



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

*'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...'* Galatians 6:10

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## From 2019 to 2020 and beyond

Well Term 2 was certainly another very busy term, culminating in our Christmas celebrations. It was an absolute honour to be part of the children's performances, both in FS2 and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. I continue to be exceptionally proud of all of the children here at Spalding Parish and not least during these performances given the way they performed their parts beautifully, singing, dancing and speaking. They never cease to amaze me with their talents and I do feel very proud and extremely lucky to be part of their educational journeys.

Thank you once again to all the children and staff for their hard work in ensuring the performances went well. I would also like to say a very special thank you to you all for coming and supporting us providing the children with an audience. With your support we have managed to raise over £1000 for our chosen Christmas charities, including our participation in National Christmas Jumper Day, which I'm sure you will agree is a fantastic amount of money. A huge thank you to all who donated, it is very much appreciated.

May I also take this opportunity to wish all of the Spalding Parish family health, happiness and prosperity in the new year and the new decade that lies ahead. I hope all our pupils embrace this time and go forward with faith, hope and courage.

## Car Parking

Please remember to park courteously for the safety of all our community whilst respecting our neighbours. Please park legally allowing the safe use of the road and pavements for all. Do not park on the public footpath as it makes it dangerous with the numbers of people using them. If you are just dropping your child off, please park up and ensure their safe exit from the vehicle on to the pavement so they can then walk safely into school. The closer to school you get the more congested it is so if you are able to park further away, or even walk all the way to and from school, this would be appreciated.



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## E-Safety

At this time of year, when electronic items and new technology are likely to be a popular gift, I would ask you to reflect again on the safe use of the internet. During Terms 3 and 4, as part of our continuous education about children keeping themselves safe; we will be undertaking further work on e-Safety. If you would like to keep your child safe online do not hesitate to speak with Katey Robinson, UKS2 Leader and our e-Safety officer.

You can also access information via our website by clicking on the Learning tab and then clicking on the hyperlink: Staying Safe.

## Harvest Collection

Thank you for all your donations of dried and tinned foods for our Harvest Collection. Agape have been in touch and shared their thanks as without such continued support their vital work would not be able to continue. Christmas and the New Year are a very busy time of the year for Agape supporting families within our local community. Should you have any further items, such as jam, marmalade, tinned puddings or bottles of squash I know they would be gratefully received. You can find Agape based at The Lighthouse Church in Haverfield Road here in Spalding.

## Hot Lunches

Our menus for Term 3 are now available – all the usual favourites. Please remember to book meals by midnight on a Sunday night for the following week using the following link:

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?mID=156735&ACT=nav>

## Illness

Should your child be unwell and be suffering from symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 hours after their last bout. Any sickness or diarrhoea should be dealt with in this way following the guidance from the NHS and will ensure the spreading of these conditions is reduced. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If you need any guidance regarding illnesses and whether your child can be in school or not if they have a particular condition, please refer to the poster by clicking this link:

[http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

## Information and Guidance from the Lincolnshire Education Team

During the Christmas break, we received an email from the Lincolnshire Education Team sharing information from the NHS Federated Urgent Care Team. They have asked that we help to emphasise the importance of parents/carers choosing the right pathway when a child becomes ill and options available when their child needs treatment.



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*"We are asking for your support, along with our GP colleagues and nursery providers in the County, to help spread the attached message. Each year A&E sees a large number of families and children that present with minor symptoms and/or respiratory tract infections. The guide below should help families get to see the right person in the right place for the right symptoms."*

<b>Self-care</b> 	<b>Grazed Knee</b> <b>Cough or cold</b> <b>Sore throat</b>	Make sure your medicine cupboard is stocked up with over the counter remedies
<b>NHS 111</b> 	<b>Unsure</b> <b>Unwell</b> <b>Confused</b> <b>Need to know where to go</b>	When you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
<b>Pharmacy</b> 	<b>Diarrhoea</b> <b>Runny Nose</b> <b>Headache</b>	For advice on common illnesses and medicines to treat them
<b>Your GP and Out of Hours</b> 	<b>Ear pain</b> <b>Backache</b> <b>Throat infection</b>	If you have an illness or injury that won't go away make an appointment to see your GP. If it's outside your GP's opening hours, you can telephone your GP surgery to be directed to the local 'Out of Hours' service.
<b>Minor Injuries Unit</b> 	<b>Strains</b> <b>Sprains</b> <b>Stitches</b>	For minor injuries
<b>A&amp;E and 999</b> 	<b>Choking</b> <b>Chest pain</b> <b>Blackout</b> <b>Blood loss</b>	Life threatening situations and emergency

### Parent/Carer Questionnaires

A huge thank you to all of you that took the time to complete our Parent/Carer Questionnaires during our recent Parent Consultation Week. We do appreciate that this takes a few minutes but your feedback and comments are very important to us. Please see the separate letter re the Parent/Carer Questionnaire for further details.

We are very pleased with the positive responses in all of the areas surveyed however we are always seeking to improve provision further. When one studies the figures and combines the "Strongly Agree" and "Agree" columns we are really pleased that parents and pupils are happy with Spalding Parish Church of England Day School and this is a consistent picture over recent years. Thank you again for your feedback. We will continue to share the results and feedback with parents and pupils on an annual basis.

## Parish Post

Term 2 also saw the launch of our new weekly newsletter The Parish Post. It has been introduced to celebrate and share all that is great about Spalding Parish including Head Teachers Awards, Attendance Awards, Sports News, House Point winners and weekly news from each Phase. I hope you all enjoy reading about all that is happening here at school and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their regular contributions to the newsletter, it is very much appreciated. If you do have any feedback about our newsletter, including any items you would like to see included, please get in touch. Thank you.

## SPCEDS Choir

The school choir have once again been very busy during Term 2 with all the activities within our community. They sang carols for our neighbours in Lime Court, sang at Broad Street Methodist Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival, participated in the local choir competition at St Mary and St Nicolas and were part of our KS2 Carol Concert. On each occasion they sounded absolutely amazing and I am very proud of them all. Thank you to all the choir members, the staff and of course you, the parents/carers for your continued support.

## Start and End of Day Routines

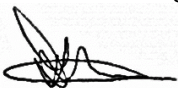
A huge thank you to all of our parent body for ensuring their children are in school on time and ready to learn following recent pleas, it is very much appreciated. If I could just ask that, at both the start and end of day, you supervise your children before dropping off and after collecting. Whilst there are staff around at these times, they do have a class responsibility and will be very focussed on welcoming children at the start of the day and ensuring all pupils are handed over to parents at the end of the day. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.

If I could also ask you to keep all children, including school age and pre-school children, off the school equipment at the beginning at the end of the school day. Such equipment has restrictions in terms of numbers of children and weight and as such use should be supervised. As a school we feel it is very important to provide resources for the children to use within school and have worked hard to fundraise in order to be able to finance such resources. However such items are very expensive and do therefore need to be respected and looked after to ensure longevity. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Last Words

Thank you once again for all your support during my time in post so far this academic year and the many kind words and messages I have continued to receive following my substantive appointment. May your New Year be filled with blessings for you all, I look forward to seeing you all in the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Diane Mulley



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