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'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'

Jeremiah 29:11

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term 6

As this academic year comes to an end, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and all this has entailed. It has, once again, been a busy and challenging year, not least in the light of the pandemic that has impacted the last two academic years. It is also fair to say that there have been a number of ups and downs over the course of the year, it has been a year of challenges and successes. I will share more about our successes later in this newsletter, however I have to say how proud I am to be a part of the Spalding Parish family and how proud I also am of every single member for how they approach their own challenges and successes day to day.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say a couple of thank yous. Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the children who have made this academic year so rewarding and really worthwhile. Each and every one of them is absolutely amazing and I burst with pride to see all that they have achieved over the course of this year. I wish them all continued success in their learning journeys as they move on to their new classes, year groups and, in some instances, schools. Secondly, I'd also like to say thank you to you all, the parents and carers, for your continued support during the year. In what has been an eventful year, your support for the pupils, staff and myself has been greatly appreciated. I know we continue to be united in our drive to ensure our pupils, your children, achieve their potential and only by working together can this be wholly achieved. I hope we can rely on your continued support into the year ahead. My final thanks must be extended to the SPCEDS Local Council (formally known as Board of Governors) and staff team for their continued drive, support and commitment to the children and families of SPCEDS.

The Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to working with you all during the year ahead. Please remember that if you do have any worries or concerns with regards to your child or something else school related, a member of the SLT or myself makes themselves available every single day to speak to parents/carers, we are also present on the playground each day to support with any queries or concerns. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you over the year and know many of you find the SLT presence on the playground useful. I am aware that at times there are grumbles, be it on the playground, on social media or elsewhere, and would urge you to come in and have a chat with one of us. We are committed to working together for the benefit of all but, as I'm sure you'll appreciate, we can only support if we know about it.

Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless

As you will know from the Parish Post we have said a number of goodbyes at the end of this year to a number of members of staff – Amelia Fox, Sam Williams, Harriet Haddow, Chris Clark, Laura McWilliam, Laura Hornsby, Sam Bacock and Nicola Pettit. Please join with us in wishing them all well in their future endeavours. Remember to keep in touch, you will all always be welcome here at Spalding Parish as part of the Spalding Parish family.

Welcome to Spalding Parish

As we say goodbye to valued members of the staff, we welcome a number of new members of staff to the team, again as shared in the Parish Post. Please see below for an overview of Year Groups and class teachers for the next academic year alongside Year Group email addresses should you need to get in touch.

FS2 - Annabel Cooper and Kelly Baker – fs2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 1 – Claire Hearth, Paige Bacchus, Emily Wand and Sarah Ekins (Emily Wand and Sarah Ekins are job sharing within Year 1) – Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 2 - Aaron Robinson, Sarah Durno and Danielle Owen – Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 3 - Emma Potts, Susan Hirst and Charlotte Collins – Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 4 – Katey Robinson, Imogen Norris and Lucie Scott – Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 5 – Beka Wakefield and Tom Stanshall – Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 6 – Kim Bird, Amelia Siddall and Emma Weatherhill – Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 6

We have said our final farewell to the Year 6 children who have been amazing. We wish them well for their futures and look forward to hearing of their many achievements, you will always be part of the Spalding Parish family. The celebrations have been enjoyed by all and it is fair to say that many tears have been shed. Good Bye Year 6, Good Luck, God Bless!

Parental Support

Just another quick note to thank parents and carers for your support of school events over the academic year. It has been wonderful to invite you back into school over the course of the year, particularly in relation to recent events – our Jubilee celebrations, Science Week, Sports Day and our most recent Open Evenings. We look forward to planning further events over the next year so there are more opportunities for you to join us in school. Look out for the school calendar which should be with you in early September for key dates.

Curriculum Enhancement

Another aspect of our school provision that it has been brilliant to be able to reintroduce over the course of the school year has been that of curriculum enhancements, in the form of extra curricular clubs alongside a range of trips and visits. Over the course of the year we have been able to offer a wide range of activities and we look forward to continuing the development in this area over the year ahead. Parents and carers will receive a letter early in Term 1 giving details of planned visits for the year so please look out for it. Booking forms for extra-curricular clubs will also be with you in the first couple of weeks of the new term in order to allow you to get booked in. Thank you all – your continued support with such events is invaluable.

I also just wanted to share some thoughts from Rev Aileen Workman, written for the Parish Post, about a recent visit from some of the Spalding Parish family to the Parish Church.

On a bright, sunny Monday morning, it was wonderful to be inside and outside St. Mary and St. Nicolas Church with all the Year 1 children and many members of staff. The children had come to continue their exploration of the history of Spalding with particular reference to the church.

We walked all around the outside of the church looking high and low as well as at head height to ensure we saw many of the things about the church building that we often don't see when we are rushing past. The number of doors and the ways in which they are different was of particular interest to many children.

On the north side of the church we turned and looked across Church Street to see the now private house that was the home of SPCEDS for many years, as described by Revd John in his recent article in the Parish Post. Some of the members of staff said they remembered going to school in that building!

It was lovely to be inside the church with the children. For many of them it was their first visit as Covid has prevented them visiting before now. We explored the church together having learnt about some of its history since the foundations were laid in 1284.

As well as thinking about the history of the church we investigated some of the places that help us to see and feel that this is a church that has been used to worship God for hundreds of years. The children are looking forward to being in church again when the whole school comes for the end of term service.

The church is open every day so do visit and share the kind of experience the children enjoyed.

Pupil Outcomes

As you will know from receiving your child's report recently, staff have been very busy assessing the pupils so that we can share with parents and carers both their successes and their next steps. We know many of you have commented on how useful you have found this information as it gives you a really clear picture of what their child is learning over the course of the academic year. This will continue into the year ahead through our termly reports – meaning you will have this information three times a year. We will also be sending our curriculum updates at the beginning of each long term to also inform you of the intended learning. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have returned the report slip – it is invaluable information as we endeavour to ensure we are doing all we can for the benefit of all.

I also must say just how proud I am of all the children and all of their achievements during the current academic year. All have continued to work hard with some really positive outcomes evident over the course of the academic year. I am so, so proud to be part of such a fantastic learning community.

Stranger Danger

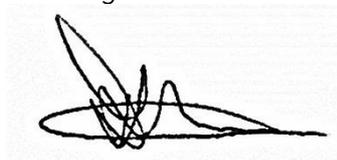
Please, please, please stay safe during the coming weeks. Make sure your child tells you where they are going and who they will be with. Arrange a time that you all know when you should be returning.

If they have a mobile phone, ask them to check in with you. Remind them that if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable to move away and to let you know immediately. We would like to welcome everyone back in September having had a fun, exciting and safe holiday. There are links on our website on keeping safe.

And Finally...

I wish you all a fantastic summer break. With the current weather we are experiencing please keep safe in the sun, ensure sun cream is on and hats are worn. Spend time as a family, enjoy ice-creams and hopefully long, hot days. I hope you all are able to just take some time to relax and recuperate. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th September. Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Mulley', written over a light blue grid background.

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher