

# The Spalding Parish Post

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#### Dear Parent/Carer,

And just like that the first full week of the current academic year is complete. It has been a rather strange week from my perspective with not really being in school as a result of Jury Service. Whilst I do need to attend for Jury Service again next week, I was able to be in school on Friday which I was absolutely thrilled about – I do miss SPCEDS when I'm not in.



This meant I was able to attend Y6KB's class presentation which was our first class presentation of the academic year and it was fabulous to hear about the learning that had been undertaken during their first week, including a nod to Roald Dahl as part of our celebrations of Roald Dahl Day and also their focus on reading, sharing their favourite books.

We all know how important reading is given how it can unlock the whole curriculum and all learning. It is also such a joy to be able to hear your child reading, particularly when they are just learning and witnessing their progression day to day. As such I wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents and

carers about Learning with Parents, the platform we use for our digital reading logs in school. Please see the attached letter for more information but please ensure you do sign up as soon as possible as this will not only support your child in their reading development but will also strengthen that communication between home and school. Any problems please ask at our upcoming Parent/Carer Consultations (WB 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.) and staff will be more than happy to support. Look forward to seeing you all next week. **Diane Mulley HT** 

### Dates for the diary:

16th Sept: Year 5 Swimming

17th Sept: Last chance to book meals for WB

23<sup>rd</sup> September

17th Sept: Year 3/4 Boys Football School Games, Pinchbeck West Playing Field 18th Sept: Year 2 Trip to Lincoln Castle

19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Y2AR Class Presentation 9am 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Y6EW Class Presentation 9am

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Year 5 Swimming

24th Sept: Last chance to book meals for WB

30<sup>th</sup> September

24<sup>th</sup> Sept: World War I Talk for Year 6 at St

Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Parent Consultation Meetings for Y4LB, Y4SH, Y4SS, Y6AS, Y6EW and Y6KB – see separate letter for details

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Parent Consultation Meetings for Y1JT and Y1PB – see separate letter for details

26<sup>th</sup> Sept: European day of Languages (further details to follow)

27th Sept: Y3TS Class Presentation 9am

30th Sept: Year 5 Swimming 30th Sept: Parent Consultation Meetings for Y2AR and Y2CH see separate letter

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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: Hugo (FS2)

Year 1: Calvin (Y1JT), Oliwier (Y1PB) Year 2: Ezekiel (Y2AR), Tyler (Y2CH)

Year 3: Jack (Y3SD), Ibrahim (Y3KR), Torewa (Y3TS) Year 4: Effie (Y4SH), Eddie (Y4LB), Oliver (Y4SS)

Year 5: Antonia (Y5MA), Lacey (Y5MJ), Karolina (Y5RW)

Year 6: Rory (Y6AS), Lola (Y6EW), Clair (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: Dynamic Dynamos

### **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 (99.1%) KS1: Y1JT (98.6%) LKS2: Y3SD (99.0%) UKS2: Y6AS (99.6%)

School: 96.1% - Fabulous attendance this week, well done!



Thunk of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

Is there more future or more past?

## Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

#### **EYFS:**

Welcome to EYFS from Mrs Cooper, Miss Baker, Miss Owen and the whole EYFS team – we are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and look forward to sharing much of our learning with you, through the Parish Post, through the website and also through social media. We are very excited to be able to welcome you all to the Spalding Parish family and are excited about seeing your children grow and development, not only within the current academic year, but also during their time in school. This is hopefully the start of a very exciting and successful partnership – a seven year partnership at that - between home and school and we really look forward to getting to know both your children but also building that relationship with you as parents and carers. With that in mind if you do have any questions, or any worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us asap. This allows us to respond promptly for the benefit of all. We would also like to share what a fabulous start we have had in EYFS – all of the children have settled amazingly well and are already becoming more confident with routines. The children have already started building relationships with key adults and are also more confident at finding their way around school. We have started to get to know your children in earnest, not only in terms of their likes and dislikes but also in terms of their learning. All in all it has been a brilliant start to the term and we are very excited for the year ahead.

#### Year 2:

Welcome to Year 2 from Miss Hearth, Mr Robinson and the whole Year 2 team – we are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and look forward to sharing much of our learning with you, through the Parish Post, through the website and also through social media. Please make sure you are regularly visiting all.

Year Two have had a busy first full week back in school. We have been writing letters to our lunch table monitors, telling them all about ourselves so they can talk about their interests together while they are eating. We have also introduced our History learning for this term including our focus on castles and looking at the events leading up to William the Conqueror becoming King of England. We are very excited about our trip to one of the castles he built next week – Lincoln Castle on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not yet sent your consent slip or payment into school, if you could do so please before Wednesday.

We have also started daily Active Spelling lessons, which is a programme to support spelling that runs through school from Year 2 to Year 6. The children are getting used to using a range of ways to help with spelling, such as looking at the shape of the words, spotting patterns, thinking about the meaning and where the word comes from. We are enjoying correcting Mr Robinson's (deliberate) mistakes to show our knowledge of the spelling patterns. This week we have been looking at words in the 'all' family.

#### Year 4:

Welcome to Year 4 from Mrs Slade, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Basduvar and the whole Year 4 team — we are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and look forward to sharing much of our learning with you, through the Parish Post, through the website and also through social media. Please make sure you are regularly visiting all. Year 4 have been settling into their new classrooms over the course of the last week and beginning to embark on lots of exciting new learning.

The children have continued to use the "Build it" approach in Maths to help them understand place value, especially partitioning numbers including thousands. They have also started Multiplication Mondays in their new multiplication groups and really enjoyed learning different ways to remember their times tables.

In English the children have completed a job application letter and are now moving on to write character descriptions, using Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as their inspiration. We have also discussed and discovered the focus of our learning in other areas over the course of this first term. This includes learning all about the Anglo-Saxons in History, learning all about our digestive system and how it works in Science and learning all about different celebrations in RE, both in Christianity and also other world religions. We're sure you'll agree we have a really busy term ahead of us!

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#### Year 6:

Welcome to Year 6 from Miss Bird, Miss Siddall, Miss Weatherhill and the whole Year 6 team — we are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and look forward to sharing much of our learning with you, through the Parish Post, through the website and also through social media. Please make sure you are regularly visiting all. Year 6 have returned to school and their new classes and everyone has settled in really well. Thank you for your support with ensuring that the children have and are wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit: as a year group, we look very smart. We have certainly hit the ground running and have had a very busy start to the new academic year with plenty of learning taking place. In Maths, we have used manipulatives to support our understanding of place value, a rap to help us round numbers to the nearest million, hundred thousand, ten thousand and number lines to support our learning with negative numbers. Please ask your child to explain to you how to round numbers, we would love to share the steps with you. In English, we have already written an autobiography and we have planned and are beginning to write a group story based on The Great Mouse Plot by Roald Dahl, which we will follow with our own individual stories. Science has seen us learning all about blood ready for learning more about the heart and in Art, we have started to look at the work of Chuck Close. History has seen us investigating and learning about the different Tommy figures that were part of WW1. We are looking forward to what the rest of the term has to offer us.