

# The Parish Post

#### 13th June 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 <u>feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk</u>.

# 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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# Read all about it...



#### **SPCEDS Transition Day**

As you will no doubt be aware we are getting to the time of year when we are starting to look to the next academic year and the transition of pupils from one Year Group to the next with our annual transition day a key part of these - although this has looked somewhat different over the last two years.

We normally fall in line with the local secondary schools for this and you will see from the key dates sent at the beginning of the academic year that the original date was planned for Friday 1st July. However myself and Emily Hill, our Deputy Head, are involved in Trust training on 1st July so we have made the decision that the transition day for pupils in EYFS to Year 5 will now take place on Friday 8th July. Year 6 children should come to school as normal on this day and they will then spend their day with other school adults.

Date for the Diary - Transition Day Friday 8th July

#### **Reports/Assessment Information**

Details re new class and new class teacher will be sent home to parents/carers prior to the transition day during the week beginning 4th July.

Class teachers are all very busy currently finalising termly reports for all pupils and I am busy reading all of them and commenting on the Year Groups scheduled for this term. You will also know that

many Year Groups have also been very busy undertaking statutory assessments over the course of Terms 5 and 6 which will also be used to inform your child's report.

As such parents/carers will also receive their child's termly report alongside any outcomes from statutory assessments (EYFS, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6). This will be prior to the open evening on Thursday 7th July (4pm-6pm) where parents/carers can drop in at any point between 4pm and 6pm to see class teachers to follow up on any queries from the report or to meet the new class teacher.



#### **National Sports Week**

Today, Monday 20th June, marks the start of National School Sports Week and we are very excited to celebrate in school with the children once again.

Over the next two weeks, children will be taking part in sessions delivered by a number of local clubs and we will be encouraging children to join the clubs outside of school if they enjoy taking part in their taster session. We cannot wait to invite our visitors into school, get outside in the sunshine and drive health at the heart of SPCEDS. There has been some fantastic PE happening across school over the past few months and we cannot wait to see how the children's sportsmanship and skills have developed.

Below is an outline of the sessions each year group will be taking part in; please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately in their school PE Kit with a sun hat and access to sun cream as these sessions will be outdoors.

As with any other day, please make sure your child brings their drinks bottle. This can be refilled during the day as and when needed.

FS2	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Cricket	Cricket
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Tues 21th June	Tues 21t June	Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Thur 23th June	Mon 20th June	Mon 20 <sup>54</sup> June
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Yoga	Cymnastics	Cricket	Cricket	Football	Tag Rugby	Tag Rugby
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	Football Tue 28th June		Football		Boxing Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
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**Sports Day** 

As part of our sports celebration fortnight, we are pleased to be able to welcome parents back to watch and join in with Sports Day. Parents and carers are additionally invited to join us for a picnic lunch as per the details and timetable below.

The gate located on the Cow Path, along the side of school, will be opened to allow access to the school field.

Tuesday 21st June

AM - KS1

9.30am-10.30am - Year 1

10.30am-11.30am - Year 2

12.00pm-1.00pm - EYFS and KS1 Picnic Lunch

PM - EYFS

1.30pm-3.00pm - EYFS

Thursday 23rd June

AM - LKS2

9.30am-10.30am - Year 3

10.30am-11.30am - Year 4

12.00pm-1.00pm - KS2 Picnic Lunch

PM - UKS2

1.10pm-2.10pm - Year 5

2.10pm-3/10pm - Year 6

Once the Sports Day results are in and have been verified, we will share them in the Parish Post. Good luck everyone! Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you in school this week to celebrate our sporting community.

#### **Parent Pay**

As you will be aware, Spalding Parish is part of the Lincoln Anglican Academies Trust (LAAT) family of schools. Whilst we have maintained our uniqueness in terms of curriculum, systems and procedures within school are regularly reviewed to ensure consistency within the Trust.

As a result of this, we are changing our lunch ordering, payment and communication system from Wisepay to ParentPay with immediate effect. We hope that this will only enhance the school systems in terms of ordering, payments and communication. You should have received an Activation Letter which also includes your User Name and Password. If we could please ask that you login to ParentPay as soon as possible to ensure that your account is up and running for when you need to order lunches, pay for trips and receive communications from us.

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

 $\cdot$  Lunches are currently available on Wisepay up to 1st July with the last day of ordering being next Tuesday, 21st June.

· Lunches for the 4th July onwards will be available to order on ParentPay. If you would like to order lunches for your child for 4th July onwards, you will need to book these through ParentPay. The last date for ordering meals for week commencing 4th July is 28th June.

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>.

#### **Class Photographs**

As you will be aware class photos were taken on Monday 6th June. We have now received copies of the photos in school, which are lovely. You should all now have received a proof of the photo for your child's class, however actual copies are available to view at the classroom door. All the details for online ordering directly to the photo company are included in the pack with a deadline of Friday 24th June. Photos will then be delivered to school and distributed once we receive them.

Thank you.

# Curriculum Corner

#### **Reading and Reading Ambassadors**

A focus on Reading this week within Curriculum Corner as I was fortunate enough to be part of our Reading Ambassador interviews last week.

Annabel Cooper, as our English Lead, launched this initiative a few weeks ago by speaking to the Year 5 pupils and sharing the opportunity to support pupils in school with their reading through the Reading Ambassador role. Following this, the Year 5 pupils, as part of 'Writing for a Purpose' wrote letters applying for the role; although some did write letters declining the opportunity to apply.

Annabel and the rest of the Leadership Team then reviewed the letters with shortlisted pupils then invited to interview. The interview process included a number of activities including sharing a story with EYFS pupils, creating a poster to share a love of books and working collaboratively within a group to think of ways to promote reading. There were two roles advertised which were Class Reading Ambassadors, who will be children supporting reading within the classroom through sharing stories etc and then the Reading Ambassador Committee Member, where the role is very much focussed on promoting reading across the school. Candidates for the Reading Ambassador Committee were then invited to a group interview in the afternoon which was also attended by our School Effectiveness Advisor from the Trust.

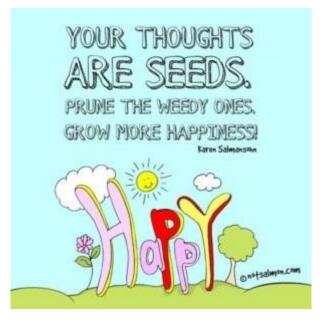
It was a very busy but fabulous day and by the end of it we had appointed 22 Class Ambassadors and 8 Committee Ambassadors.

The children over the course of the day, and the process as a whole, were absolutely amazing, both in the application letters they wrote but also how they approached the activities over the course of the day.

We are very proud of the children and think they are all just amazing. Such a #ProudtobeParish moment indeed!



# Let's Pause for Thought...



#### The Value of Friendship

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

#### "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

#### "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him;

#### "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied;

"When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

#### Moral of the story:

Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.



# **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. Please see below the timings of the school day.

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

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.

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	



# Local Council Update



**Local Council** 

Our next article from the Local Council is from Anna Tansley, one of our parents who is also a member of our Local Council.

#### Anna Tansley

It seems impossible that we are in the final term of this academic year.

We have had a very busy schedule ahead packed with fantastic activities. As a parent I could not wait for Science week that parents/carers had the opportunity to participate in. During sports week, children will have the chance to try and play all different sports.

Saying that I would like to mention 'Family Games' club which takes place each Wednesday after school. This is a fantastic way to spend a good quality hour or so with the children, their friends and other p[arents having fun.

School gives us this opportunity to introduce children to new games or games from our childhood. Especially now when the weather is so nice, I do encourage parents to have a go and play football, tennis etc. I would like to thank all teachers involved in creating this opportunity!

Trudno uwierzyc, że to juz ostatnie tygodnie nauki w tym roku szkolnym.

Przed nami mnóstwo atrakcji dla dzieci, ale i dla rodziców. Będziemy mieli okazję uczestniczyć w tygodniu nauki, a i tygodnie sportu zapowiadaja sie bardzo interesujaco!

Chciałabym wspomnieć o Grach Rodzinnych, które odbywaja się w każda środę po szkole. Serdecznie zapraszam Rodziców ze swoimi pociechami. To jest dobra okazja na zabawę z nimi, z ich przyjaciółmi i innymi rodzicami. Szczególnie teraz, gdy pogoda dopisuje warto przyjść i pograć w piłkę, tenisa czy krykieta. Duże podziękowania należa się nauczycielom zaangażowanym w projekt.



# 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.

#### Virtual Reality

Virtually harmless.....or a risk in reality? Virtual Reality is growing fast as a medium for gaming and education, but it's still far from free of Online Safety threats. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide gives trusted adults the heads up on virtual reality.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/vr?utm\_source=twitter&utm\_campaign=noswakeupwednesday-vr

# **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: Imogen (FS2LM), Holly (FS2LH), (FS2Y1AC)

Year 1: (Y1EW), (Y1RG)

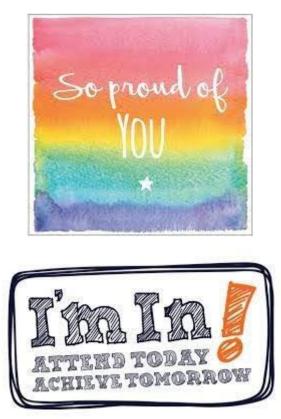
Year 2: Evie and Elijah (y2SD), Delilah (Y2AR), Liepa (Y2DO)

Year 3: Ianis (Y3NPSE), Stefani (Y3SH), Gabrielius (Y3EP)

Year 4: Olivier (Y4CH), Anastasija (Y4RW)

Year 5: Jagoda (Y5KB), Dimitar (Y5IN), Noah (Y5EW)

Year 6: Ronnie (Y6CC), Ignas (Y6KR), Jack (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: FS2LH (96.3%) - FS2LH are our best attender in FS2 this week, well done!

KS1: Y1EW (99.3%) – New winners in KS1 with Y1EW highest this week in KS1 and the school!

LKS2: Y3EP (98.6%) – Highest in LKS2 for Y3EP for the second week running, good work!

UKS2: Y5IN (98.8%) – Y5KBare the winners in UKS2 this week, fantastic!

**School:** 94.9% - A huge increase this week of over 4.5%. Thanks you so much for 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

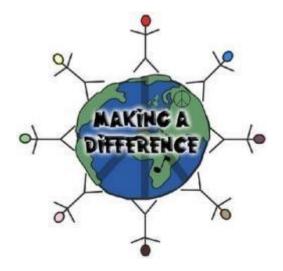
Dynamic Dynamos

Supportive Supporters.

This week's winners are **Dynamic Dynamos with 740 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 1 have enjoyed learning about the Parish of St Mary and St Nicolas during Local History week. The children used their Geography skills to map out the boundaries of the Parish and discovered that parts of Spalding used to be under water!

We looked at pictures of how the Church has changed over time and put them into chronological order. We finished our Local History week off by visiting Reverend Aileen at the Church.

The children were so excited to go on their first adventure out of school and very well behaved. We discovered how many doors the Church has and enjoyed learning about how the Church itself has changed over time. Thank you to Reverend Aileen, we all had a wonderful time.



#### Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 3 this week.

#### Year 3

To start their learning about the area of South Holland Year 3 researched information about the tulip industry and then the children went on a walk in Spalding to hunt for images which represent this.

They were fantastic at using their map skills to follow the route, identify local landmarks such as the Water Tower and St. Mary and St. Nicholas' Church. After their walk the children were amazed at how much tulips have been part of the heritage of the area and were keen to talk to their families about it.



#### Upper Key Stage 2

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

#### Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic week filled with Science! Our focus has been on how we can make a difference to the world around us! We were lucky enough to be visited by Rhubarb Theatre Company who showed us their performance of 'Dustbin Doris'. This got Year 5 thinking about how we can be more eco-friendly. We created some 'eco-posters' advising people on how to reduce their carbon footprint. We also had a look at how to make our school garden more attractive to wildlife... We had a fantastic end to the week with younger siblings, parents and carers joining us to see what creations we can make from our recycled rubbish... here are some of our amazing creations!





Diary Dates

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WB 20th June

Monday 20th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Start of National Sports Week/ School Sports Fortnight

Year 5/6 Cricket Coaching

Tuesday 21st June - Sports Day KS1 AM

Sports Day EYFS PM

Closing date for hot meals WB 27th June

Wednesday 22nd June - Whole School Collective Worship

FS2 Multi Skills

Key Stage 1 Rugby Coaching

Family Games (after school)

Thursday 23rd June - Sports Day LKS2 AM

Sports Day UKS2 PM

Friday 24th June - Start of Year 6 Residential Visit

#### WB 27th June

Monday 27th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Year 6 return from Caythorpe

Lincoln Castle Trip (Y2SD/half of Y2DO)

Tuesday 28th June - Lincoln Castle Trip (Y2AR/half of Y2DO)

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

Year 1 Football

Wednesday 29th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Family Games (after school)

Year 3/4 Cricket

Thursday 30th June - Year 6 Theatre Trip

Year 3/4 Football

Year 5 Boxing

Friday 1st July - Year 6 Transition Day

### 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