



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

September seems like a distant memory. It has been a long and busy Autumn Term. We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

This term has been packed with activities, visitors into school and educational visits outside of school. This has all been in addition to our staff and children working extremely hard to cover the National Curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfil their potential. Added to this our school continues to grow with additional children starting all of the time which is a wonderful compliment and testimony to SPCEDs. The highlights this term have got to be the opportunities that the children have had to share aspects of their learning with parents, through class presentations, the Year 3 museum and also the amazing Christmas productions. The audiences for the Christmas performances alone saw over 1000 people attending to support and it has been great to see the confidence in our children and the smiles on their faces. Again, these events enrich the curriculum and allow education to take place both inside and outside of the classroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and hope 2024 brings you more amazing experiences. Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School.

Diane Mulley Head Teacher

Dates for the diary:

19th December: Christmas Celebration Day

20th December: End of Term Collective Worship (to be held in school)

20th December: End of Term 2 (3.10pm for EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 3.20pm for Key Stage 2)

26th December: Last chance to book meals for WB 3rd January

2nd January: Last chance to book meals for WB 8th January

3rd January: School reopens for Term 3 (8.35am for Key Stage 2 pupils and 8.40am for EYFS and Key Stage 1)

Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Peaceful
New Year!



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: Szymon, Rodijs (FS2)

Year 1: Dylan (Y1JT), Natalia (Y1PB)

Year 2: Delilah (Y2AR), Ticiane (Y2CH), Willow (Y2DO)

Year 3: Oliver (Y3SD), Effie (Y3SH), Naomi (Y3TS)

Year 4: Bartek (Y4KR), Byanko (Y4LB), Santiago (Y4SS)

Year 5: Stanley (Y5IG), Lola (Y5MJ), Felicity (Y5RW)

Year 6: Maria (Y6AS), Zuzanna (Y6EW), Zayne (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: Spiritual Solvers

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 (94.7%)

KS1: Y2DO (97.3%)

LKS2: Y3SH (96.4%)

UKS2: Y5RW (97.2%)

School: 95.5% - a slight decline again this week!



Think of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

Is it ever possible to learn nothing?

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Parental Engagement – Parent Workshops:

What a successful Autumn term we have had! We have now held four workshops, two focussing on Early Reading/Story Sharing and two were exploring different ways to learn through play. All of the sessions held have welcomed families into school to spend quality time with their children. We have laughed, chatted, drank hot chocolate and eaten more biscuits than we would dare to admit, which has been amazing to be part of. It has been great to see families engaging with other families, supporting each other and offering each other advice. The workshops are made up of two parts. Part one is time for parents and Charlotte Hardy, our SENCo, to talk about the focus of the workshop. Part two is where the children join the workshop, which is of course the most exciting part!

Story Sharers

This was a wonderful workshop. Families spent time sharing story sacks full of books, puppets, wooden spoon characters and images to sequence. The children loved having their parents in school and demonstrating their reading skills. Our curriculum has a huge focus on reading, oracy and vocabulary, so we discussed with parents the importance of developing early reading skills. Many parents shared top-tips with other parents of how they promote reading at home

Learning Through Play

This workshop brought childhood memories of Christmas back for the parents. We shared fond times where we sat round the table with our own parents and other family members at Christmas sharing a board game. We discussed that these times seem to have been replaced with fancier games, toys and technology. Although we recognise times are changing and we are evolving into a technology-led world, it was amazing to dip back into classic games such as Snakes and Ladders, Tumbling Monkeys, Connect Four and Bingo! Parents were amazed at how many learning opportunities can come from these simple games, such as: turn taking, listening skills, number recognition and prepositional language.

Coming up...

Our next workshops will focus on the importance of developing fine and gross motor skills through arts and crafts. Our Spring themed 'Let's Get Creative!' dates are: Session 1: 26.1.2024 1:30-3:00pm Session 2: 9.2.2024 1:30-3:00pm

Year 1:

Year 1 have been super busy this term and are ready for a lovely break. We have completed our DT projects of making a moving Christmas card, we can't wait to share these with you. In English we have finished our setting descriptions and we have used lots of adjectives in our writing. Ask us if we can describe something using our adjectives. In Maths we have finished our topic of Addition and Subtraction within ten and we are now super speedy at recalling our number bonds to ten. In Computing we finished our topic off with giving directions to move our BeeBots on a magical woodland adventure.

Year 3:

Wow! What a fabulous end of term Year 3 have had. Our trip to Flag Fen, although slightly muddy, was enjoyed by all who went. Last week, we opened the doors to our first ever Year 3 museum, where pupils enjoyed showing their learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age to all who visited. Singing at the KS2 carol concert was a real treat for us in Year 3. Our readers, soloists and prayer leaders all did so well and we are so very proud of them all. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas time and look forward to seeing you all again at the start of next term.

Year 5:

Recently, Year 5 took part in a Battle of Hastings workshop as a culmination of their learning over the term. We got to learn and play board games from that era! Take part in a strategy game, learn about the weapons and complete our own battle re-enactment! It was a very fun and informative day which tied together all of the learning from last term.



In DT, we have been continuing our learning on framed structures. We have designed a structure to create a bird house and have been practising with card straws and focusing on different joins, we will then move onto creating these using wood and card.

