



# The Spalding Parish Post

#proudtobeparish

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31<sup>st</sup>  
2023  
Term 2  
Issue 6

## Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge welcome back to you all as we embark on Term 2 of the current academic year. This is always a very busy but very exciting term in the school calendar with lots of events planned over the course of the term. This term we have a number of school trips and visits planned alongside the usual Christmas events. A letter confirming arrangements for our Christmas nativity, celebrations and Carol Service will be sent out in the next week so please look out for this. We look forward to being able to celebrate this period with parents and carers at such a very special time in the school year.

This term we also have further sessions planned in focused on our 'World of Work' initiative. The focus of this is to provide the children with clear and realistic aspirations about a career path from age 16. This year we would like to invite parents and families to be part of these sessions so if you are able to support to talk a little about your job and what you enjoy about it and also the qualifications and experience required to work in your sector, we would love to hear from you. The session itself is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1.45pm and we are keen for some of our families to get involved. Please get in touch via the school office if this is something you can support. Finally, again with a community focus, please see the ParentPay sent out earlier today re an opportunity for local Girls football for Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3 to Year 6). Thank you for your continued support. **Diane Mulley, Head Teacher**

## Dates for the diary:

- 30<sup>th</sup> October:** School Training Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Start of Term 2 – School Opens 8.35am KS2, 8.40am FS2/KS1
- 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Last chance to book meals for WB 6<sup>th</sup> November
- 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Secondary School applications close
- 1<sup>st</sup> November:** Individual Photos (see separate letter for details)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** Y5RW Class Presentation 9am
- 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5 Swimming
- 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Last chance to book meals for WB 13<sup>th</sup> November
- 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival
- 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Y1JT Class Presentation 9am
- 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Open Morning for EYFS New Starters September 2024 9.30am-11.00am
- 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Y4SS Class Presentation 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5 Library Visit
- 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5 Swimming
- 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Last chance to book meals for WB 20<sup>th</sup> November
- 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5/6 Boys Football Festival



## 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:** Luca, Andreas, Tallulah (FS2)
- Year 1:** Bonnie (Y1JT), Maddison (Y1PB)
- Year 2:** Denislav (Y2AR), Urte (Y2CH), Phoebe (Y2DO)
- Year 3:** Liliana (Y3SD), Alfie (Y3SH), Zachary (Y3TS)
- Year 4:** Milana (Y4KR), Frances (Y4LB), Edward (Y4SS)
- Year 5:** Carolina (Y5IG), Toma (Y5MJ), Sienna-Grace (Y5RW)
- Year 6:** Petal (Y6AS), Patrick (Y6EW), Renars (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:** FS2KB (83.5%)
- KS1:** Y2CH (98.3%)
- LKS2:** Y4SS (96.9%)
- UKS2:** Y5RW (99.3%)
- School:** 93.0% - our lowest weekly attendance this term!



## Here to help...

Please remember SLT are available on the gate each morning and afternoon should you have any queries or you can ring or email the school office and request a call back or a face to face meeting.

# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

## EYFS:

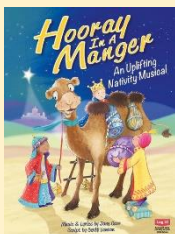
What a busy term we had during the first term of this academic year! The children have settled really well into school life and have learnt a lot over the weeks in all areas of learning. We are so proud of how well they have all done and all they have achieved.

Our focus has been on the aspects of PSED including building confidence in a new environment. This has also covered learning to make new friends and beginning to understand the different rules and routines of school life. We would like to say a huge well done to each and every one of the children as they really have worked hard and developed so much in their first few weeks in school.



## Year 2:

Last term we had great time finding out all about dragons and exploring what they looked like. We even had a dragon come to visit us and left some dragon eggs, how exciting! In English, we wrote a dragon description and a postcard describing where my dragon lived. We read a book called 'Dragon Post' which we loved!



We would like to welcome Year 2 back to school and hope everyone had a restful break. This term we are very excited and are going to be very busy preparing for our Christmas nativity – we are sure it is going to be absolutely fabulous and look forward to sharing it with our audience. We would really appreciate your support with this so please encourage your children to learn their lines for their part in the play. We will also be doing lots of practicing in school over the next few weeks.

## Year 4:

What a busy but fun term we have had in Year 4! We have been using our 'Build it, Draw it, Write it' approach in Maths to help us to solve subtraction calculations involving exchanges. We have also considered different efficient methods of subtraction. In English we were given the exciting task of writing our own character descriptions using the structure used by Roald Dahl when describing Willy Wonka. These have been written up and will be shared with Year 2 for them to read and enjoy! In History, we have continued to think about how the Anglo Saxon's impacted life as we know it now in Britain. We explored what village life was like back then and the houses that they would have lived in. We were all quite happy that we no longer have to share our homes with farm animals to keep them safe as it was in fact quite smelly! In Science we moved onto looking at food chains and the habitats which animals live in. We used a range of texts to help us answer questions in groups. In French we have learnt how to have simple conversations with each other. These conversations included greeting each other, asking what each other's name is, how old they are and where they live. Next term we are learning about families in French. To finish the term we painted our self portraits which were drawn in the style of Pablo Picasso. We mixed our own colours and used these to paint our portraits and the backgrounds. These look amazing and we are excited to share them in our Art Gallery. We have had a fantastic first term in Year 4 and are excited to see where our learning takes us next term!

## Year 6:

Year 6 had fun in Science this week, linking their work to Computing. As part of our Science curriculum, we have been looking at the heart and why we need to keep it healthy. This week, we have been investigating 'Being Active' using a Microbit to make a 'Fitness Friend' to remind us to move regularly and take exercise. The children had to write an algorithm which they then programmed into a code maker. The code was then downloaded to the microbit and when button A was pressed, the Fitness Friend worked, making a sound to alert us and then showing us a message such as move or go for a walk - check out the video on our Facebook page.

In English, we have been supporting National Poetry Day and have planned, written and published poems based on a place/an activity where we can find refuge. Our places/activities have ranged from: singing in the choir, playing benchball, working out long division, reading, dancing and many more. Maths has seen us using our long division skills to answer questions in context and to finish the week, we have learnt how to use BODMAS. Some of us have tried to overcomplicate the process as it felt too easy!

Miss Bird, Miss Siddall and Miss Weatherhill would like to thank all of the children in Year 6 for their hard work during this busy term and we look forward to what Term 2 holds in store for us. We are sure that it will be just as busy, if not busier than Term 1, with lots of new learning taking place. We hope you had a restful term break and are looking forward to the term ahead.