



Newsletter - March 2020

How is my child doing??

Thank you to the parents who attended their child's IEP meetings recently- we hope you found them useful and informative. We will be sending you a questionnaire about how the school meets your child's needs very shortly.

Parents Consultation appointments are all booked in for next week (w/c 9.3.2020). If you didn't send a slip back, don't worry- you should have received an appointment with your child's teacher anyway. It is important for you to attend these meetings to not only see the **progress your child is making** but also see what you can do to **support** them at home. Your child will also benefit from your interest in their learning and they will see that you value their education. Your input into this is also valued and we want to hear your thoughts. IF you are not sure when your appointment is, either speak to the school office OR the class teacher.

Attendance Letters

Further to the colour coded letters/ overviews that were given out during the last term's Parents Consultation Days, we have decided to make these available to you again this term.

Remember that if your child's attendance is **good, at 95% plus**, you will receive a **green letter**. If your child's attendance **requires some improvement for being between 90% and 95%**, your letter will be **yellow**. If your child's attendance is a **cause for concern** and they are missing a significant amount of learning time, **below 90%**, your letter will be **red**.

The sheets show you where their absences have been. Please ensure that you speak to Miss Nicholls or Miss Palmer if you have any concerns or if there is any support we can provide to help your child to improve their attendance.



We will be "Tweeting"!



In addition to keeping you posted on our school's Facebook page, we have now joined the world of Twitter on **@SpaldingStPauls**. News items about what is happening in school, as well as resources you might find helpful will be posted for information. I have asked that each Teacher Tweets regularly and know that Mrs Moss has already shared information about their Outdoor Immersion Day.

What's new in the school's journey to Good?!

The school has been busy working on all areas of the curriculum to ensure that the children get a broad and balanced curriculum. So far the feedback is positive from the children and they are enjoying their topic themes.

We will be launching a new Reading Initiative after the Easter holidays called Accelerated Reader. This is for those children who are on Free Readers but will give them fun ways to help to improve comprehension and give them quizzes to take on each book they read. Each book will be worth points to them..... and points make prizes!! Keep your eyes open for more information coming up soon, including Parent Information sessions for you to come and find out more.

We are also currently trialling a handwriting programme called Letter Join and the children who have tested it out, really like it. The programme runs from Y1-6 and encourages the children to learn how to join their handwriting confidently by Year 3.



The new 2yr old area in Nursery is supporting their learning needs further and also gives them a quieter space when they need it. The 3 and 4yr olds are keen on having time in there too! It's a lovely area to be in and the staff have created this as a team. Great Job.

We have also appointed a new Reception Teacher, who will be joining us after Easter. Mrs Emma Ward has a lot of experience in Reception and I had the pleasure of seeing her teach in her own classroom as part of the selection process. She is very caring and supportive with the children and makes learning interesting and enjoyable. We are excited to have her joining the team.

We have also begun attending some more local sporting competitions- the most recent being the Sports Hall at the Spalding High School. We did very well and came 2nd in the small schools category! We are also reserves for the County Competition later this year. The children's P.E and sports skills were visible to see and they were as proud of themselves as we were of them.

There is a lot going on, both in and out of school, and everything is having a positive impact of your child's learning and all round skills and wellbeing. We will keep you posted of the highlights as they arise.



Supporting YOUR Mental Health and Wellbeing



Mental Health is a big topic in schools for everyone! It used to be something we all felt we shouldn't talk about or share with others. What we do know is that by sharing how you feel with others we can help each other feel better about ourselves and get the help we may need at the right time. The vast majority of people go through times in their lives when they feel extremely low and don't know where to go to for help. If YOU feel this way, you can always call the **Samaritans on 116 123** OR go to the **NHS Website** and search for mental health support. A problem shared.....



Coronavirus updates...

Every school in England is regularly receiving updates from Public Health England around all things to do with the virus that is causing so many issues globally. These updates are posted on our Facebook page and will continue to do so until the threat is low.

Questions have been asked about children wearing face/ dust masks to prevent any potential spread of the virus. These masks will NOT work as the virus particles are so small, they can get through the masks. It is a waste of time and expense. To help prevent the spread of ANY virus OR bacteria, the best advice to teach your child is to **not touch their mouths unless their hands are clean** and to wash their hands regularly and **thoroughly** (not just splashing them with water!).

Safeguarding our Pupils

Remember to let us know if you have any concerns for the welfare or wellbeing of any of our pupils. Please speak to Miss Nicholls or Miss Palmer or call Children's Social Care Customer Service number on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm) OR 01522 782333 (outside office hours).

Remember that Friday 3rd April is a Training day for the staff and so will be closed to the children. An early start to the Easter holidays.

For the holiday dates for 2020-2021, please see the school's website.