



# The Spalding Parish Post

#proudtobeparish

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe this we have already reached Term 5 and the final two terms of the year. A huge welcome back to everyone for the new term. We have also had a number of new starters this term so a huge welcome to all of you – we are very please to have you join our Spalding Parish family.

As you will know our curriculum is underpinned by key enquiry questions, linked to individual subjects, underpinned by the overarching question of 'How can we make a difference'? Recently this has been very evident in school as a result of our charity work in school and a huge thank you must go to all of you as a result of your support of Red Nose Day with the school community raising over £500.00 for this organisation. Well done and thank you.

Just a plea for parents as we continue to live out the reality of making a difference for all. This focus can present itself in different ways and one way we undertake this in school is by developing confidence and independence. We would really like to ask for your support with this, particularly for the youngest pupils in our school. If we could please ask that during Terms 5 and 6 all parents/carers remain outside the EYFS outdoor area at the beginning and end of the day as this ensure we have further opportunities to develop this independence further. As always thank you for your continued support with this – together we can make a difference to all. If you do have any questions, please get in touch. **Diane Mulley HT**

## Dates for the diary:

- 29<sup>th</sup> April: Year 4 Swimming
- 29<sup>th</sup> April: EYFS/Year 1 Dental Checks
- 29<sup>th</sup> April: Y5RW Library Visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> April: Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival
- 30<sup>th</sup> April: Y5MJ Library Visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> April: Last chance to book meals for WB
- 7<sup>th</sup> May
- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 3/4 Tri-Golf Event
- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 3pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 1 Visit to Broad Street Methodist Church
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Year 3/4 Bikeability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Polling Day so no bagels or hot lunches – School open as normal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Y3SH Class Presentation 9am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Y5MA Library Visit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Hockey Festival at Glen Park, Surfleet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: School Closes for Bank Holiday (EYFS/KS1 3.10pm/KS2 3.20pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 7<sup>th</sup> May: School reopens (EYFS/KS1 8.40am/KS2 8.35am)
- 7<sup>th</sup> May: Last chance to book meals for WB 14<sup>th</sup> May



## 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:** Daisy, Simeon (FS2)

**Year 1:** Iylabelle (Y1JT), Tyler (Y1PB)

**Year 2:** Alex (Y2AR), David (Y2CH), Joshua (Y2DO)

**Year 3:** Harry (Y3SD), Nojus (Y3SH), Adamas (Y3TS)

**Year 4:** Viktorija (Y4KR), Elijah (Y4LB), Brianna (Y4SS)

**Year 5:** Stanley (Y5MA), Emilia (Y5MJ), Gabrielius (Y5RW)

**Year 6:** Petal (Y6AS), Anastasija (Y6EW), Macie (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: Exciting Experts**

## 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 (98.3%)

**KS1:** Y2AR (98.9%)

**LKS2:** Y3SD (99.2%)

**UKS2:** Y6AS (99.2%)

**School:** 95.1% - Superb attendance this week – well done!



## Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

*If you say sorry and don't mean it but the person you are apologising to thinks you are genuine, does it still count?*

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# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

## EYFS:

We can hardly believe we are two-thirds of the way through the year already and in Term 5. The year seems to have passed so quickly and we are impressed at all the learning that has been undertaken during that time, both academically and socially. The children have grown and developed over the course of the year so far in confidence, in their understanding of rules and routines, in their relationships with others, in their resilience and perseverance, in their approach to school and learning in general. It is such a privilege to be part of each of the children's learning journeys and with this in mind we are really looking forward to the next two terms, to continue to support the children's development but also to ensure that they are all as ready as they can be for the transition to Key Stage 1 and Year 1.

Already this term we have had a fabulous time learning all about odds and evens as part of our mathematical learning and building on our on sight vocabulary and continuing to develop our fluency when reading. We have even made some toast as part of our Monster Phonics learning but Tricky Witch mixed up all of the instructions so it was a little bit challenging! Luckily we used our expert reading skills to sort them into the correct order. We will continue to develop our maths and literacy skills over the rest of the term.

## Key Stage 1:

In Year One this term we are working with numbers up to 100, using the place value skills we have learned all year to work with bigger numbers. In Science, we are learning about materials and their properties and will be carrying out our own investigations to find out what properties different materials have. Our History topic this term is all about the wheel and how it has changed how we live. We have already decided we are pleased we are not travelling around on stone wheels! In RE we are going to visit St Mary and St Nicolas Church and Broad Street Methodist Church. We are thinking how churches often do the same things but can look and feel completely different. Art this term is all about sculpture and we are looking forward to creating some 3D paper sculptures after practicing our skills first.

In Year 2 we are looking at the book Meerkat Mail and are writing diary entries for Sunny the Meerkat's journey. We are then going to use this as a basis to write our own journey stories about animals from the polar regions, the desert or the rainforest. In Maths we are learning to tell the time. In Science we are looking at why the properties of different materials are so important and how these are considered when making things. Our History is all about the Windrush Generation. We are really enjoying learning about why people came to Britain from the Caribbean and what life was like when they got here.

## Lower Key Stage 2:

The children in Lower Key Stage 2 have made an excellent start to Term 5. The children have been working exceptionally hard, showing great enthusiasm and commitment towards their learning across all aspects of their learning journeys.

Even though we have only been back at school for a couple of weeks, it has been a very busy term already. Indeed Year 4 had a fantastic and somewhat windy trip to Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea focussed on comparing and contrasting the two coastal areas. Despite the blustery weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from it, all whilst completing their fieldwork activities. Year 4 are also working very hard to learn their times tables and are excited to complete Mrs Hill's challenge. Please support your child by testing them on their times tables at home.

Meanwhile Year 3 have started to learn about Stonehenge in History, considering the question 'Why was Stonehenge built?'. In RE, they are thinking about how they can live a good life. This is something that we all need to aim for so we are looking forward to hearing the children's suggestions. They will also compare and contrast the ways this is achieved in different religions. Overall it has been a busy but good start to the term and we all look forward to learning more during the remainder of Term 5.

## Upper Key Stage 2:

What a great start to the Summer term Upper Key Stage 2 have had! We have even enjoyed some sunshine and a picnic thanks to Polling Day. With the school hall using as a Polling Station, we took the opportunity to find out a little more about the Democracy (one of the British Values we learn about). As part of this the children enjoyed watching the BBC Bitesize video explaining about local elections.

Year 5 have been busy over the last couple of weeks. First they visited the Space Centre in Leicester and more recently all three classes have taken time to visit the local library in town. It was great to hear that many of them brought their library cards ready to borrow books.

Year 6 have been enjoying lots of collaborative learning through Maths, becoming experts in grammar and digging deep through the curriculum in History, Science and RE. We have some great curriculum questions across Year 5 and Year 6 to keep developing our exciting learning journey. Thank you to all of you who have been engaging with Learning with Parents – all of the teachers have enjoyed your posts linked to reading. There is still time to get involved. Well done to all the children for their hard work and commitment!