



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

Wholly inclusive, striving for fulfilment, empowering the flourishing of our world

'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'

July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term 6

It has certainly been a very busy term with Sports Days for all Phases, community sports events, trips to Walsingham and also to Nene Outdoors, our Year 6 residential to Caythorpe Court, the beginning of our transition programme for this academic year, Year 6 business visits and pitches as part of their Make £5 Grow projects and also an Ofsted inspection. Quite incredible really over such a short time!

Obviously a real highlight of this academic year has been the outcome of our Ofsted inspection. We are so pleased and proud that Ofsted recognised what a really special place Spalding Parish is and an exceptional place for pupils to learn.

Overall Effectiveness:	Good
The Quality of Education:	Good
Behaviour and Attitudes:	Outstanding
Personal Development:	Outstanding
Leadership and Management:	Outstanding
Early Years Provision:	Outstanding

On behalf of all involved with Spalding Parish Church of England School, I am so very proud of everything that we have achieved and would once again like to take this opportunity to thank all stakeholders for their continued support. This is a huge achievement for all members of the school community and something that we will continue to celebrate on behalf of our fabulous school family.



As this amazing academic year comes to an end, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and all this has entailed. It has, once again, been a busy and challenging year, however, as always all members of the school community have taken it in their stride. It is also fair to say that there have been a number of ups and downs over the course of the year, however whilst there have been a number of challenges over the year, it has also been a year that has also seen great success. I will share more about our successes later in this newsletter, however I have to say how proud I am to be a part of the Spalding Parish family and how proud I also am of every single member for how they approach their own challenges and successes day to day.



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I would also like to take the opportunity to say a number of thank yous. Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the children – thank you, thank you, thank you, you are all amazing! The children have made this academic year so rewarding and worthwhile - I burst with pride to see all that they have achieved over the course of this year – I know some of you have commented on this through your report feedback and am sure that my pride in the children is evident in my report comments over the course of the year. I wish them all continued success in their learning journeys as they move on to their new classes, year groups and, in some instances, schools.

Secondly, I'd also like to say thank you to you all, the parents and carers, for your continued support during the year. In what has been another busy year, your support for the pupils, staff and myself has been greatly appreciated. It has been fabulous to see you all at various events over the year and to be able to relaunch so many of our parental events, including Class Presentations, our Christmas Performances and our KS2 Carol Concert. We have also launched a number of new approaches including our parent workshop – thank you for your support of these. We look forward to developing our parental engagement offer further over the 2024-25 academic year. I know we continue to be united in our drive to ensure our pupils, your children, achieve their potential and only by working together can this be wholly achieved. Thank you for your continued support in the next academic year.

My final thanks must be extended to the SPCEDS Academy Committee (formally known as Board of Governors) and staff team for their continued drive, support and commitment to the children and families of SPCEDS over the current academic year. We are always looking for members for our Academy Committee so, if you are interested and do want to know more, please get in touch as the start of the new academic year.

The Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to working with you all during the year ahead. Please remember that if you do have any worries or concerns with regards to your child or something else school related, a member of the SLT or myself makes themselves available every single day to speak to parents/carers. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you over the year and know many of you find daily access to the leadership team useful. I am aware that at times there are grumbles, be it on the playground, on social media or elsewhere, and would urge you to come in and have a chat with one of us. We are committed to working together for the benefit of all but, as I'm sure you'll appreciate, we can only support if we know about it.

Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless

As you will know we always use the newsletter at the end of the year to say goodbye to staff. This year we say goodbye to Emma Brown, one of our EYFS teachers this year, Jay Waldron, our Sports Apprentice for 2023-24 and Beth Brown, a trainee teacher who has completed her training with us this year. We wish all well in their new opportunities and look forward to hearing updates from their lives as part of the Spalding Parish family.

Spalding Parish Staffing

As we say goodbye to valued members of the staff, we would like to confirm the staffing team for next year. Please see below for an overview of Year Groups and class teachers for the next academic year alongside Year Group email addresses should you need to get in touch.

FS2/Year 1 - Annabel Cooper, Kelly Baker and Danielle Owen – fs2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

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Year 2 – Claire Hearth and Aaron Robinson – Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 3 – Katey Robinson, Sarah Durno and Tom Stanshall – Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 4 – Sally Slade, Susan Hirst and Lucie Basduvar – Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk



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Year 5 – Beka Wakefield, Maya Jina and Madeline Arnold – Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 6 – Kim Bird, Amelia Siddall and Emma Weatherhill – Y6@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 6

Earlier today we said our final farewell to the Year 6 children who have been absolutely amazing throughout the academic year and during their time in school. The celebrations have been enjoyed by all and it is fair to say that many tears have been shed. A copy of my Final Words to the Year 6 pupils from today's Church Service is attached to this email. We wish them all the very best as they continue their educational journeys and beyond. Remember you have all you need and more to be successful! We will be cheering for you and look forward to hearing updates from your lives– remember you will always be part of the Spalding Parish family. Good Bye Year 6, Good Luck, God Bless!

Parental Support

Just another quick note to thank parents and carers for your support of school events over the academic year. It has been wonderful to invite you back into school over the course of the year, particularly in relation to recent events – our Science week family event, Sports Day, Year 6 Leavers Presentation and our most recent Open Evening, alongside the events mentioned earlier in this newsletter. We look forward to planning further events over the next year so there are more opportunities for you to join us in school. As you know we very much see the relationship between home and school a partnership and look forward to welcoming you into school to be part of your child's learning journey. To support with this look out for the school calendar which should be with you in early September for key dates.

Curriculum Development

We know that parents and carers are keen to support their child's learning over the course of the academic year and that a key aspect of this is understanding what they are going to be learning over the course of a term and also the academic year. With this in mind the first newsletter of the academic year will include key information for Term 1 in terms of what your child will be learning and then this will continue over the year. Look out for this information at the start of the year. We also look forward to welcoming you to our first Parental Consultation meetings of the year in September so again please look out for your invite so you can get signed up for an appointment.

Curriculum Enhancement

Another aspect of our school provision that it has been brilliant to be able to fully reintroduce over the course of the school year has been that of curriculum enhancements, in the form of extra curricular clubs alongside a range of trips and visits. Over the course of the year we have been able to offer a wide range of activities and we look forward to continuing the development in this area over the year ahead. Parents and carers will receive a letter early in Term 1 giving details of planned visits for the year so please look out for it. Booking forms for extra-curricular clubs will also be with you in the first couple of weeks of the new term in order to allow you to get booked in. Thank you all - your continued support with such events is invaluable.

Pupil Outcomes

As you will know from receiving your child's report recently, staff have been very busy assessing the pupils so that we can share with parents and carers both their successes and their next steps. We know many of you have commented on how useful you have found this information as it gives you a really clear picture of what your child is learning over the course of the academic year. This will continue into the year ahead through our termly reports – meaning you will have this information three times a year. We are also very pleased to be able to share that outcomes for the academic year across the vast majority of outcomes are in line with National figures which is really positive and a huge achievement by all. This sustains our pre-pandemic performance where again pupil outcomes were in line with National figures.



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This only goes to show how brilliant all the pupils are given the disruption faced in recent years. As always I am so, so proud to be part of such a fantastic learning community.

Parent Feedback

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken the time to return their report slips with feedback, both in this termly cycle of reports and over the course of the academic year. We really value the feedback of our parent/carer body and all responses are reviewed and used to inform next steps on our school improvement journey. Further details will follow regarding this in September as we hope to share our 'You said, we listened' feedback. We are also really proud of the responses to our annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire. Again further details re this will follow, including our responses to the overall outcomes. Thank you again for your feedback – only by working together and open communication can we continue to improve.

Home Learning

As part of our Home Learning offer we have updated our subscription to Learning with Parents, our digital Reading Log. Make sure you watch out for updates next year to support your child's reading.

Attendance

A huge well done and thank you to you all for your support with attendance this year. We are also very pleased to be able to report that we have seen an improving picture this year with attendance. Currently our attendance for the academic year is 94.9% and whilst this is not yet at the National target for attendance, it does exceed the current National attendance figure which currently sits at 92.5%. This is a positive achievement and hopefully one on which we can continue to build next year.

Volunteers

We are always keen to welcome volunteers into school, be it to listen to readers, support school events etc. If you do have a couple of hours spare and would like to become more involved in the life of the school, please get in touch via the school office or via feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk. It would be fantastic to hear from you and to see more volunteers in school.

Stranger Danger

Please, please, please stay safe during the summer break. Make sure your child tells you where they are going and who they will be with. Arrange a time for being home and if your child has a mobile phone, make sure they check in with you. Remind them that if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable to walk away and let you know immediately. We want to welcome everyone back in September having had a fun, exciting and safe holiday. There are links on our website to support with keeping safe.

And Finally...

I wish you all a fantastic summer break. Please keep safe in the sun, ensure sun cream is on and hats are worn. Spend time as a family, enjoy ice-creams and hopefully long, hot days. I hope you all are able to just take some time to relax and recuperate. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th September. Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher