



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

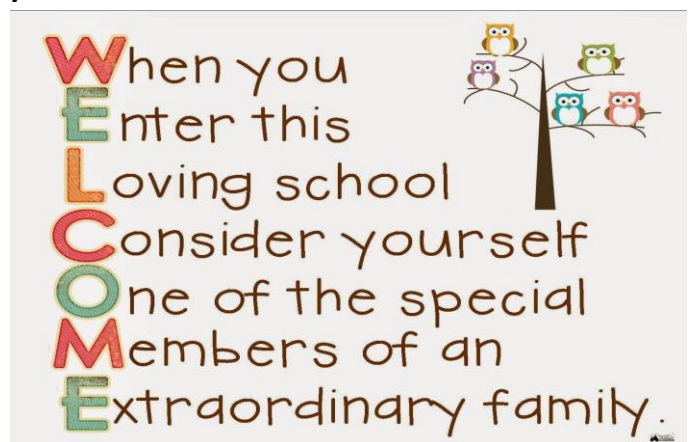
9th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Start of Term 1 – A Very Warm Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your loved ones have kept safe and well over the summer holidays and you have been able to make the most of the lovely weather over the summer to spend time with family and friends.

It has been fantastic to have the children back in school this week – we were very excited to be able to welcome them back on Tuesday. I must also commend the children on their fantastic attitudes to learning following their return to school this week. I have been visiting classrooms regularly over the course of the week and have been absolutely amazed at just how well the pupils have settled back into the routine of school, faced with new classrooms and in most cases new adults. We look forward to this continuing over the year ahead.



Summer Update

School may have been closed for the summer break however work on the school building and infrastructure has continued. As you may have noticed when you have visited school this week, the Key Stage 2 playgrounds have been resurfaced to ensure that the area where the children play is safe. Currently there are no markings on the playgrounds due to the timings of the work being completed but this is scheduled and should be completed during the October Term Break.

A number of the toilets in school have also been replaced and updated including our Year 3 and 4 toilets and our FS2 and Year 1 toilets. Ensuring that school is a welcoming and pleasant place to be is important to us and obviously the facilities we provide is one element of this.

Over the course of the summer our server, which supports our IT infrastructure has also been replaced with the school now moving to a cloud based model. This is part of a wider IT modernisation project that the Trust is currently implementing across the whole trust and this has also resulted in email addresses across the school being updated. Please see details on the next page for email updates to ensure that you are using the correct email address.



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Website

Over the course of the summer break we have also been busy updating the school website to reflect the staffing changes and also the changes to email addresses. The website is a really useful source of key information about school containing information about a whole range of aspects from what your child will be learning over the course of the academic year to all of the newsletters and information letters that are sent home. Key dates can also be found here.

We know that parents and carers are keen to keep themselves up to date with what is happening in school alongside what the children are learning so please do keep checking in with the website which can be found here:

[Spalding Parish C of E Day School - Home](#)

Key dates for the year ahead, including term dates for the academic year, can be found at the back of this letter so you can refer to these over the course of the academic year. Further dates will also be added as we finalise details for trips and visits, sports events etc. and each term an updated date list will be sent home to parents/carers. Key dates will also appear in the weekly Parish Post for each short term.

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.

FS2: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am) End of Day 3.10pm
For FS2 this will apply once the children are in full time

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



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In a morning the gates will open at 8.30am to allow time to get onto site ready for doors opening at 8.35am (KS2) and close at 8.55am. In an afternoon the site will open at 3.05pm.

Parish Pioneers

Parish Pioneers, as the majority of you will know, is our before and after school provision. This operates from 7.30am each morning till the start of the school day and from 3.10pm in an afternoon until 5.45pm. If you are interested in accessing a place for your child, contact should be made with Karen Maxwell, the Parish Pioneers manager via enquiries@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk.

Uniform

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school, looking extremely smart in their uniforms, however we have made the decision that pupils can still wear PE kit for identified PE days. This does need to be school PE kit as per school policy. Please ensure pupils are not wearing earrings on PE days. Teachers in school are currently just finalising their timetables and as such PE days will be confirmed by Year Groups early next week. Year Groups will also display a poster of this information in their classroom windows so please look out for this. Please do make sure uniform is named as this will mean it can be easily returned if mislaid. If you do have any queries regarding uniform, please get in touch.

Attendance

We cannot stress enough the importance of excellent attendance alongside punctuality, as it can impact so much on the achievement and progress over the course of a school year. If a child is late into school they may miss key teaching at the start of lessons which can also unsettle them for the rest of the day. Where attendance levels are a concern this can also influence the progress children make.

We will continue to monitor attendance rigorously over the course of the school year and ask for your support in ensuring pupils attend regularly and on time. This will ensure that they do not miss any vital learning and supports your child in ensuring they reach their potential. If your child is unwell and therefore cannot attend school please keep us informed via attendance@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk.

COVID-19 Guidance:

Whilst we are hopefully looking forward to an uninterrupted school year, it is clear that COVID-19 remains with us. However, the current guidance remains very much the same as it was prior to the summer break. If you do have any questions around this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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.**



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

Keeping Us Informed

There have obviously been a number of changes in school since we finished in July and know that there are likely to be changes within families too.

If anything has changed, you've moved house, changed your mobile number, your child has been diagnosed with a condition or an allergy etc., please let us know asap so that we can ensure the information we hold for your child is current and up to date. We have carried over permission for walking to school from the previous academic year, however if this has changed, please get in touch.

Parents/carers are obviously welcome to come and speak to the office, however please remember that SLT are on the playground on a morning/afternoon to enable a face to face conversation. Please also feel free to discuss any questions, concerns or queries about your child with their class adults, they will be more than happy to help.

Thank You Queen Elizabeth

After a very positive week we end on a much more sombre note following the very sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday at Balmoral. The whole school community send our deepest condolences to the Royal Family and thank her for years of devoted service to the country, her legacy will certainly live on for years to come.

Whilst loss is a part of life, we know this will affect the community in different ways and will be ensuring that there is relevant support in place. St Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church will also be open in the coming days, as usual, for anyone to go to, be quiet and light a candle and there will be a book of condolence to write thoughts and messages.

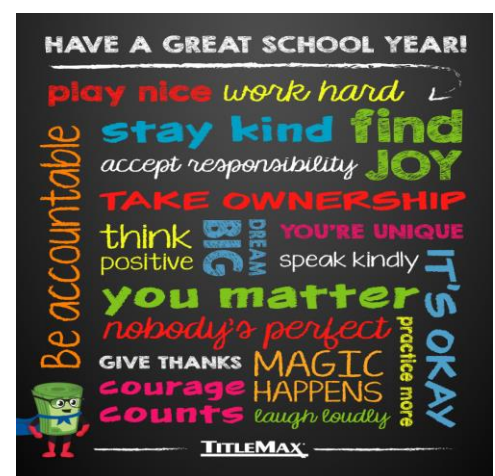
And Finally...

I am feeling very positive about the forthcoming academic year and I look forward to working alongside you to provide our children with a year of enjoyable, high quality education where they – and you – are able to succeed and achieve their potential. I will write to you again once the term is underway with more news and information but in the meantime, keep an eye on Twitter, our weekly bulletin 'Parish Post' – first issue for this year will be out next week - and the school website for pictures, information and updates from your child's class.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are on the playground at the beginning at the end of the day and also have time allocated over the course of a week to respond to any queries. I would much rather you get in touch than worry about something unnecessarily – as they say '*A problem shared is a problem halved*'. You can either contact the school office or via feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher



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School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2022/2023

Term 1 *Staff Training Day Monday 5th September 2022*

School Opens: Tuesday 6th September 2022

School Closes: Friday 21st October 2022 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Term 2

School Opens: Monday 31st October 2022

School Closes: Friday 16th December 2022 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Bank Holidays: Monday 26th December and Tuesday 27th December 2022
Monday 2nd January 2023

Term 3 *Staff Training Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023*

School Opens: Wednesday 4th January 2023

School Closes: Friday 10th February 2023 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Term 4

School Opens: Monday 20th February 2023

School Closes: Friday 31st March 2023 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Bank Holidays: Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April 2023

Term 5 *Staff Training Day Monday 17th April 2023*

School Opens: Tuesday 18th April 2023

School Closes: Friday 26th May 2023 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May and Monday 29th May 2023

Term 6

School Opens: Monday 5th June 2023

School Closes: Friday 21st July 2023 (3:10pm for FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2)

Equivalent of 2 training days designated as twilights during the academic year.



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Key Dates

Term 1

School Opens	Tuesday 6 th September
FS2 Drop ins	Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th September
FS2 start part-time (Group 1 alternate days)	Thursday 8 th September
FS2 start part-time (Group 2 alternate days)	Friday 9 th September
FS2 Start Full time	Wednesday 14 th September
Flu Vaccines (TBC)	Thursday 29 th September
Roald Dahl Day	Friday 30 th September
National Poetry Day	Thursday 6 th October
Individual Photos	Monday 17 th October
School Closes	Friday 21 st October

Term Break

Term 2

School Opens	Monday 31 st October
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 14 th -Friday 18 th November
	'Reach Out'
Children in Need	Friday 18 th November
Christmas Concerts (TBC)	Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 8 th December
Christmas Lunch (TBC)	Thursday 8 th December
Christmas Fair (TBC)	Friday 9 th December
KS2 Christmas Carol Service (TBC)	Monday 13 th December
Christmas Parties (Year Groups)	Wednesday 14 th - Friday 16 th December
School Closes	Friday 16 th December

Christmas Break

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>

Term 3

School Opens	Wednesday 4 th January
Bikeability	w/b Monday 16 th January
National Storytelling week	Monday 30 th January – Monday 6 th February
Number Day	Friday 3 rd February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 th February
	'Together for a better internet'
Church Service (10.30) - TBC	Friday 10 th February
School Closes	Friday 10 th February

Term Break

Term 4

School Opens
World Book Day
Parent Consultation Evening
Parent Consultation Evening
Church Service (10.30)
School Closes

Monday 20th February
Thursday 2nd March
Tuesday 21st March (4.00-7.30)
Thursday 23rd March (3.30-6.00)
Friday 31st March
Friday 31st March

Easter Break

Good Friday
Easter Monday

Friday 7th April
Monday 10th April

Term 5

School Opens
School Closes
May Bank Holiday
School Opens
KS2 SATs
KS1 SATs
Class Photographs
Church Service (10.30)
School Closes

Tuesday 18th April
Friday 28th April
Monday 1st May
Tuesday 2nd May
w/b Monday 8th May
w/b Monday 15th May and 22nd May
Friday 19th May
Friday 26th May
Friday 26th May

Term Break

May Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May

Term 6

School Opens
Multiplication Check
Phonics Screening
FS2 New Entrants (7.00) - TBC
National Sports Week (TBC)
Sports Day KS1 am/FS2 pm - TBC
Sports Day LKS2 am/UKS2 pm - TBC
Open Evening
Transition Day - TBC
Y6 Leavers Assembly (2.00)
Church Service (10.30) - TBC
School Closes

Monday 5th June
w/b Monday 5th June
w/b Monday 12th June
Wednesday 14th June
w/b Monday 19th June
Tuesday 20th June
Thursday 22nd June
Thursday 6th July (4.00-6.00)
Friday 7th July
Thursday 13th July
Friday 21st July
Friday 21st July

Summer Break