



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What another fantastic week at such a special time of the year! It has been fantastic to have parents/carers in school this week as part of the start of our Christmas celebrations and we know the children have loved sharing their nativity with you. Thank you for taking the time to come and join with us at this very special time of the year. Thank you also for the support you give to your child, both at this time of the year and through the year, as this really does support the progress they make in school. We look forward to seeing many of you again next week at either our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert or our EYFS Christmas Celebration. The Trust CEO, Jackie Waters Dewhurst, has also recorded a Trust Christmas message which can be accessed via the link below – please take the time to watch!

<https://thelaat.co.uk/christmas-2023-message-from-jackie-waters-dewhurst-ceo-of-laat/>

On another note, if we could please just ask for your support with another matter. We have had a number of concerns raised by our neighbours and local community with regards to parking at both the beginning and the end of the day. Could we please ask that you do think about our neighbours when parking to drop at school – we would rather you be a few minutes late than there be an accident in the rush to drop off. Local neighbours do need to be able to access their own properties and we would really appreciate your support with this. **Diane Mulley HT**

Dates for the diary:

4th December: Year 5 Swimming
4th–6th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am and 5.30pm – see separate letter for details
5th December: Last chance to book meals for WB 11th December
7th December: Christmas Lunch Day – please ensure orders are placed by Tuesday 28th November
7th December: Festive Thursday – see letter for details
8th December: Y5IG Class Presentation 9am
8th December: Year 5 Battle of Hastings Workshop
8th December: Year 3 Visit to Flag Fen
11th December: Year 5 Swimming
12th December: Last chance to book meals for WB 18th December
12th December: Key Stage 2 Carol Concert, 7pm at St Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church
14th December: EYFS Christmas Presentation 9.30am
15th December: Y3SH Class Presentation 9am
19th December: Christmas Celebration Day



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: All of EYFS (FS2)

Year 1: Tori (Y1JT), Sofia (Y1PB)

Year 2: Arthur-James (Y2AR), Hunter (Y2CH), Ibrahim (Y2DO)

Year 3: Natalia (Y3SD), Miruna (Y3SH), Eddie (Y3TS)

Year 4: Olivia (Y4KR), Daniel (Y4LB), Bethany (Y4SS)

Year 5: Lennon (Y5IG), Kaiden (Y5MJ), Bryan (Y5RW)

Year 6: Harry (Y6AS), Milana (Y6EW), Valerij (Y6KB)



Read all about it...

Each week our 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 and Supportive Supporters.

Winners: Dynamic Dynamos

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.

FS2: FS2EB (94.4%)

KS1: Y2DO (97.3%)

LKS2: Y3SH (96.6%)

UKS2: Y5RW (97.1%)

School: 95.6% - a very small decline this week!



Think of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

If you could take a pill that meant you would never fail, would you?

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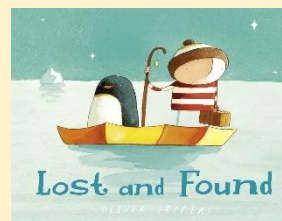
Curriculum Focus:

Term 2 has been a busy term so far for our budding Geographers, with plenty more learning still to come. Year 1 have been investigating where they live, taking a walk in the local community around Spalding and looking at various landmarks. Year 2 will be taking a trip into Spalding very soon to collect data on the types of businesses there are in the town so that they can inform others about what there is to do in Spalding. Year 3 received a special delivery to launch their learning this term - a box arrived in each classroom containing various items and the children had to work out which town they might be learning about from the given clues. Year 4 have been looking at the view out of their window and what they can do to improve it. Year 5 have thinking about how they can make a difference to their local area. They paid a visit to Arnold's Meadow and the riverbank and have been thinking about what they can do to support conservation and restoration. Year 6 have started to study the Spalding Flower Parade, thinking about why it is important and what difference it makes to the town and the economy. Steve Timewell, one of the current organisers, paid us a visit to share his experience and knowledge.

Year 1:

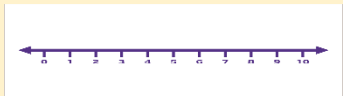
We have been super busy in Year 1 this week! In Maths we are using number lines to subtract. We have also been using the number lines to help us write our subtraction number sentences.

We have had lots of fun in English this week, using adjectives to describe the setting of our



class story 'Lost and Found'. We used magic snow to feel and imagine what the snow in our setting may feel like and used the adjectives in our writing!

In Science we have furthered our knowledge on animal groups and their characteristics and have been using the animal figures in our class to group and classify based on their characteristics. We have also continued to rehearse for our Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity and can't wait to share it with you all!



Year 3:

In Year 3, we have been extremely busy these past few weeks. Firstly, we have been planning and performing our class presentations. It was lovely to see so many adults come along to support their child in their first KS2 class presentation. The pressure was on, but they all handled it superbly and impressed everyone in the audience! Speaking of performances, the Year 3 pupils are also getting ready for their first KS2 Carol Concert! As a result, they have been practising songs and we even braved the bad weather and headed to the church to get a real sense of the event on the 12th December.

Back to the school subjects and Year 3 have been delving deeper into multiplication and division, using manipulatives to create arrays to support understanding of sharing and grouping. We have also been busy in English, gathering resources for our museum and moving on to our next piece of writing using *The Wind in the Willows* as a stimulus for a character we invented last term. It has been a fantastic lead up to the end of term with still much more to enjoy including our first Year 3 trip to Flag Fen Peterborough on Friday and no doubt will have many stories to tell parents when they get home!

Year 5:

This week in Design Technology, pupils in Year 5 have been designing bird hides following our recent trip to Arnold's Meadow. We looked at the function, materials, performance, and aesthetics of the design before making our prototypes. Next week we will begin making our hides using our design specifications.

In Science we have been learning about animal reproduction and life cycles to answer our big question 'How do animals reproduce?'. This week we have looked at the life cycles of mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles. We then worked in groups to create large life cycles of animals showing the stages of life and using a range of technical vocabulary to describe each stage in detail. Here are just some of the life cycles we created as part of this learning. We can't wait to find out more.

