



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

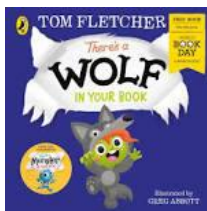
## End of Term 4

What a past couple of weeks we have had! Despite a number of bubbles having to close, our children, families and staff have demonstrated the most amazing resilience and transitioned back to remote learning seamlessly. A huge thank you and well done to all of our parents and carers; you have been hugely supportive as we have once again had to navigate a really challenging time.

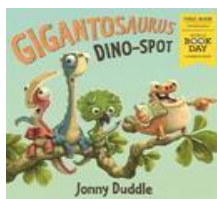
It has been wonderful to be back together as the Spalding Parish family, if only for a short period of time - playing and learning together. The children have been absolutely fantastic and I am sure you will have seen their big smiles and heard the constant chatter about being reunited with their friends at the end of each day. The past few weeks have seen the children interact and engage in their learning and friendships, which in turn has enabled them to settle back into school routines confidently.

Myself and the staff are passionate about all of our children having the opportunity to reconnect over recent weeks. Our structure and provision has allowed additional opportunities for talk, collaborative and creative learning. We have also allocated time for self-reflection and self-regulation to support the transition back to school. Over the course of the academic year I have seen on numerous occasions just how resilient our children and families have been over recent months and so we have tried to ensure through our curriculum offer that all pupils are supported and are given opportunities to thrive.

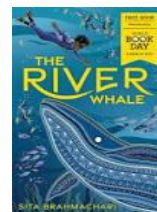
Whilst it has been a very different Term 4 we have still had the opportunity to participate in a number of annual events in the school calendar, albeit in a slightly different way to normal, including World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Whilst World Book Day was actually during the early part of the term whilst pupils were still engaged in remote learning we have still marked the occasion for all. As a school we purchased a book for every pupil in school which they will bring home at some point. If your child has not received theirs or brought theirs home yet, please don't worry it will arrive.



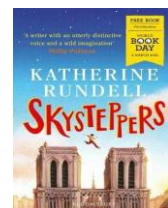
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In terms of Red Nose Day, whilst different to normal, a lot of fun was had by all and for such a worthy cause. Your contributions raised nearly £200 for Comic Relief so thank you all for your support. I must also thank you for your recent support of our Easter Raffle which raised nearly £600 for school funds. As with our Christmas Raffle, this money will be used to purchase additional resources to support the curriculum within all Year Groups. I know many classes have already seen the benefits of this earlier fundraising within their classrooms.

## COVID-19

A huge thank you to all of our parents for continuing to follow the social distancing guidance at the start and end of the day. Unfortunately, we have had to close three class bubbles recently, which is a clear reminder that the virus is still around. Once we return after the Easter break please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- ✓ New continuous cough and/or
- ✓ High temperature and/or
- ✓ A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS.UK website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111. **You must also stay at home and not go out for any reason if you are told to self-isolate be it by the school or Track and Trace .**

## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do:

- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

It is also imperative that all members of the Spalding Parish community continue to follow the current Government guidance in place at any point in time. Whilst we have seen a number of changes in recent weeks firstly with the return to school and then more recently on 29<sup>th</sup> March, clear guidance still exists and this should be followed at all times to ensure the safety of all. I'm sure we will all agree that it would be lovely to pop to a family member's home for a coffee, have friends around to your home either during the day or overnight or even have a haircut – I know my son is in desperate need of a haircut – however all of these are not yet allowed under the current guidance. Failure to follow the guidance may result in action being taken and can result in a fine.



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### From Monday, 29 March

From Monday, 29 March you will be able to:



- meet in groups of 6 people outside, including in a private garden



- meet in groups of 2 households.



Outdoor sports places will open up again, like tennis or basketball courts, and open air swimming pools.



You should still stay at home as much as you can.

You should work from home if you can. You won't be able to travel abroad.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

### Step 2



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.

Shops will open, including:



- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

### Reporting a Positive Case during the Easter Break

As always a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support throughout the current pandemic. Your support in adhering to the guidance in place has been and will continue to be essential for us to be able to continue to keep the school safe and open in such challenging times.

As you will be aware it may still be the case that members of the school community do test positive for COVID 19 during the closure period. Please can I ask you to read the details below and store this letter in case you need it during the first part of the school holiday.

Where pupils have tested positive for COVID 19 and developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, schools have been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the child may have been infectious whilst in school. The Trust are always notified of a positive case and, as such, will be the first port of call for reporting a positive case during the holiday period.

Should you need to report a positive case during this period, please email [leanne@laat.co.uk](mailto:leanne@laat.co.uk) with:

Child's Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Class:

School:

The positive test result:

The date they developed symptoms:



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Positive cases should be reported in line with the table below. Please note negative cases do not need to be and should not be reported.

1 Identify Date Symptoms Began or Date of PCR Test – go to column 2	2 Was child in school on the date identified below, if yes, go to column 3 and undertake identified action	3 Action to be undertaken
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April on	No further information required – this is beyond the school’s Track and trace window.	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Please email <a href="mailto:leanne@laat.co.uk">leanne@laat.co.uk</a> to notify positive case including the following key information: <b>Child’s Full Name:</b> <b>Date of Birth:</b> <b>Class:</b> <b>School:</b> <b>The positive test result:</b> <b>The date they developed symptoms:</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
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Please do not phone the school as phone lines will not be monitored.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, so from 3<sup>rd</sup> April onwards as per the table above, the school or Trust should not be contacted. However, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

To reassure parents the above email address will be monitored throughout the Easter break and we will take action if we are advised of a positive test in the school community. We will continue to use Wisepay to inform parents of any updates that may affect them over this period of time.

Thank you again for your continued support through this term and the academic year so far. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all wish you a very Happy Easter and hope you are all able to enjoy a break, and treats and motivations that are needed to keep our mental health resilient and help keep us going through in such times. This is such a hopeful time of the year, and this holiday pause also gives us time to reflect on another successful term. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing holiday period with your families and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April when school reopens for Term 5.

Kind Regards,

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