

The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well another busy week in the life of the school with all the children settling very quickly back into school life and school routines. Class teachers have been very busy building relationships with their new pupils and we know they are very keen to meet with you all during our first round of Parental Consultations for this academic year. As always, this round of parent meetings will take place during the day as we try to ensure that all parents and carers have an opportunity to attend. At the start of the year, it is equally important for teachers to be building relationships with parents and carers as this will really support us in getting to know you child, but also in being able to support them.

If you cannot make an appointment on your allocated day, please get in touch with the office at your earliest convenience and they will liaise with your child's class teacher to organise a meeting at a mutually agreeable time. We are committed to ensuring we meet with all parents/carers during our termly cycle of meetings so please do not be offended if we get in touch with you to make an appointment – this is purely focussed on ensuring the very best outcomes for your child.

Should you have any questions, following your child's Parental Consultation meeting, please get in touch with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we will be able to support you. We are also in the process of developing our Parental Workshop offer for the academic year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this year as we look to ensure a strong parental support offer for all. Thank you for your continued support,

Diane Mulley (Executive Head) and Emily Hill (Head of School)

Dates for the diary:

22nd Sept: Year 5 Swimming

22nd Sept: Year 3 trip

22nd Sept: Bikeability for Year 5/6 (all week)
22nd Sept: Extra-curricular clubs start for
Terms 1 and 2 – Please ensure you have

signed up for your child's place by 17th Sept

22nd Sept: Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
23rd Sept: Last date to book meals for WB 29th

September – please remember to book!

24th Sept: Start of Parent Consultation cycle for Term 1 – see separate information on

MCAS and sign up for appointment online 26th Sept: Flu Vaccinations in school – please ensure you have signed up prior to this date

for your child to receive their vaccination 26th Sept: European Day of Languages

26th Sept: Y5EW Class Presentation 2.40pm

29th Sept: Year 5 Swimming

29th Sept: Start of Parent Consultation cycle for Term 1 – see separate information on MCAS and sign up for appointment online

30th **Sept:** Last date to book meals for WB 6th October – please remember to book!



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!

EYFS: Amelie (FSAC), Anike (FSDO), Tajus (FSPB)

Year 1: Mia (Y1BB), Harper (Y1SEIG)

Year 2: Tatum (Y2CH), Calvin (Y2MC), Victoria (Y2SD)

Year 3: Frank (Y3AR), Rory (Y3KR)

Year 4: Joshua (Y4KB), Albert (Y4SH), Marcel (Y4TS)

Year 5: Effie (Y5EW), Ava (Y5LB), Ianis (Y5SS)

Year 6: Cera (Y6AS), Dominik (Y6MJ), Evie (Y6RW)

House Happenings...

Each week our pupils are awarded house points as a reward, with a weekly winner from our 6 SPCEDS House Teams, **S**piritual Solvers, **P**ositive Promoters, **C**hallenging Challengers, Exciting Experts, **D**ynamic **D**ynamos and **S**upportive 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.

EYFS: FSPB (95.8%)

Key Stage 1: Y2CH (96.9%) **Key Stage 2:** Y6RW (97.3%)

School: 94.3% - Let's try hard to improve this % next week!



Quote of the Week...

'You can ever quit. Winners never quit, and quitters never win.'

Ted Turner

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Let's Celebrate - Year 6:

We are delighted to share how brilliantly Year 6 have settled this year. From the very first day, the children have shown enthusiasm, maturity, and a real eagerness to learn — setting a fantastic tone for the year ahead.

In History, we've begun exploring the fascinating and emotional topic of World War I. The children have been captivated by the stories of bravery, sacrifice, and the global impact of the war. They've asked thoughtful questions and shown great empathy as we've discussed life in the trenches and the significance of Remembrance.

In English, we've had a wonderful time diving into the imaginative world of Roald Dahl, exploring his autobiography 'Boy'. We've also been learning about autobiographies — discovering how people tell stories of their own lives. The children have started crafting their own autobiographies, reflecting on their memories/experiences with honesty, creativity and humour.

Over in Science, we've been getting hands-on with our topic on the heart — starting with the components of blood. The children were fascinated to learn about red and white blood cells, platelets, and plasma, and even created their own diagrams to show how each part plays a vital role in keeping us healthy.

Curriculum Focus - History

As you will know each week are looking at a subject in focus to support parent's understanding of our curriculum, how this is lived out in school and how it progresses over time. This week focus is History with our input from Miss Bird, our History Lead.

Throughout our History curriculum, we explore how people and events of the past have shaped the UK and left lasting legacies. From personal change in EYFS to the bravery of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale in Year 1, children begin to understand how individuals can influence society. In Year 2, William the Conqueror's decision to build Lincoln Castle shows how power and control shaped our landscape. As pupils move through the school, they discover how Britain evolved from the Stone Age to the Anglo-Saxon period, laying foundations for modern life. The significance of the Battle of Hastings in Year 5 highlights how conquests changed leadership and law, while Year 6 reflects on the impact of World War I on our local community. Through exciting trips and immersive learning, children see how the past connects to their present, helping them understand the legacy they are part of today.

Beyond the Curriculum – Visits & Visitors, Parents & Pastoral, Clubs & Competitions:

Following on from our History input, this week sees our first school trip of the year with the Year 3 trip to Flag Fen. Trips are a key part of our school curriculum as it allows the children to immerse themselves in the experiences, this might be linked to the Stone Age, as a History trip, or almost any other aspect of the curriculum. Trips and visits allow the children to experience something first hand that they might otherwise have no experience of. They allow the children to visit places they may never have visited, see things they may never have seen and support the children will concrete examples linked to their learning.

In the coming weeks you will receive an Intended Trips list sharing all the trips and visits for all Year Groups over the course of the year ahead. Some will be free as we endeavour to use our local community and the wealth of nature around us. For other trips there may be a cost, either for the trip itself, for the coach or for both. When considering trips we do not take costs lightly appreciating at times there can be a larger cost. However please be assured that we review the costings of all trips and these only go ahead if we believe they will not only support but enhance our curriculum offer. If you do have any questions or concerns about school trips, or their costs, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you.

Vision, Values, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion:

Next Monday sees the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, running from 22nd September to 5th October. This is an annual Fairtrade Foundation campaign in the UK that runs for two weeks to raise awareness about Fairtrade products and the importance of a fair deal for farmers and workers who produce them. It aims to promote ethical sourcing, fair wages, and environmental standards, highlighting how small consumer choices can support producers and protect the planet with Fairtrade products available in the UK for over 30 years.

What is the purpose?

Raise Awareness - educating the public about Fairtrade products and challenges faced by farmers/workers in developing countries.

Promote Fair Practices - highlight the need for fair prices, better working conditions, and the Fairtrade Premium, improving communities.

Support Producers - encouraging consumers to choose Fairtrade-certified products like coffee, tea, chocolate, and cotton.

Address Climate Change - bringing attention to how standards help communities build resilience against impact of climate change.

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Choose Fairtrade Products - look for the Fairtrade logo when shopping.

Spread the Message - share message that choosing Fairtrade supports producers, protecting future of their livelihoods and the planet. **Learn More:** Visit the Fairtrade Foundation website for resources and information on how to participate.