



The Parish Post

16th 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.

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

We are still seeing an increased number of pupils arriving late for school. 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.



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



Curriculum Corner

Term 5 is always a very busy time in the life of the school because it is the term when we complete the majority of our statutory assessment. As I said last week we are all super proud of how hard all the children have been working, both within Year 2 and Year 6, and across school. However as we head into the final week of our penultimate term we have already started thinking about next term which again looks to be a very busy term.

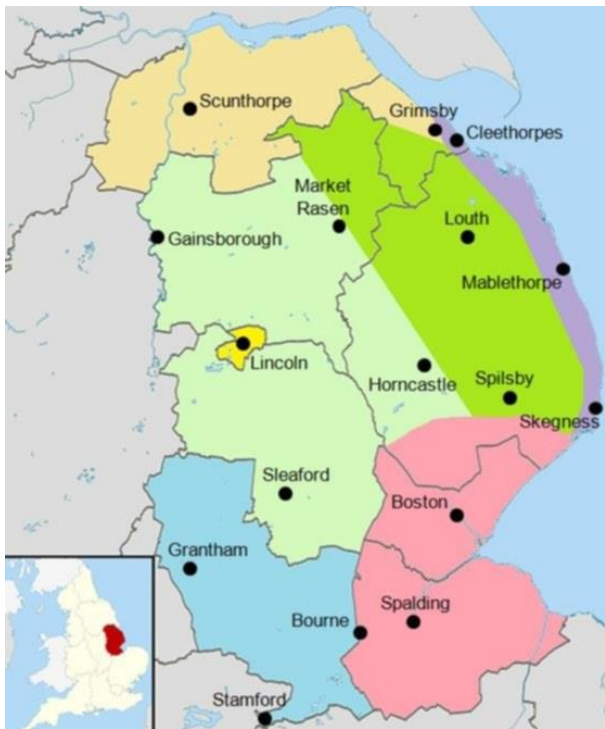
When the children return to school on 6th June, following the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, we are looking forward to our 'Local History' week. Across school, all Year Groups will be studying the history of our locality, be it the school itself, or even the county as a whole. We look forward to sharing with you all we have discovered. The team, including Miss Weatherhill as our History Lead, have really enjoyed planning for the week whilst ensuring progression in the areas to be studied. Thanks to all involved.

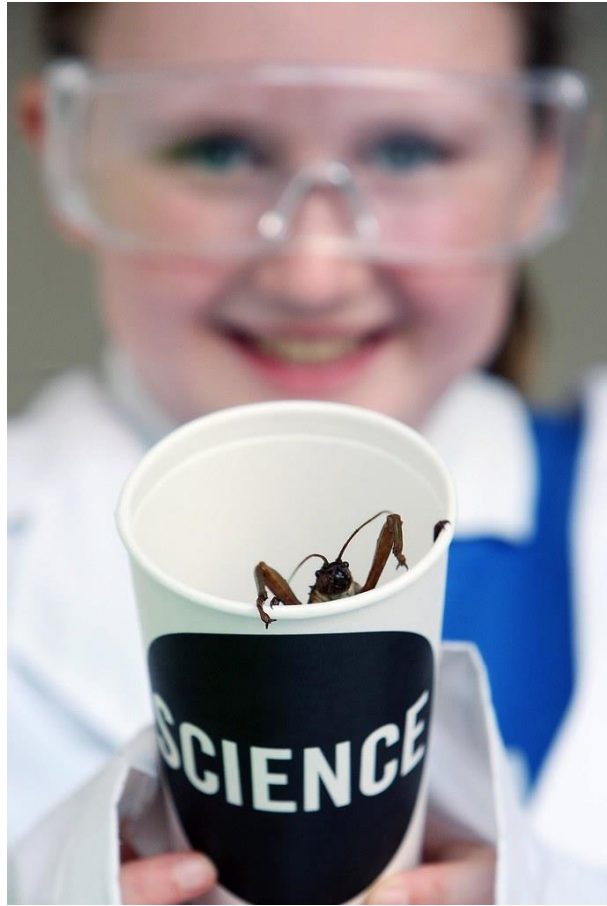
The following week, the week beginning 13th June, we are holding a Science week in school. I know Miss Hearsh, as our Science Lead, has really missed our school Science week's and is really looking forward to the week - thank you Miss Hearsh for all your thoughts and ideas. Over the course of the week the children will also have the opportunity to investigate and explore scientific phenomenon and we would love our parents/carers to be part of it so the week will include a session for parents/carers to join us in school. Further details about this will follow in the coming issues of the Parish Post so make sure you keep reading future editions so you don't miss out.

The week beginning 20th June is National Schools Sports Week. During this week we intend to give all Year Groups the opportunity to have a go at a sport they have not had the opportunity to try previously. As part of this we have invited a number of local sports clubs into school to lead coaching sessions with the children to allow them to experience a wide range. We hope to include Rugby, Tennis, Cricket and Hockey as part of our curriculum that week. I know from my own experience with my own children how valuable they have found these opportunities - indeed my son still plays a number of sports competitively as a result of trying the sports whilst at SPCEDS during Sports Week. Thanks must go to the PE Team for all of their support, including Miss Siddall and Miss Fox, in putting this together. This week will also see the return of our school Sports Days, on Tuesday 21st June for FS2 and Key Stage 1 and Thursday 23rd June for Key Stage 2. Again we look forward to inviting parents and carers to be part of these after a two year hiatus where this was simply not possible. Further details will follow.

We will then head into the last week of June when we will start looking at transition for all our pupils, from one class to the next, from one Year Group to the next, from one Key Stage to the next and, for the oldest pupils in our school, from one school to the next. This is a very exciting time in the school year and a time for the children to reflect on all their achievements during the academic year and their targets for the new year. As part of this time all pupils will also be involved in transition visits to their new classes and again further details with regards to this will follow.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate this is a very busy time in the school calendar but one we are looking forward to immensely, not least because of the opportunities it allows us to welcome our families back into school. The school would not be the place it is without the pupils, or their families and the staff team and we look forward to celebrating this relationship as part of the Spalding Parish family in the coming months.







And finally, let's pause for thought... ...and focus on inspiration and happiness!

There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development.

In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and decides to run an impromptu group activity. He hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it.

The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room.

The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and, within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it.

Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name.

The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds.

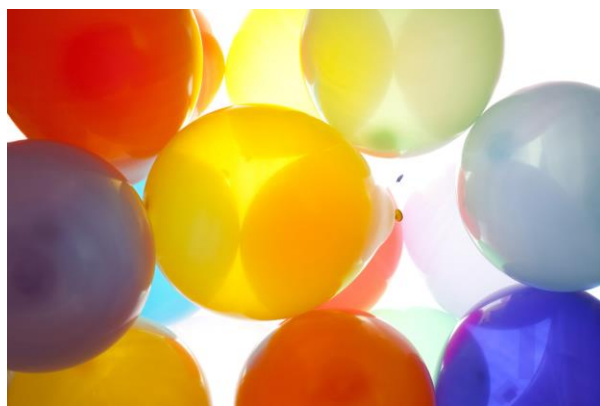
The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back.

He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We frantically look for it all around us, not knowing where it is."

"Yet our happiness lies in the happiness of others. By giving them their happiness, you get yours."

Moral of the story:

Happiness and fulfilment rarely come from selfish pursuits, but almost *always* come from doing good deeds for others. By helping others we help ourselves.





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, we have planned our own celebrations for this week on Thursday 26th May.

On the day itself we would like all the children to attend school in the National colours of red, white and blue and then throughout the day the children will be taking part in a whole range of activities to celebrate the Queen's reign of which there is much to celebrate.

The celebrations will culminate in an event in the afternoon to which parents/carers are invited to be part of. Please join us from 2.15pm to visit your child's classroom and celebrate this very special occasion with us. The side (Key Stage 2) and back (Key Stage 1) gates will be open to allow you to access the site and you can then visit your child's classroom via the playground. If you do have more than one child in school, please make sure you take the opportunity to visit all their rooms during your visit. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday and parents/carers being part of our celebrations.

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. Please try and make time to visit the Parish Church during the Jubilee weekend to see our endeavours.



Local Council Update



Local Council

Our next article from the Local Council is from Emily Hill, Deputy Head Teacher and Staff member of the Local Council.

Emily Hill - Deputy Head Teacher

Part of my focus in recent weeks has been meeting with other members of the Local Council focussed on developing our links with parents and with the local community.

As part of developing our links with parents/carers we are really keen to establish a Parent Forum where parents/carers can have their say about school and school life. 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 the Local Council 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-BzMrzc6ulUNIVIWkVFVEZHNRBUTISMUxNTURFM1hCVi4u>

The school corridors are very interesting and colourful. I particularly like the 'bubbles' with questions that are dotted about. They are thought provoking. Here are some examples: ***'Which is important: being right or being nice?'***, ***'Where does the sky start?'*** ***'Is it ever possible to learn nothing?'*** ***'Is there more happiness or sadness in the world?'*** Enjoy pondering!



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.

Discord

Discord helps around 390 million gamers globally to communicate and cooperate. mixing young and older users, however, can cause online safety risks. The #WakeUpWednesday guide investigates.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/discord-2022?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=nos-wakeupwednesday-discord

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: Harry (FS2LM), Olivier (FS2LH), Roberto (FS2Y1AC)

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

Year 2: Elliot (Y2AR), Iosif (Y2DN), Antonia (Y2SD)

Year 3: Amelia (Y3EP), Stefan (Y3NPSE), Lola (Y3SH)

Year 4: Jamie (Y4CH), Kayen (Y4RW)

Year 5: Lucas (Y5EW), Peter (Y5IN), Jess (Y5KB)

Year 6: Lily (Y6AS), Gabriela (Y6CC), Aya (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 (98.0%) - FS2LH are our best attenders for 5th week running, well done!

KS1: Y2SD(98.0%) – New winners in KS1 with Y2SD highest this week!

LKS2: Y3SH (99.2%) – Highest in LKS2 and in school this week for Y3SH, brilliant!

UKS2: Y5KB (98.2%) – Y5KB are the winners in UKS2 this week, fantastic!

School: 94.5% - A decrease again this week so we still need to be working hard to ensure we are all in school and 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 **Dynamic Dynamos with 654 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 Year 1 have travelled back in time to 1666.

We have been reading newspapers, talking to witnesses and researching what really happened at the time of The Great Fire of London 350 years go. We have collected adjectives to describe what it felt, smelt, sounded and looked like during the fire and using this to build our vocabulary to write our own newspaper articles.





Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 3 this week.

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning some basic first aid and we have been exploring what we understand the phrase 'Living a good life' to mean in RE, by looking at how people from different faiths think about how they live their life.

We have just started to prepare some exciting things for our Jubilee celebrations so watch this space for more news coming soon.

The Hydrological Cycle

Introduction

Do you want to know how recirculating rain is made? 75% of the earth surface is water. The question is: When did it all start. Vital water is needed for plants, humans and animals. Water recycles its self. Did you know? Water has been on earth for billions of years. The water that you're drinking could've been drunk by a T-Rex. There are three main stages in the water cycle: Evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

Evaporation

At that point, the sun heats up the water and wind makes water vapour gas. Water gets evaporated from seas, puddles and ponds. After the water evaporates from the puddle, the water vapour rises straight into the atmosphere.

Condensation

When the water vapour rises straight into it rises even higher whilst it rises higher it cools down. Then when it stops rising it forms into little droplets. After that, is finished the water droplets gather up to make clouds.

Precipitation

When the the clouds are full of water it starts to rain. The water some times turns into snow, sleet and hail if it's too cold. Did you know? Wet dirt is a mixture of ground and snow.



Fact
When the hydro logical cycle completes it starts over again.



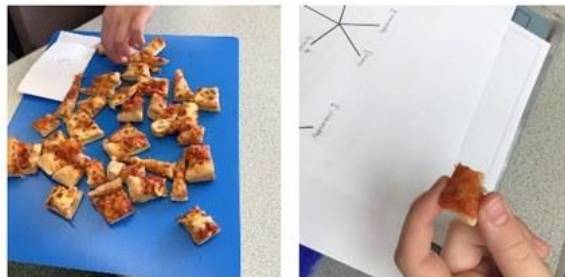


Upper Key Stage 2

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

Year 5

Year 5 had a great time in DT last week. We started by looking at the History of pizzas, moving on to tasting and evaluating different types of pizza and finally making our own from scratch. We measured out the ingredients to make the dough, chopped the different toppings and then created our masterpieces!



04.05.22
Tasting different
pizzas and
evaluating them.

PIC•COLLAGE

05.05.22
Making the
dough.



Following on from our last post in the Parish Post, we have now been using our painting skills and talents to complete our landscape artwork for which Ayscoughfee was our stimulus.

Year 5 have really enjoyed being able to get creative in DT and Art!

Y5 had a great time painting their landscapes using Ayscoughfee Gardens as their stimulus. They mixed their own colours and used a variety of brush strokes and techniques.



Diary Dates



WB 16th May

Monday 16th May - Whole School Collective Worship

Start of Year 2 Assessment Period

Tuesday 17th May - Coffee Morning focussed on Behaviour 9am - 10am

Wednesday 18th May - Whole School Collective Worship

WB 23rd May

Monday 23rd May - Whole School Collective Worship

Year 2 Assessment Week

Wednesday 24th May - Clergy Collective Worship

Thursday 26th May - Jubilee Celebrations - Children please wear red, white and blue as part of our celebrations

Parents/carers, please join us at 2.15pm to celebrate

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