



SPELLBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL (vc)

Learn together, Enjoy together, Succeed together

----- The Parish of Great St Mary's -----

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Dear Parents and Carers,

My week started with a lovely service at Great St Mary's on Sunday, where Father Simon Vivian was welcomed as the new Vicar. He later joined us on Wednesday for his first meeting with us as a member of our governing body. He will be part of our Harvest Service in about a week's time and we will send out information about that next week.

It seems that we have now established the 'new normal' and the bubbles and procedures around the school are working effectively. The children in all classes are getting on well and making progress in their learning.

This week, we tried accessing a remote lesson from the PSHE providers, Coran Life, who usually come in to do the 'life tent'. This time, the trainer - Nancy appeared on the boards in the classroom and led the lessons on well-being remotely. We are one of the first schools to do this with this provider and I am pleased it went so well. The new whiteboards that we recently purchased are already proving their worth.

Today, we had the elections for Head Boy and Head Girl, which would usually involve the candidates giving speeches to the whole school in the hall. As that is not an option, we broadcast their speeches from Diamond Class to the other classes so that the whole school could participate and vote. I am delighted to announce that the Head Boy is Rocco G and the Head Girl is Mia. Thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward for this responsible position. Next week we will continue this process and vote the sports leaders in.

Thank you for helping with the after school arrangements by staying with your vehicles. It feels so much safer if we avoid people walking around near moving vehicles. It is also very helpful to us that the children see that adults are modelling social distancing.

We continue to review our risk assessments and contingency plans in the light of the regular updates and I hope you have received updated information from us this week. Please could you remember that parents should only come into the school building following a prior arrangement and specific appointment.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on **Monday 28th September** to take individual photos of the children. Can we ask all children to come to school in full uniform please. This year, due to not being able to mix class bubbles, we will not be taking sibling photos. Children will be bringing home order cards on Monday which can be used to view and order photos.

PE (Diamond Class)

For this week only, Diamond class will not have PE on Monday due to school photos. Children in Diamond Class should come to school in full uniform please.

Gourmet Burger Fun Day

Following the success of our last Gourmet Burger Fun Day, we will be holding another Gourmet Burger Fun theme menu on Thursday 1st October 2020. The cost of this delicious two course meal remains the same as the school's normal price of £2.60. No additional costs are incurred. All children who already opt for a school lunch will automatically be included in this event. However, please complete the slip that was emailed to

parents **if your child does NOT usually have a school lunch on this day** and return it in your child's book bag or by email to: office@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk.

Walk to School Week – 5th to 9th October

This year, due to guidance we will not be able to use the Three Horseshoes to park and stride. Please still support us by walking, scooting, biking and park and striding to school. We are asking that children keep a diary of how they have travelled to school each day during that week. At the end of the week they can bring it into school to share.

Nasal Flu Vaccine on Friday 13th November

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms. Could parents return their completed forms to school by Friday 9th October please. If you have any queries regarding the flu vaccine, please contact the School Nursing Team on 01462 341173 or email: vaccinationhertfordshire@evguk.co.uk

Whole School Attendance this week

96.5%

Birthdays this Week

Finley – (Emerald)



Stars of the Week

Diamond Class: Joseph and Liam
Emerald Class: Michal and Charlie
Sapphire Class: Louis and Sienna
Ruby Class: Amelia



The theme for next week is **Effort**.

PE Days

Diamond Class – Monday and Wednesday

Emerald Class – Wednesday and Friday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday and Friday

Ruby Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Dates for your Diary

28.09.20	School Photos
01.10.20	Gourmet Burger Fun Theme Menu
05.10.20 – 09.10.20	Walk to School Week
06.10.20	Harvest Festival
09.10.20	Deadline to return Nasal Flu Vaccine Forms
23.10.20	Inset
26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Half Term
02.11.20	Pupils return to school
13.11.20	Nasal Flu Vaccine (Rec – Y6)
18.12.20	Last day of Term

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher