



The Spalding Parish Post

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Term 1

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Can you believe it is October already? Our focus for September and the first few weeks of this term and the academic year was to get all the pupils back to school safely and ensuring they were as happy as possible during their time in school. Whilst the SLT and I cannot get into individual classrooms as much as we normally would at this time of year we are paying regular visits to each classroom and talking to the children when we see them throughout the school day. The children are happy, engaged in their learning and, on the whole, thoroughly enjoying their time in school. They are accessing the learning within their individual Year Groups and making progress towards individual targets.

It has also been a fantastic this week to see the increase in our attendance, from almost 95% last week to 98% this week, a huge improvement. With attendance nationally currently sitting at about 91%, this is an amazing achievement. Well done to all our SPCEDS families and thank you for your continued support. Please get in touch if you do have any worries.

Diane Mulley, Head Teacher

Dates for the diary:

- 5th Oct: Flu jabs – Flu jabs will be undertaken over the course of the school day for all year groups where parents/carers have signed up for their child
- 14th Oct: Local Council Meeting – please get in touch if you are interested in becoming part of the Local Council or would like more information
- 21st Oct: Harvest Celebration (within school via Teams, details TBC)
- 22nd Oct: School closes for Term Break (End of Term 1)
- 23rd Oct: Staff Training Day
- 31st Oct: Secondary Applications close (12 noon)
- 2nd Nov: School reopens (Start of Term 2)



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!

- FS2: Mason (FS2), Joshua (FS2)
- Year 1: Keira (Y1JCSE), Andrei (Y1HH), Maryann (Y1CR),
- Year 2: Khaleesi (Y2AC), Denisa (Y2DN), Sandra (Y2AR)
- Year 3: Frankie (Y3EP), Kashvi (Y3NPRW)
- Year 4: Joshua (Y4CH), Jagoda (Y4SH), Sophie (Y4IN)
- Year 5: Abi (Y5CC), Leigh Anna (Y5AS), Toby (Y5EW)
- Year 6: Grace (Y6KB), Adam (Y6KR)



Read all about it...

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. Watch this space for our weekly winners



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: FS2 (99.60%)
- KSI: Y1JCSE (99.06%)
- LKS2: Y3NP (100.0%)
- UKS2: Y6KR (99.19%)
- School: 98%, an amazing attendance average, well done all!



Here to help...

With the current guidance in place, we cannot run our usual open door policy. However SLT are available on the gate each morning and afternoon should you have any queries or you can ring or email the school office and request a call back.

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Foundation Stage:

It has been a great week in FS2 with children enjoying a range of different activities. We have started formal Phonics teaching and the children have learnt the following sounds so far: s, a, t, p. We have been busy using BBC Numberblocks to support our Maths teaching and the children are really enjoying meeting each number. The episodes can be found online at home too through a Google search. We have been busy building dens and enjoying outdoor learning too. This week we have been watching a toad jump around the garden, found worms to watch in the rain and have also watched a small snail! All of these have provided awe and wonder and social and speaking skills. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Key Stage 1:

This week we have been exploring our text 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. Oliver Jeffers also wrote books such as 'Lost and Found', 'How to Catch a Star' and 'The Way Back Home'. Why not share these books with your child. Are there any similarities between them?



In class, the children have been exploring a wide range of vocabulary and writing descriptive sentences using images to support. We have seen some amazing examples and have some fantastic authors.

Lower Key Stage 2:

This week in Year 3 we have been learning about a whole range of new things. Science in particular has been very exciting! To build our scientific skills when working scientifically, we explored how magnets are attracted to metal and then created our own mazes and tracks that the children needed to move a paperclip along. The children really enjoyed their investigations and it became very apparent that we have some very skilled scientists in Year 3! What a fantastic week.



Upper Key Stage 2:

The school is a buzz of community spirit and learning as we move through this term. Poetry has been a focus in English using our two focus books 'While we Can't Hug' and 'Here We Are': alliteration, metaphors, similes, rhythm and some fantastic description about their special places. Even though Roald Dahl Day was not the same this year, we still managed to celebrate it in style and spend some time inventing new words (BFG style), designing Dream Jars, writing 'good thought anti-Twit poems (to combat the terrible Mr and Mrs Twit) and we still found time to celebrate our own Reading Festival in our classrooms by listening to a range of extracts from his books. The children are making us proud everyday of this new school year. National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 2nd October and we had fun exploring, reading and writing poems: love letters to healthy snacks – thanks to poet Joshua Seigal!