



# The Parish Post

**25th April 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](mailto: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**

With the removal of restrictions and the introduction of new guidance our start and end of the day routines have now returned to pre-COVID timings.

Therefore from Wednesday 20th April the start and finish times for pupils will be as follows:

**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. Your support with this would be 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**

As we continue the return towards normality, attendance at school continues to be one of our key issues and as such continues to be closely monitored. 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 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](mailto: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
<b>FS2</b>		Thursday
<b>Year 1</b>	Friday	Wednesday
<b>Year 2</b>	Thursday	Tuesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Year 4</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b>Year 6</b>	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](mailto: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 pursuit of 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.



## May Day

As you will no doubt be aware school is closed on Monday 2nd May for May Day. I hope you have a lovely long weekend for families and friends and we look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Tuesday 3rd May.



## Local Council Update



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Local Council

Our next article from the Local Council is from Heather Bafico.

Heather is a parent at SPCEDS and is the community appointed member of the Local Council.

**Heather Bafico – Community Appointed Local Council Member**

Firstly, I wanted to reflect on our recent Parent Consultation evenings and how proud I was to see the hard work displayed around our school by our pupils. How wonderful it was to be back in school this time and to see such bright, beautiful and well-presented work along every corridor. I hope you were all as proud as I was!

My plans for the next term are to meet with Diane Mulley and Emily Hill to discuss plans for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

How fantastic to be able to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. I am looking forward to supporting the school in building relationships with the community during this celebration.



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.

### **Spotting Ads**

Been had by an ad? Social media adverts are often hard to tell apart from normal posts - making them a particular online safety risk to young people. We've got top tips for spotting ads in our weekly #WakeUpWednesday poster.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/spotting-ads>

### **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](mailto: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:** Sophie and Arthur (FS2LM), Ronnie (FS2LH), Roberto (FS2Y1AC)

**Year 1:** Emily (Y1EW), Jacob and Adamas (Y1HH)

**Year 2:** Vlad (Y2AR), Liepa (Y2DN), Henry and Tianna (Y2SD)

**Year 3:** Rassels (Y3EP), Lola (Y3NPSE), Roberta (Y3SH)

**Year 4:** Melanie (Y4CH), Livia (Y4RW)



**Year 5:** Lucas (Y5EW), Nik (Y5IN), Thomas (Y5KB)

**Year 6:** Tommy (Y6AS), William (Y6CC), Josh (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 (96.7%) - FS2LH are our best attenders for 2nd week this week, well done!

**KS1:** Y2DN (100.0%) – Highest in KS1 for Y2DN for 2nd week and highest in school with 100%, great job!

**LKS2:** Y4CH (99.0%) – New winners in LKS2 for Y4CH as highest in LKS2, brilliant!

**UKS2:** Y5KB (99.0%) – Y5KB are our new winners in UKS2, fantastic!

**School:** 95.4% - A huge improvement this week of over 3%, superb! Let's keep working on our attendance overall to hit the Government target of 97.0%.



## 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.

Next week will combine this week's figures given the shortened week. Who do you think will be our weekly winners?

## Phase Learning Journeys



### Key Stage 1

We're back in Year 2 this week to hear all about their learning over the last fortnight.

### Year 2

This week in Computing we have started to look at algorithms. We did this by listening to and following instructions for how to draw a 'crazy character' and then having a go at writing an algorithm about how to draw our own character. We then had lots of fun trying to draw each other's characters using the other person's instructions.



## Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 4 this week.

### Year 4

Year 4 have returned to school ready for some exciting learning this term. We have not found out what our new History topic is, but we have a number of clues to look at that will help us find out. We wonder if you can work them out. We have: A rubber ball, a calendar, a tub of guacamole, some hot chocolate and some corn. Email us on the Year 4 email address if you think you know what it is! Otherwise, we will let you know in 2 weeks!

We have enjoyed starting to look at some examples of explanation texts, and are linking this in with our Science learning. Talk to us about our Water Cycle in a bag investigation!



# Calendar 2018

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Your essential calendar

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**Bank holidays 2018 (UK)**  
**1st January** New Year's Day  
**30th March** Good Friday  
**2nd April** Easter Monday  
**7th May** Early May Bank Holiday  
**28th May** Spring Bank Holiday  
**27th August** August Bank Holiday  
**25th December** Christmas Day  
**26th December** Boxing Day  
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## Upper Key Stage 2

Year 6's learning is the focus of the Parish Post this week.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to Term 5. In PSHE we learnt about the 5 Ways to Well-being. These are: Be Active, Connect, Keep Learning, Take Notice and Give. We created posters to teach others how they can look after their mental well-being. Suggestions included give someone a few minutes of your time or a smile; take part in an activity you enjoy such as football; draw a picture of something you have seen on your daily walk; learn a new skill; spend time with family and friends.

We also took on the roles of newspaper journalists, writing reports based on the journey the eleven year old boy in our focus text had taken from the tip of South America to Alaska. We thought of catchy headlines and made sure we included both direct and indirect quotes. We used a range of language features learnt throughout Year 6 to showcase our writing! We look forward to becoming poets next week!



## Diary Dates



**WB 25th April**

**Monday 25th April** - Whole School Collective Worship

**Tuesday 26th April** - Y3EP Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 27th April** - Clergy Collective Worship

Y3NPSE Parent Consultation Meetings

**Thursday 28th April** - Y3SH Parent Consultation Meetings

## **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

## 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](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - [FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk)

Key Stage 1 - [Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) or [Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk)

Lower Key Stage 2 - [Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) or [Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk)

Upper Key Stage 2 - [Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk) or [Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk)