



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday 26th September is National Teaching Assistants Day and as such this week seems a very opportune time to say a huge thank you to all of our amazing Teaching Assistants for all they do to support the pupils and families of Spalding Parish. The first National TA Day was celebrated in 2012 with the intention of recognising the fabulous work that TAs around the country do to support the thousands of children in school around the country, with it now an annual occasion.

It is fair to say that the impact that TAs have on children's lives can very easily go unnoticed. The contribution they make to pupils in their care every day is significant, making a difference each and every day – be it a smile, a supportive word, assistance with a learning task, a friendly face at lunchtime, or anything from the plethora of tasks that TAs complete each day. As a school we try and say thank you to our staff team, each and every day, for all they do for our community but hope you will join us at this very special time of the year in saying a huge thank you to them for all they do.

To all of our teaching assistants, thank you very much for all you do for the pupils and families of Spalding Parish. It most certainly does not go unnoticed and the children most definitely benefit from your care. Thank you for all that you do and for being you 😊!

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

Dates for the diary:

29th Sept: Year 5 Swimming
29th Sept: 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!
1st Oct: Start of Black History month
1st Oct: International Day of Older Persons
2nd Oct: National Poetry Day
2nd Oct: Y2CH Class Presentation 2.40pm
3rd Oct: Y4KB Class Presentation 2.40pm
3rd Oct: Hockey Festival at Glen Park, Surfleet (after school)
6th Oct: Year 5 Swimming
7th Oct: Last date to book meals for WB 13th October – please remember to book!
9th Oct: Y1SEIG Class Presentation 2.40pm
10th Oct: Y3 AR Class Presentation 2.40pm
10th Oct: World Mental Health Day
10th Oct: Year 5 Visit to Peterborough Cathedral
13th Oct: Year 5 Swimming
13th Oct: Last date to book meals for WB 20th October – please remember to book!



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!

EYFS: Achim (FSAC), Victor (FSDO), Brian (FSPB)

Year 1: Ire (Y1BB), Natalia (Y1SEIG)

Year 2: Enija (Y2CH), Jack (Y2MC), Markas (Y2SD)

Year 3: Rayne (Y3AR), Elena (Y3KR)

Year 4: Rose (Y4KB), Alexander (Y4SH), Monika (Y4TS)

Year 5: Ethan (Y5EW), Eddie (Y5LB), Holly (Y5SS)

Year 6: Dorkas (Y6AS), Keira (Y6MJ), Bella (Y6RW)



House Happenings...

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.

EYFS: FSPB (96.6%)

Key Stage 1: Y1SEIG (97.1%)

Key Stage 2: Y5SS (97.0%)

School: 94.5% - A small improvement, let's keep trying!



Quote of the Week...

'The most effective way to do it is to do it.'
Amelia Earhart

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Let's Celebrate – Year 5:

Well what a fabulous start to the year for our pupils new to Upper Key Stage 2. Year 5 have returned to school in their new classes, and everyone has settled in really well and are working really hard. We look forward to being able to share our early successes at our upcoming parent consultations and look forward to seeing you then.

We have been very busy in Maths, manipulating our counters to help us develop our understanding of Place Value. Using 'Matilda', by Roald Dahl, as our stimulus we have written letters to Miss Bird about ourselves showcasing what amazing English writing skills we have. Science has seen us start to learn about the human life cycle; in History we have re-enacted the Battle of Hastings and are delving deep into the new RE curriculum focussing on Creativity and World Views.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the term has to offer us and look forward to sharing this with you over the term ahead. To support our learning we would ask that you support your child to complete the weekly home learning tasks, returning it by the deadline. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Curriculum Focus - Maths

As we begin the new academic year, our Maths curriculum launches with a strong emphasis on Number and Place Value across all year groups. This foundational area of mathematics underpins pupils' understanding of the number system and supports their ability to reason and solve problems with confidence. From exploring numbers to 10 in EYFS to developing fluency with numbers up to 1,000,000 in upper Key Stage 2, each year group builds progressively on prior knowledge, ensuring a coherent and connected journey through mathematical concepts.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children continue their NCETM Mastering Number journey, with a particular focus on subitising—recognising quantities without counting. This approach strengthens number sense and lays the groundwork for future fluency. Meanwhile, Years 4 and 5 begin to explore unitising, a key concept that helps pupils understand how numbers can be grouped and regrouped, supporting their grasp of place value and multiplicative reasoning. A continued emphasis on multiplication facts in Years 3 and 4 ensures pupils develop rapid recall and deep understanding, which are essential for tackling more complex calculations and problem-solving tasks later in their mathematical development.

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

As part of our wider curriculum, pupils from across Year 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability programme. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads, giving them the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. As a result of Bikeability sessions, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence, particularly when cycling independently. As a result, more children cycle to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. Healthier habits lead to increased attendance and improved academic results.

In essence Bikeability goes beyond a training course; it impacts children's lives and as such we are proud to offer it at Spalding Parish. Whilst we have completed our sessions for this academic year, it is our intention, given our commitment to ensuring children have the relevant skills for life, including road safety, that this will continue in the future. Please watch for further details later in the academic year.

Vision, Values, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion:

Next Wednesday, 1st October, sees the start of Black History Month. Black History Month is an annual celebration honoring the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history, with the month-long observance taking place in February in the United States and Canada and in October in the United Kingdom. Founded in the United States by historian Carter G Woodson, it began as Black History Week in 1926 to highlight the overlooked accomplishments of African Americans and later expanded into a month-long event in 1976. The celebration serves to educate and promote understanding of Black culture, challenge racism, and celebrate the rich heritage of Black communities globally.

This year's theme for BHM in October is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" with the message of this year's Black History Month clear: unity is strength. Despite challenges and differences, there is beauty and power in shared heritage. And so, as the community reflects on its history, it is also being called to action — to embrace that power, to speak it loudly, and to stand together in unity and pride.

Over the course of this academic year, we will be considering the achievements and contributions of a number of courageous advocates, linked to our focus of 'Making a Difference' and considering the difference those individuals have made. Within October we look forward to also celebrating Black History Month.