



The Parish Post

22nd November 2021

Welcome to our newsletter 'The Parish Post'.

The focus will be to share aspects of the children's learning journeys each week across the different Phases and Year Groups. This may be subject specific or across the curriculum. We will also celebrate 'proud moments' across school alongside sharing general updates with parents/carers - #proudtobeParish.

We are keen to receive any feedback regarding your thoughts and also with regards to the content you would like to see included each week. Please get in touch at feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

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General Updates



COVID Update

You will be aware that we have had an increase in the number of cases in school recently. As such I thought it was important to write to you to reassure you that we continue to follow the current Government guidance that is in place at this current time. We also liaise with the Trust and PHE with regards to all cases to ensure we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of all in school.

As part of this we would like to ask for your continued support. **If your child or a member of your household is presenting with any of the three main symptoms - a new persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell - please ensure that you do not send them into school but book them in for a PCR test as soon as possible.**

As we have shared previously the LFD tests that many people use as part of routine testing should not be used in the case of any symptoms as they are not suitable for this purpose.

Where there are symptoms a PCR test must be booked and undertaken with a negative PCR result necessary before a child can return to school. Results should be sent to absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

Similarly if a member of your household or a close contact tests positive for COVID a PCR test should be booked, at a testing centre, for all members of the household as soon as possible.

We do appreciate that postal tests are available however the turnaround for these can have a significant impact on managing cases within school. Given the current guidance does allow travel to a testing centre, by car or by foot where individuals have had contact with a positive case or even where they are presenting with symptoms, we would ask that this is the option undertaken by all please.

We are fortunate enough to have a testing centre within walking distance in the town centre (Vine Street Car Park) with results turned around within roughly 24 hours. Obviously with pupils able to

attend school if they are not displaying symptoms, rapid results can only positively support our response to the ongoing situation. Thank you for your continued support. If you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

To book to go for a PCR test, you will need to call 119 or go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If you book the PCR online, once you have answered the questions you should come to a page where it offers you where to book the test – Vine Street Car Park in Spalding should hopefully be an option. If it isn't an option you may need to try a bit later in the day once they have loaded tomorrow's appointments onto the system.

Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November the whole school community took part in a Remembrance Worship, marking the two minute silence at 11am as part of this event.

We were very fortunate to have a very special guest at this occasion this year. Mr Wand, Emily Wand's father in law, attended and played both The Last Post and Reveille which was really special for us all to hear, particularly at such a poignant occasion.

We were also all so proud of all of the children who were so respectful of the whole event - a real 'Proud to be Parish' occasion. A huge thank you must go to all involved.





Termly Reports

In recent weeks class teachers have been very busy considering the work the children have completed over the course of the year so far and how they are progressing in relation to their Year Group curriculum.

Teachers have used this information to compile reports for pupils and I am currently very busy reading all of these, whilst also commenting on some. As you will know it is my intention over the course of the year to have commented on all children's reports.

It is great to read about their achievements so far and also their next steps and I continue to be exceptionally proud of the children and their determination, engagement, resilience and positive attitudes to learning. We look forward to sharing their reports and their achievements with you in the coming weeks as part of our Parent Consultation events.



Visits and Visitors

Last week saw a welcome return to school trips following a necessary break as a result of the COVID pandemic.

In recent weeks the Year 6 pupils have visited the Parish Church and Ayscoughfee, the Year 3 pupils also visited Flag Fen and the Year 5 pupils visited Spalding Library. I wanted to congratulate all of the pupils for their impeccable behaviour whilst out both in the local community and beyond. From talking to the adults it is clear that all of the children represented the school well and are all a real credit to the Spalding Parish family. A huge well done all and thank you.

Fundraising

Finally just a huge thank you to the whole school community for their support in recent fundraising. It is very much appreciated both by school and the organisations involved. Whilst final figures are still being calculated, the Spalding Parish community will have raised a substantial amount of money for good causes so thank you. The Pudsey bears have also arrived so the raffle will be undertaken later this week.



Online Safety Update



A new addition to our weekly Parish Post is the Online Safety Update. Each week we will post some tips and suggestions just to support keeping children safe online. For this we will also share key tips from National Online Safety and their Wake Up Wednesday materials. If you do want any further details with regards to this or would like any further support please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Sharing Kindness Online

Can you spare 'One Kind Word'? Cyber bullying remains a major online safety risk to children. In support of Anti-Bullying Week, the Wake Up Wednesday guide this week shares 10 tips on how to spread kindness online.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/share-kindness-online?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=nos-wakeupwednesday-antibullyingweek

Weekly Awards



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: We are so proud of all of our FS2 pupils and how they have settled at school that currently it is a challenge to single any one out for individual praise. They are all superstars!

Year 1: Violet (Y1EWRG), Arianna (Y1HH), Yoan (Y1AC)

Year 2: Kaya (Y2AR), Lennijs (Y2DN), Rosie (Y2SD)

Year 3: Seth (Y3EP), Luna (Y3NPRW), Rocco (Y3SH)

Year 4: Jamie (Y4CH), Ivy-May (Y4RW)

Year 5: Faith (Y5EW), Peter (Y5IN), Alan (Y5KB)

Year 6: Paige (Y6AS), Mikas (Y6CC), Ruslana (Y6KR)



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. Our weekly attendance awards celebrate the class with the highest attendance in each Phase.

FS2: FS2Y1AC (92.6%) - New winners in FS2 this week, well done!

KS1: Y2SD (99.3%) – New winners in KS1s and highest in school, super job Y2SD.

LKS2: Y3EP and Y3SH (98.9%) – New joint winners in LKS2 for Y3EP and Y3SH.

UKS2: Y6CC (96.0%) – Second week running for Y6CC, super!

School: 93.4% - Another slight fall in our overall attendance. Let's keep working and trying hard and see if we can improve next week.



House Points

Each week 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

Supportive Supporters.

This week's winners with 518 points are: **Exciting Experts**

Phase Learning Journeys



EYFS

It has continued to be a busy time in FS2 recently. As part of our 'People Who Help Us' focus, one of our parents brought his tractor into school. It was such an amazing experience for all of the children.

We learnt about the different types of farms and they even gave us some seeds to grow our own crops.

During the session, the children also helped to explain how tractors work. We also learnt about the different machines including how they connect to the tractor. We all had a fabulous time and learnt so much.



Key Stage 1

It's been a technology week in Key Stage 1 with a clear focus on Computing.

Year 1

What an amazing week we have had in Year 1. This week we have been developing our skills using the Bee Bots. We hoped we would be able to use them on the car mat in the classroom however this wasn't possible, they just wouldn't work. We then brainstormed what we could do instead and came up with a plan.

We created our own map and used it as an opportunity to include all of the important people and things that we have been learning about this term. As we used our instructional skills to move the Bee Bots around the mat, there was lots of brilliant discussion about whether they needed medicine from Mary Seacole or a check up from Florence Nightingale.





Year 2

This week in Computing Year 2 have been looking at programming using the Scratch Jnr app. They have explored the different programming blocks and what they do, as well as what is needed to start a program. We have also looked at the outcomes of programs and how we can change the code to change the outcome.

Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

In Science Year 3 have started their learning on plants. We have learned the names and functions of parts of plants and will soon be learning what plants need to grow.

We have also been talking about our trip to Flag Fen linked to our learning in History. This was our first ever school trip as Year 3 and we had an amazing time finding out more about pre-historic life. Watch this space next week for photos and to see how we got on!

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Anglo Saxons in History this term. This week they learned all about crime and punishment and how Anglo Saxons managed crime without a police force!

They worked as a team to create a scenario where a crime was committed and the criminal was punished all set in Anglo Saxon Britain. They then became actors and actresses and performed them for the rest of the class!

As part of our Children in Need celebrations we have also been super proud of a member of the class. Ivy May drew pictures and sold them to family and friends raising an amazing £50 for Children in Need which she donated to the school's appeal. So proud!



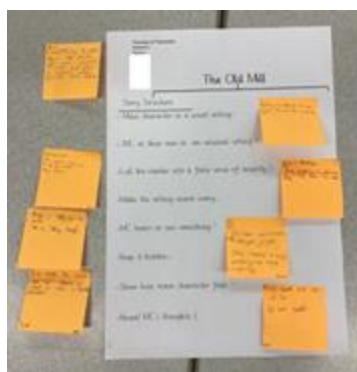
Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Y5 have had another busy week! Lots of learning has taken place and we have been busy finishing off our portraits in Art. Computing has seen us learning about Algorithms and how they work. Our lesson was 'unplugged' and we were given different instructions (see the picture below) that we were to begin and stop when told to. At times, we were given different instructions to follow which we found quite difficult, especially when we were asked to pat our knees and clap our hands! A fun way to learn about Algorithms.

We have enjoyed English again this week as we have been using different skills to learn about story structures. Continuing to use Pie Corbett's 'The Old Mill' and 'Talk for Writing', we worked in small groups and used pictures to help us memorise the story. Moving on, we have looked at the thoughts and feelings that Jo, who is the main character, might have in different parts of the story.

We followed this up with finding evidence in the story to prove: the main character is in a usual setting; the setting sounds scary; the main character hears something and a few more.



Round 3 (Challenging)

- Begin crouching.
- Begin tapping your head.
- Stop crouching.
- Stop tapping your head.
- Begin jumping up and down.
- Begin tapping your head.
- Stop everything.
- Begin clapping.
- Begin flapping your arms like a bird.
- Stop everything.
- Begin crouching.
- Begin jumping up and down.
- Stop everything.
- Begin tapping your knees.
- Begin tapping your head.
- Stop everything.
- Begin spinning to the left.
- Begin spinning to the right.
- Stop spinning to the left.
- Stop spinning to the right.

Year 6

On Remembrance Day 2021, Year 6 were fortunate enough to be able to visit the St Mary and St Nicolas Church to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Reverend John led a short service in church where children read WW1 inspired poems and a Poppy Wreath was laid. This gave us the opportunity to pause, think and remember those lost, injured or impacted by war and conflict.

It was fantastic to see the children drawing on their learning from our History unit and sharing their imaginative poems with others in the community. We walked back to school via the War Memorial at Ayscoughfee Gardens to look at the names of those from Spalding who lost their lives.





Diary Dates



WB 22nd November

Monday 22nd November - Whole School Collective Worship

Wednesday 24th November - Clergy Collective Worship and Florence Nightingale Day

WB 29th November

Monday 29th November - Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 30th November - Parent Consultations

Wednesday 1st December - Clergy Collective Worship

Thursday 2nd December - Parent Consultations

And Finally...

Please remember if you do have any queries or concerns to come and speak to one of us, either the class teacher on the door or a member of the SLT on the playground each morning and afternoon.

You can also get in touch via email, using feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Key Stage 1 - Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 - Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Upper Key Stage 2 - Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk