by Captain Tom, a true hero of both then and now.

Remember the idea of the challenge is to encourage pupils and siblings (potentially parents too) to get involved and consider something new, to help our emotional wellbeing whilst keeping us connected as a school community. The deadline is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day - and we will post some of the pictures on the school Twitter account 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 me 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](mailto: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,

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