

# **The Spalding Parish Post**

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WB 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 Term 1 Issue 4

### Dear Parent/Carer,

Given the deadline of 11<sup>th</sup> October I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the current vacancy on our Academy Committee. The school's Academy Committee is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and support and challenge to leaders for the school's educational performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

As part of this committee, in the role of Parent Governor, you'll work with the Academy Committee to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the Academy Committee, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body. To be a Parent Governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- Relevant skills to make sure the committee delivers effective governance

The Academy Committee is keen for candidates to have skills in the following:

Marketing/publicity, experience of working with local businesses, financial planning/
oversight, strategic management, ability to question and challenge and willingness to learn.

In undertaking the role of Governor, it is important that you are able to attend meetings (4 a year), undertake school visits, maintain confidentiality and commit to training. If you are interested or would like to know more about the role and expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Diane Mulley Head Teacher

# Dates for the diary:

7th Oct: Year 5 Swimming

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Last chance to book meals for WB 14<sup>th</sup> October

8th Oct: Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival 10th Oct: EYFS September 2025 New Starters Open Morning 9.30am-11.00am – all with children due to start school next academic year are welcome!

10th Oct: Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum Coffee Afternoon 2pm at SPCEDS – all are welcome!

11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5RW Class Presentation 9am 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Closing Date for Parent Governor

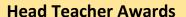
14th Oct: Year 5 Swimming

**14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 5/6 Boys Football Match SPCEDS v St. Bartholomew's 3.30pm (away)

14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 3 Trip to Flag Fen, Peterborough 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Church Service at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas 10am

18<sup>th</sup> Oct: End of Term 1 – School closes 3.10pm for EYFS/KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2

**22**<sup>nd</sup> **Oct:** Last chance to book meals for WB 29<sup>th</sup> October



Each week pupils in school are nominated for Head Teacher Awards celebrating their achievements be it academic success, sporting success, fantastic manners, role modely behaviour or indeed anything else worthy of note. Well done to all award winners!

**FS2:** Dominic, Meya, Jack (FS2)

Year 1: Emily (Y1JT), Szymon (Y1PB)

Year 2: Frank (Y2AR), India (Y2CH)

Year 3: Nancy (Y3SD), Archie (Y3KR), Ava (Y3TS)
Year 4: George (Y4SH), Adamas (Y4LB), Elena (Y4SS)
Year 5: Olivia (Y5MA), Delilah (Y5MJ), Isaac (Y5RW)

Year 6: Zuzanna (Y6AS), Khaleesi (Y6EW), Lola (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: FS2AC (94.8%) KS1: Y1JT (94.5%) LKS2: Y3SD (98.7%) UKS2: Y6KB (97.9%)

**School:** 93.5% - A slight dip, let's all keep trying!



# Thunk of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us! Is it ever right to blow your own trumpet?

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# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

# **Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum Reminder:**

A reminder that the LPCF will be hosting a coffee afternoon at Spalding Parish on **Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. This event will be for all parent carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); no diagnosis is required.

Please come along for a chat and find out what help and support the forum can offer your family throughout your parenting journey, how we encourage partnership working with Spalding Parish and how we use your views to make a difference.

Come along to find out more about: - The role of Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum, the Pins project, how we can help you, benefits of joining the forum alongside the difference that it can make. A trained LPCF volunteer will be available for any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing parents and carers at this event as we continue to ensure that all members of the Spalding Parish community have the relevant support and strategies to flourish and grow supported by both school and their families.

### Year 1:

Our first term of Year 1 has been so busy so far and we have learnt so much already! In History we have continued to develop our knowledge on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and why they were significant people. We are now comparing them and finding out how they were the same. We are continuing to build on our maths knowledge from Foundation Stage by beginning to look at part whole models and writing addition number sentences.

We have been very busy in English using adjectives to describe The Enormous Crocodile and have even been using adjectives to describe the features of autumn during provision! In Science we have learnt all about humans and the parts of our body. We are now extending this knowledge by looking at characteristics of other animals and learning to group and classify them. We can't wait to extend this knowledge next week during our science visit where we will get to see some animals in person!

### Year 3:

Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks in the classroom. We have just completed our writing to entertain piece in English, where we created our own evil characters. We used expanded noun phrases and alliteration to describe our villains - thinking about their appearance, their personality and their thoughts. We even had fun thinking of a name for our character.

We are looking forward to our Year 3 trip to Flag Fen - in preparation we have been learning about prehistory in History. We have looked at the three different periods of the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. In Reading we have looked at fiction and non-fiction books about the Stone Age so that we can get the most out of the trip.

We have been using our Art skills to create self-portraits in the style of David Hockney. We have practised sketching different facial features and are going to put all our learning together to create a self-portrait.

## Year 5:



Year 5 have been very busy this week, we took part in a Live Guinness World Record attempt for National Poetry Day. We joined Laura Mucha online to be a part of the largest poetry lesson on the theme of Counting. We thought about 'What counts to us?', 'What do we enjoy counting?' and 'Who counts to us?'. We then helped Laura edit the poem and decide which ideas to use. It was great fun!

Year 5 have also taken part in PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) live sessions with SCARF this week, thinking about our physical and mental wellbeing. As part of the session, we looked through the the Wellbeing Wheel looking at ways we can all stay healthy and positive, including suggesting ideas to help each other. We even met Harold the Giraffe! It has been a very exciting and a very engaging week and we are all looking forward to next week.