

The Parish Post

4th July 2022

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.

At the heart of our diverse community, striving for excellence, enabling all to achieve their highest potential.

'Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

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Open Evening - Thursday 7th July

It was lovely to see so many of you last week during our open evening. As you will know I have been reading all of the pupils' reports over the last few weeks and I hope you were all very proud to read about their achievements. It is fair to say that it still hasn't been the easiest of years given the pandemic and resulting absences. Howeverr, thanks to the determination of the pupils, supported by the staff team, the children have achieved great things. We look forward to this continuing in the next couple of weeks and once we return to school in September.

Welcome to the Spalding Parish Family...

As you will know from the transition letters that went out last week, we are welcoming a number of new members of teaching staff to the Spalding Parish family.

Kelly Baker, who trained with us just over a year ago, is joining us in the Foundation Stage.

Paige Bacchus joins the Key Stage 1 team in Year 1.

Danielle Owen, having completed her training year at SPCEDS, is continuing as a Year 2 teacher, within Key Stage 1.

Charlotte Collins is going to be working as part of the Year 3 team from September.

Lucie Scott is joining our Lower Key Two team as a class teacher in Year 4.

Thomas Stanshall becomes part of our Upper Key Stage 2 team in Year 5.

All of them have spent some time in school already, in the vast majority of cases the pupils will have spent the day with them on Friday. We also have further visits planned over this week and next so

pupils may see them again. If you have not yet met your child's new teacher and would like to, if you speak to their current class teacher and they should be able to confirm when they are due to be in school.

Good Bye, Good Luck and God Bless!

With the arrival of some new faces to the SPCEDS family, this does mean that we do say goodbye to some of our current teaching staff. It is always quite bitter sweet when staff leave, as they will all be missed but we obviously wish them well in their new adventures. They too, however, will always remain part of the Spalding Parish family.

Chris Clark, after two years at Spalding Parish, leaves us for overseas heading to the USA with his wife.

Harriet Haddow also leaves us after two years, for a role in a smaller setting much closer to home.

Sam Bocock, after four years at Spalding Parish, leaves us to develop her expertise within SEND and to undertake some SEND consultancy work. As part of this, Sam will continue to undertake some work at Spalding Parish during the Autumn term.

Laura Hornsby leaves after eight years at SPCEDS, again for a role closer to home having moved earlier in the academic year.

Laura McWilliam, after twelve years at the school, leaves us for promotion securing a leadership post at a school in Norfolk.

Nicola Pettit is retiring and leaves Spalding Parish having spent all of her teaching career here.

I am sure you will join me and the rest of the Spalding Parish community in wishing all of these staff well in their future endeavours - keep in touch.



Once again a huge thank you goes to all of the parents/carers who have attended school events recently. Many of you who have attended in school events in previous years, such a Christmas performances, will know that I share key information from a press release from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in relation to photographs at such events.

As long as the photographs taken are for personal use in a family album they are exempt from data protection laws. However this does mean that **under no circumstances** should they be shared via the internet or social networking sites as this would then mean they are open to a wider public audience and will no longer be deemed to be solely for personal use. This does apply to any photos taken at our recent sports days and will also apply to photos taken as part of our Year 6 Leavers Assembly. If you would like a full copy of the guidance it can be viewed on the ICO website at:

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1136/taking_photos.pdf

Thank you for your continued support in this matter. I hope you feel, as I do, that this is the sensible approach to the matter allowing you as parents/carers an opportunity to capture these very special moments in your child's life.



If your child is in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 or Year 6 you will have received assessment information alongside your child's report last week. We are asked to report this in a certain way, hence the information you received however wanted to take this opportunity to explain the information.

EYFS - Teacher Assessment against each of the Early Learning Goals, outcome will be Expected (Met) or Emerging (Has Not Met)

Year 1 Phonics - Phonics Check score (out of 40) and Phonics outcome of either Wa (Working at - 32+) or Wt (Working towards)

Year 2 Phonics - Phonics Check score (out of 40) and Phonics outcome of either Wa (Working at - 32+) or Wt (Working towards)

KS1 SATs (Year 2) - Teacher Assessment judgements for Reading, Writing and Maths - GDS (Greater Depth), EXS (Expected), Working Towards (WTS) or PKS (Pre Key Stage). Teacher Assessment judgement for Science - Met or Has Not Met.

Judgements in Reading and Maths will be supported by outcomes of summative assessment papers.

Reading - 2 papers, Paper 1 and Paper 2 both out of 20. Total score converts to scaled score (85 to 115) with 100 being Expected (raw score of 26+) and 110 being Greater Depth (raw score of 37+).

Maths - 2 papers, Paper 1 (Arithmetic) out of 25 and Paper 2 (Reasoning) out of 35. Total score converts to scaled score (85 to 115) with 100 being Expected (raw score of 35+) and 110 being Greater Depth (raw score of 53+).

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check - Multiplication Tables score (out of 25).

KS2 SATs (Year 6) - Teacher Assessment judgements for Writing - GDS (Greater Depth), EXS (Expected), Working Towards (WTS) or PKS (Pre Key Stage). Teacher Assessment judgement for Science - Met or Has Not Met.

Assessment outcomes from KS2 tests - Reading, GPS and Maths

Reading - 1 paper, Paper 1 out of 50. Total score converts to scaled score (80 to 120) with 100 being Expected (raw score of 29+) and 110 being Greater Depth (raw score of 41+).

GPS - 2 papers, Paper 1 out of 50 and Paper 2 out of 20. Total score converts to scaled score (80 to 120) with 100 being Expected (raw score of 35+) and 110 being Greater Depth (raw score of 55+).

Maths - 3 papers, Paper 1 (Arithmetic) out of 40 and Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning) out of 35. Total score converts to scaled score (80 to 120) with 100 being Expected (raw score of 58+) and 110 being Greater Depth (raw score of 96+).

ParentPay - Reminder

Payments for lunches, trips etc from 4th July onwards can be made through ParentPay in the same way as previously undertaken on Wisepay.

If you have any queries with the process or have not received your Activation Letter, please contact the school office - <u>office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u>.

For parents/carers information the office opening hours are as follows:

Monday: 8am to 4pm Tuesday: 8am to 4pm Wednesday: 8am to 4pm Thursday: 8am to 4pm

Friday: 8am to 3.30pm

I'm sure you will appreciate that the admin team do a fantastic job in what is a very busy office. Whilst we do endeavour to keep the office manned during these times, there are times over the course of the school day when staff need to pop out of the office, e.g. to take late children to the classroom or collect children where there may be medical appointments.

Where this is the case, this is often only for a matter of minutes so we really do appreciate your support and patience if no one is available. On very rare occasions, the answer machine may be used so important messages are not missed. Again this is likely to only be for a short period so if you do need to speak to someone regarding your query and the answer machine is on, we would advise trying again. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Diary Dates

Just a quick update re diary dates. The key dates for the next academic year will be sent out at the beginning of the year in September. We will send a paper copy for all children so this can easily be accessed throughout the course of the year. We will then also continue to put key dates in the Parish Post alongside a termly update as, whilst we do try to plan all dates at the beginning of the year, some dates do change or get added, e.g. in the case of trips.

Key dates will also be on the website for information. All letters to parents/carers re school events, trips etc. can also be found on the school website via the Parents/Carers link followed by the Newsletters and Information tab.

If you do have any questions re dates, letters or anything else please get in touch with the school office via <u>office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u> and they will be able to support you in your query.

Curriculum Corner

This week's Curriculum Corner focuses on our fantastic Year 6 and their current 'Make £5 Grow' project. This is a project that our Year 6 pupils have undertaken for a number of years now. Essentially the premise is that each child receives £5 and the intention is that they work in groups to come up with a viable business plan to make their £5 (or as a group their multiples of £5 grow).

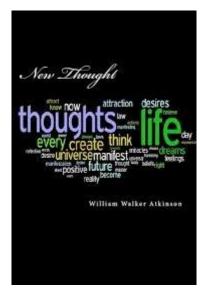
Over the course of the term, the children have worked in groups to come up with their business ideas and used this to develop a business pitch to bid for their money. This has included the development of their ideas, alongside posters to promote their business. This has included budgeting for the required items to ensure that they can make a profit. Each of the group then came to deliver their pitch to Emily Hill and I in an attempt to bid for their business funds. This was the most fabulous morning and Emily and I were thrilled to be part of it. The children were absolutely brilliant in terms of their confidence, their motivation, their delivery and also the originality of their ideas.

Well done all, you were absolutely amazing!

This resulted in every child and every group of children receiving their funding and as a result our 'Make £5 Grow' event is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 11th July. All classes will have a scheduled slot to visit the event over the course of the week. Hopefully this will mean that all our groups achieve their aim and allow them to 'Make £5 Grow'.



Let's Pause for Thought...



The Importance of Decision Making

A hungry ass finds himself between two equally large and delicious-looking bales of hay.

He looks from one to the other and back again, unsure which to choose.

This goes on for a long while until, unable to make a decision, the poor old donkey dies of starvation.

Moral of the story:

Once again, take action! Don't linger too long on the precipice of a big (or small) decision when the outcomes are positive.

Save yourself a headache, take a leap of faith, commit, and enjoy whatever rewards that come your way, refusing to look back at what could have been.



General Updates



COVID Update

From 1st April 2022 the guidance around COVID and testing has been amended, as was previously outlined on the COVID road map and our transition into 'Living with COVID'.

Covid is now specifically referenced in the guidance around the control of infectious diseases and there is no separate COVID guidance. Section 3 is related to management of infectious diseases, COVID being detailed within the section about Respiratory Infections. Section 4 of this guidance references actions to be taken should there be an 'outbreak'.

For ease, the link to the document is below with the guidance being as follows.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-3-public-health-management-of-specific-infectious-diseases

Essentially – COVID will be treated as we would any other infectious illness. Staff and children will be encouraged to stay at home if they are unwell. Where there is a positive COVID test, the timescales as below are advised:

- 5 days for staff and
- 3 days for pupils.

Further to the above, children/staff with a temperature, should not return to work/school whilst they still have a temperature, but can return with mild cold symptoms and if they are otherwise well enough to be at work/school.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do no hesitate to get in touch.

Start and End of Day Routines - Reminder

Thank you for your support in ensuring pupils are at school on time, it is very much appreciated and does ensure pupils are ready for the start of the day. There does seem to have been some confusion around timings for the beginning and end of day which are as follows:

FS2: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am)	End of Day 3.10pm
KS1 (Year 1 - 2): Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am)	End of Day 3.10pm
KS2 (Year 3 - 6): Start of Day 8.45am (doors open from 8.35am)	End of Day 3.20pm

In a morning the gates will open at 8.30am on a morning to allow time to get onto site ready for doors opening at 8.35am (KS2) and close at 8.55am.

Similarly, on an afternoon, the gates at the end of the day will open at 3.05pm ready for end of day at 3.10pm (KS1) and close at 3.30pm.

These timings do need to be adhered to at the beginning and end of day to ensure our safeguarding requirements are met so we would appreciate your support with this. If you do have any concerns, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

When on the site please be courteous and stand away from the classroom windows and doors as pupils will still be learning until the end of the school day.

If we could also please ask that school equipment, including the gym equipment on the playgrounds, is not used at the beginning or end of the day. We appreciate that this is very tempting but use needs to be supervised by school adults so if you could please ensure your children do not use. This will ensure that pupils and families are able to stay safe.



Attendance - a further reminder

As we continue the return towards normality, attendance continues to be closely monitored, particularly given current absences.

Please remember if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you should inform school by 9.30am that day in line with our school procedures. Please contact school on each day of absence unless otherwise agreed.

Also please remember that routine dental and medical appointments should not be made during school time. It is preferable and much more beneficial for pupils if appointments can be made either at the end of the school day or during school holidays. If you do have to make an appointment for during the school day, and we do appreciate that there are times when this may be necessary, please bring the appointment letter to the school office. Without this letter the absence will not be authorised.

We are also seeing an increase in leave of absence requests. Current Government regulations mean that absence from school can only be authorised for "exceptional circumstances" for which there is very clear established criteria, again set by the Government.

It is therefore highly unlikely that time off school will be authorised during term time.

Requests for term time absence, for any reason, must be made at least 10 days before the absence, except in emergencies, by booking an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Should an appointment not be made, and in line with our safeguarding procedures and Government regulations, we will contact you with regards to your child's absence in order to clarify fully the reasons for absence. Your child's education is our primary focus and given the extensive research proving a direct link between good attendance and good outcomes, alongside the national attendance guidance for schools, we do follow all absences up. This is not about singling anybody out but simply carrying out our statutory duty as a school and as such I would ask for your support in communicating with us in a positive way. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so we will keep this reminder in each edition of the Parish Post. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us.

If you have concerns about the safety of any child, please let somebody know.

Diane Mulley and Emily Hill are the designated safeguarding officers within the school. Similarly if you do require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



A Plea to Parents/Carers...

SPCEDS is a large and busy school community and we know that parents and carers will sometimes have questions about school and school life. As you will hopefully know, we are keen to support parents/carers with any questions, worries or concerns.

We also know that many of you do follow the Parish Parents page on Facebook and use this as a source of information - for many it is invaluable. Whilst the page has no direct link to school we understand that parents and carers are always very supportive of each other through this page answering questions and sharing information. As such I just wanted to remind parents and carers that if you do have any questions, you can always contact the school with the <u>feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u> email regularly monitored. Similarly if you do need to speak to a member of the staff team, please contact the school office and one of us will be in touch to answer your queries.

School Uniform

As we head into the summer months, a reminder for parents/carers of expectations regarding school uniform. We are all very proud of our school uniform and as such, we would ask for the support of parents/carers in ensuring correct uniform is worn. This includes footwear and school shoes should be worn on all days other than PE days. Please be aware that open toed shoes or sandals are not appropriate for school.

Boys and Girls

Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan

Purple or White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers, Dress or Skirt

Purple, Red or Yellow Gingham Summer Dress

Plain Grey, Black or White Socks or Tights

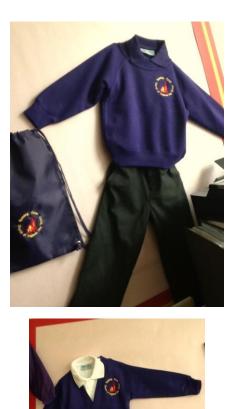
Flat Black Shoes - No trainers or heels

No nail varnish

Jewellery – only stud earrings or small objects of religious significance (these must be removed on PE days).

All items to be clearly named.

It is a fantastic sight to see the children so smart in their uniforms. As part of this we also encourage the children to wear their uniforms with pride with t-shirts tucked in and jumpers either worn properly (and not tied round the waist) and again thank you for your support with this.





PE KIT

Navy Blue/ Black Shorts

Purple T-Shirt

Tracksuit

Plimsolls or Trainers

No earrings or jewellery to be worn on PE days

Please support children to be independent when getting changed. Ensure they can recognise their name and items of clothing.

For the time being pupils are still asked to wear PE kit on their PE days (see below for details). We have maintained this to maximise learning time in this area. However, PE kit worn on these days should be in line with our PE kit expectations. Should this not be the case a member of staff will speak to you with regards to this.

We have recently had a number of queries re support with uniform and do have quite a large range of second hand uniform that is in really good condition. We are more than happy to support where we can so please get in touch via the school office if this is something that would help. If you could please let us know sizes required and we can then have a look. Finally, we would please ask that all parents/carers ensure pupils are wearing appropriate uniform colours and not anything other than those stated above. Please also ensure no logoed items as these are not in line with our uniform expectations and so should not be worn.

	INDOORS	OUTDOORS	
FS2		Thursday	
Year 1	Friday	Wednesday	
Year 2	Thursday	Tuesday	
Year 3	Wednesday	Thursday	
Year 4	Monday	Wednesday	
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday	
Year 6	Friday	Wednesday	



Local Council Update



Local Council

Our next article from the Local Council is from Emma Rains, one of our parents who is also Chair of the Local Council .

Emma Rains

The summer term seems to be flying by already with lots of great events in school. Recent highlights include the Family Science afternoon where it was brilliant to see so many families enjoying the challenge of making something useful from our recycling.

Another fantastic opportunity for the pupils was a performance from the Rhubarb Theatre Company with an environmental focus that the school won in a competition. The children all seemed to really enjoy this and the catchy songs including "Dustbin Doris".

I really enjoyed my recent visit in school as part of our annual Local Council Day. It was wonderful to see all the fantastic learning taking place during the school day, look at student work, the colourful displays and speak to students about how they felt about their school. The comments were overwhelming positive and clearly reflected our school values.

I look forward to the remaining events of the summer term.



Online Safety Update



A regular 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.

Minecraft

The biggest selling video game of all time. However, even the mighty Minecraft isn't totally immune to #Online Safety risks. Our updated #WakeUpWednesday guide brings trusted adults the lowdown on this established children's favourite.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/minecraft-2022?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=noswakeupwednesday-minecraft

Community Corner



With the continued relaxation and removal of restrictions, life is slowly but surely returning to normal. This includes activities within the school but also activities within the local community.

As such, via the Community Corner, we will aim to share different activities/events happening within the local community that may be of interest to pupils and families of Spalding Parish.

This week it is the turn of the St Mary and St Nicolas Church Choir. Boys aged 7 and over are invited to give Choir Club a try. It is held every Wednesday during term time at St Nicolas Church Hall from the end of the school day until 6pm. Many boys from SPCEDS already attend and have a great time so if you think this might be for you, give it a try.



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!

EYFS: Bella Rose (FS2LM), Jaxon (FS2LH), Oliver (FS2Y1AC)

Year 1: Dylan (Y1EW), Ravi (Y1HH)

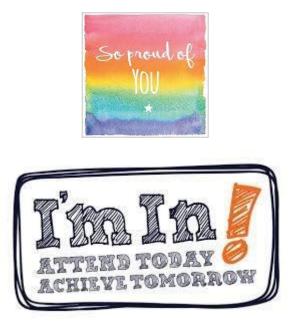
Year 2: Alex, Bethany, Edward, Noah, Harper (Y2SD), Hana, Liliana, Milana (Y2AR), Ethan, Amy, Chidubem, Frances, Reuben, Katie, Neona (Y2DO)

Year 3: Ellie (Y3NPSE), Rhys (Y3SH), Carly-May (Y3EP)

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

Year 5: Joshua (Y5KB), Jessica (Y5IN), Rui, Alan (Y5EW)

Year 6: Diyana (Y6CC), Makism (Y6KR), Bella (Y6AS)



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 (92.1%) - FS2Y1AC are our best attender in FS2 this week, well done!

KS1: Y2SD (97.0%) – New winners in KS1 with Y2SD highest this week in KS1 and highest in school, great work!

LKS2: Y4CH (95.4%) - Highest in LKS2 for Y3EP for the third week running, !

UKS2: Y5KB (96.4%) - Y5KB are the winners in UKS2 this week, fantastic!

School: 92.1% - A slight decrease in our attendance this week. Let's keep working hard to ensure we are all in school and moving towards the Government target of 97.0%. Let's keep trying.

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

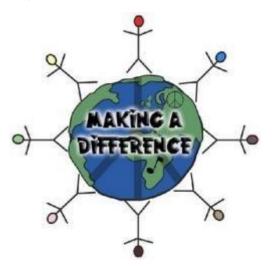
Dynamic Dynamos

Supportive Supporters.

This week's winners are **Positive Promoters, Challenging Challengers and Dynamic Dynamos with** 302 points.



Phase Learning Journeys



Key Stage 1

We're back in Year 1 this week to hear all about their learning over the last fortnight.

Year 1

This week we have been recapping Traditional Tales while focusing on sentence structure, spelling and letter formation. We have been writing silly sentences about the three little pigs, going on a classroom hunt, role playing, making cookies for granny in the mud kitchen, telling stories to our friends in the reading boat and much more.

We have also designed and practised the skills needed to create our own PE bags. We have developed our stitching and cutting skills to ensure our bags are up to scratch!



Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 3 this week.

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed a very sporty week, participating in workshops run by Lincs Swifts Football Club and Spalding Cricket Club. We learned some fantastic new skills and had fun too!

In the classroom, we are becoming increasingly confident at telling the time and we have found our route to school on a local street map.





Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5's learning is the focus of the Parish Post this week.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy week in school. As well as our usual lessons, we were very lucky to receive some extra PE lessons where we had the opportunity to try out different sports. On Monday we were taught by Emily Hill from Spalding Cricket Club. We practised bowling and then we split into two groups to have a game. We loved it! On Tuesday we played bench ball. Y5KB are fantastic at this game, they work really well as a team and were the overall winners. Thursday was our sports day. It was lovely to be able to have our parents in to eat a picnic lunch with us and then support us during the events in the afternoon. Finally, on Friday we were taught some rugby skills from Spalding Rugby Club. We ran in a zig zag, picked up a ball and then ran back over hurdles to warm up. This was followed by us playing a game of tag and finally chasing a ball that had been kicked a long distance. What an amazing week of sports we have had!

In Art we have been writing our names in hieroglyphics ready to carve them out of clay.

In Science we had fun carrying out some experiments to see if sweets dissolved in water and if the same type of sweet dissolved quicker in hot or cold water.





Diary Dates

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WB 11th July

Monday 11th July - Whole School Collective Worship

Year 6 'Make £5 Grow' Event

Tuesday 12th July - Closing date for hot meals WB 4th July (remember to use ParentPay)

Year 6 'Make £5 Grow' Event

Wednesday 13th July - Whole School Collective Worship

Year 6 'Make £5 Grow' Event

Family Games (after school)

Week Beginning 18th July

Monday 18th July - Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

Wednesday 20th July - Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Celebration/Treat

Friday 22nd July - Whole School Church Service 10.30am

End of Term 6 (FS2/KS1 3.10pm / KS2 3.20pm)

We wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th September.

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 <u>feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u> or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Key Stage 1 - <u>Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u> or <u>Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u>

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