



The Parish Post

3rd May 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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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.

As we move into this phase we do still need to be cautious as we are aware that the number of COVID cases were increasing prior to the Easter Break.

There is no longer a legal requirement for us to specifically reference COVID control measures in risk assessment but as above, we are still strongly encouraging good ventilation, encouraging and enabling vaccination, frequent hand washing and robust cleaning routines etc. These are important measures to stop the spread of any potentially infectious disease.

We will review this stance into the new term and considering the latest guidance around reducing the spread of respiratory infections in the workplace. The NHS has updated new symptoms of COVID as below:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Start and End of Day Routines - Reminder from last week

As a result of seeing a significant increase in the number of pupils who are arriving late, we wanted to share again our start and end of routines. The children's learning time does start as soon as they are in the classroom and as such if they are late for school, even only a couple of minutes, this can have an impact, especially if it is happening more than once. As such we would really ask for your support in ensuring pupils are here for the start of the school day, even if it does just mean leaving home a couple of minutes sooner.

FS2: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am)

End of Day 3.10pm

KS1: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am)

End of Day 3.10pm

KS2: Start of Day 8.45am (doors open from 8.35am)

End of Day 3.20pm

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 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.

If you do come onto the site early to collect your child 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.

Thank you for your continued support - it is very much appreciated.

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 reminder from the previous week

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.

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 a telephone 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 couple of reminders...

Parent Forum

As part of developing our links with parents/carers we are in the process of establishing a Parent Forum.

This will be a partnership between parents/carers and school to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The Forum will be led by the members of the school leadership team and our intention is that the Forum reflects the diverse nature of our community.

If you are interested in being part of our Parent Forum, please complete the following survey or contact us via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk to express an interest or for further information.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7nribvVZgU-zhewTps8MxK50J1WTNZ5Mm-BzMrzc6ulUNIVIWkVFVEZHNDRBUTISMUxNTURFM1hCVi4u>



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.

Our school uniform supplier is Nationwide School Uniforms and uniform can be ordered and paid for on-line; we do not hold any stock in school. The link to the website is below, you will then need to search for Spalding Parish to access the uniform.

<http://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/index.php?route=product/search&keyword=spa>

If you order uniform by the third Monday of the month the uniform will be delivered to school in the last week of the month, free of charge. If you wish to have the uniform delivered to your home address you can pay postage and it will be delivered shortly afterwards, or you can pick it up from the suppliers' shop in Spilsby.

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.





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.

Again, 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 |



Curriculum Corner

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments

As you may be aware end of Key Stage statutory assessments for Year 2 pupils (at the end of Key Stage 1) and Year 6 pupils (at the end of Key Stage 2) are undertaken in May. Key Stage 2 assessments will be undertaken in the week beginning 9th May with Key Stage 1 assessments undertaken throughout the month. Essentially these are assessments which are used to gauge the children's knowledge and understanding of the Key Stage 1 (for Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (for Year 6) curriculum.

A guide for parents/carers of pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 will be sent out later this week. This will give you further information re the assessments to be undertaken as well as how to support your child being prepared. There will also be some frequently asked questions, however if you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

Please be assured the assessments are nothing to be worried about as they will simply cover the curriculum taught in school. From a school's perspective, we know how brilliant all of the children are as we get to see this first hand on a daily basis. The assessments just give all of the children the opportunity to show this and we know they will do this brilliantly.



And finally, let's pause for thought... ..the importance of self worth!

At the beginning of a new school year, a class teacher stands up in front of her students holding a \$100 bill.

She tells them, "Put your hands up if you want this money".

Every hand in the room goes up, to which the teacher says, "I am going to give this money to someone here, but first, let me do this..."

She takes the bill and crumples it up in her hands, before asking, "Who still wants it?"

The hands stay up.

The teacher then drops the bill on the floor, stomps and grinds it into the ground, and picks it back up. "How about now?" she asks again.

The hands stay up.

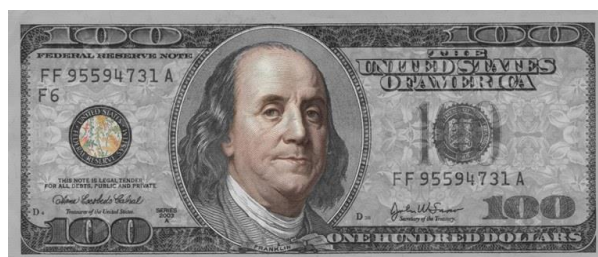
"Class, I hope you see the lesson here. It didn't matter what I did to this money, you still wanted it because its value stayed the same. Even with its creases and dirtiness, it's still worth \$100."

She continues, "It's the same with us. There will be similar times in your life when you're dropped, bruised, and muddled. Yet no matter what happens, you *never* lose your value."

Moral of the story:

Life's hardships are inevitable and we'll all be put through the ringer at some point, often through no fault of our own.

Don't let these challenges alter your feelings of self-worth. You'll always be enough; you have something unique and special to give and offer the world.



A date for your diaries...

As you will no doubt be aware 2022 is the Platinum Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth II marking her 70th year on the throne. Whilst national celebrations are planned for the beginning of June, during our next term break, we intend to hold a celebration in school during the last week of this term. Further details will follow however we just wanted to make our families aware of our plans. We felt it only right to celebrate such a momentous and significant occasion.

We have also been asked to be part of the Flower Festival at the Church as part of their Jubilee Celebrations and will be putting together a display for this. The school choir has also been asked to participate in this event so if your child is part of the choir and is able to attend this would be very much appreciated.



Local Council Update



Local Council

Our next article from the Local Council is from Emma Rains. Emma is a parent of two children at SPCEDS, is a LAAT appointed (Trust appointed) member having previously served on the school's Board of Governors and is also currently Chair of the Local Council.

Emma Rains - LAAT Appointment

I wanted to take the opportunity this week to say how great it was to have parents/carers back in school for parent consultations. Thank you for attending, we hope you found them useful and a welcomed return. We hope to have representatives from the Local Council at future evenings as we really value this opportunity to be part of the school community.

Thank you also for completing the parent/carer questionnaires. We highly value your feedback and really appreciate you taking the time to complete them.

The findings of these questionnaires will be shared with you in the coming weeks and we look forward to continuing working with the school on any areas highlighted.



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.

Group Chats

Group chats are an easy way to stay in touch with friends and family - but how safe are they for children and young people? Our #WakeUpWednesday guide looks at the Online Safety risks.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/group-chats>

Online Safety

As you will be aware online safety is an area that continues to be high profile across school. During Term 3 we did hold a number of sessions for parents/carers to help support with online safety at home. However recently we do seem to have an increasing number of online concerns, primarily around social media, being reported.

As such we would like to take this opportunity to offer further sessions for parents/carers should there be the interest. If you are interested please contact us via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk stating your preference for a session, either during the school day or in an evening.



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.

If you do know of any community activities or are a leader or a helper at a community club, please get in touch and we can then share this through our Community Corner.



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: Nathan (FS2LM), Enya (FS2LH), Tajus (FS2Y1AC)

Year 1: Dairis (Y1EW), Jason (Y1HH)

Year 2: Olivia (Y2AR), All of the children and adults (Y2DN), Harmony Rose (Y2SD)

Year 3: Seth (Y3EP), Jaiden (Y3NPSE), Bozhidara (Y3SH)

Year 4: Harry (Y4CH), Tommy (Y4RW)

Year 5: Zuzanna (Y5EW), Hayden (Y5IN), Ozzie (Y5KB)

Year 6: Lauren (Y6AS), Lana (Y6CC), Timurs (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: FS2LH (95.3%) - FS2LH are our best attenders for 3rd week running, well done!

KS1: Y1HH(99.0%) – Highest in KS1 for Y1HH and highest in school with 99%, great job!

LKS2: Y4CH (98.8%) – 2nd week running in LKS2 for Y4CH as highest in LKS2, brilliant!

UKS2: Y5KB (98.2%) – Y5KB are the winners in UKS2 for the 2nd week running, fantastic!

School: 94.9% - A slight decline of 0.5% the previous week and still some work to do to hit 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 **Challenging Challengers with 1160 points.**



Phase Learning Journeys



Key Stage 1

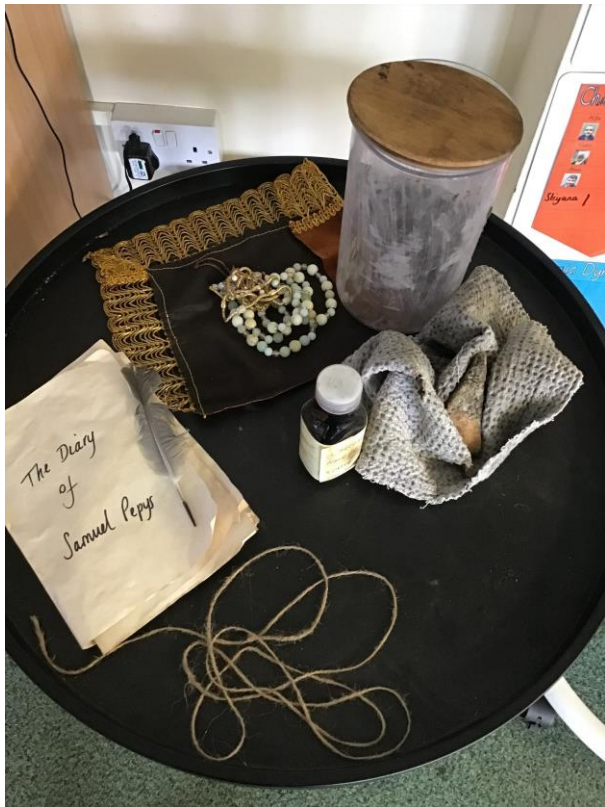
We're back in Year 1 this week to hear all about their learning over the last fortnight.

Year 1

Year One were very excited to discover something buried in the outdoor area this week. Upon inspection we found that it had Samuel Pepys' diary inside.

We have used this as a stimulus to kick start our English sessions and are planning to write our own diary pieces to put in a new time capsule of our own... more to come soon.

We continued our excitement into Music learning about the beat and tempo of the song 'London's Burning'.



Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 3 this week.

Year 3

Year Three are writing to inform this term. The children are researching information about Spalding and putting together an information leaflet highlighting some of the features and amenities that Spalding has to offer.

As you are walking about the town, perhaps your Year Three Tour Guide could point out some of the highlights and provide you with some background information about Ayscoughfee Hall and Gardens!



Upper Key Stage 2

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

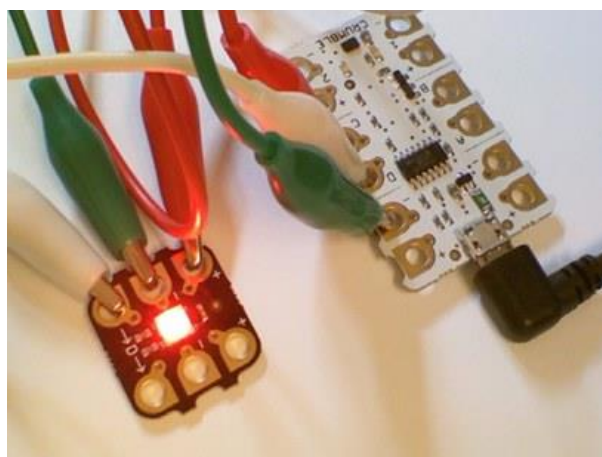
Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard again since we have returned from the Easter break! We have been on a wonderful trip to Ayscoughfee where we spent the morning sketching our surroundings and then using this to help support our landscape painting in Art.



We were also visited by Mrs Cooper who spoke to us all about how Year 5s have the exciting opportunity to become reading ambassadors for the school! We have since been working on this during our English lessons by planning and writing application forms.

Additionally, in Computing lessons we have been exploring physical computing using Crumble! We have focused so far on using programming to change the colours of the LED lights – very exciting!



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  set sparkle 1 to [green]
  set sparkle 2 to [red]
  wait 1 seconds
  set sparkle 0 to [blue]
  set sparkle 1 to [yellow]
  set sparkle 2 to [magenta]
  wait 1 seconds
  set sparkle 0 to [light blue]
  set sparkle 1 to [orange]
  set sparkle 2 to [dark red]
  wait 1 seconds
loop
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Diary Dates



WB 2nd May

Monday 2nd May - May Bank Holiday School Closed

Tuesday 3rd May - School reopens after May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May - Whole School Collective Worship

WB 9th May

Monday 9th May - Whole School Collective Worship

Year 6 Assessment Week

Wednesday 11th May - Clergy Collective Worship

Thursday 12th May - KS1 Assessment Meeting 3.15pm

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