



# SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, autumn seems to have arrived and with it the wet weather. It is never our preference to have inside play and lunch times, and we do get the children out if we are able to, so please make sure that your child brings their coat every day.

I am very pleased to report that we have not had to send anyone home with symptoms or had any confirmed cases of the coronavirus. We have been reviewing our plans so that we are ready if this happens and that we are prepared to support home learning again in the event of a partial or full school closure or a local lockdown. I do hope that none of these plans will actually be required. If any of you need to isolate, please let us know immediately.



Today, the children have had a video conversation with the author (Joe Fisher) of this picture book that has been written to assist families in reflecting on their experiences and in coming to terms with the impact that the coronavirus has had and continues to have on all of our lives. I love reading and encouraging children to do the same, and I'm a great fan of picture books and love the conversations that can be had when sharing such a book. With this book, the rhyming style and humour in the pictures make it very enjoyable to read aloud and look at again and again.

The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing Joe read the book and then answer their very thoughtful questions and I enjoyed the fact that the author is none other than my 'little' brother and I am very proud of this super book that he and illustrator Andy Gray have produced. If any of the children do want copies, we could get a discount for bulk orders. Please contact the office.

## **Book Bag Books**

Please can we ask that any Read, Write Inc. books that were sent home with your child at the end of last term are returned as soon as possible so that we can replenish our stock. Could all books be sent back in your child's book bag please. Thank you for your support in this, as our school books are an expensive and valuable resource.

## **School Dinners**

As the weather is getting colder, we would like to encourage more children to have a hot meal. A choice of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables accompany all meals daily. Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch as well as children in receipt of free school meals.

We would also like to encourage the children who decide not to have school dinners to bring in healthy packed lunches. We are a nut free school, so peanut butter and chocolate spread sandwiches as well as all other types of nuts are not allowed. Please see the menu for next week below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers	Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Pizza
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

## **Walk to School Week - 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 next week. At the end of the week they can bring it into school to share.

### **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Next week we will be welcoming the Vicar of Great St Mary's in for our harvest (in separate bubbles) and would be very pleased to pass on some contributions to the Bishop's Stortford Food bank. Please could your child put their items in the place identified on the grass as they are dropped off in the morning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Year 2 Scooter Training on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

A reminder to children who are signed up to take part in scooter training, to not forget to bring in their scooters. Helmets are not essential, however if your child brings a helmet, they will be asked to wear it. Children will be directed on where to put their scooters on the day.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccine on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms. Could parents return their completed forms to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vaccinationhertfordshire@evguk.co.uk)

### **Attendance for this week**

Whole School Attendance - **88.1%**      Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling 01279 723 204, option 1 and then leaving a message on the absence line. If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

### **Birthdays this Week**

Isabelle – Emerald  
Harry - Emerald



### **Stars of the Week**

**Reception:** Arthur  
**Year 1:** Grace  
**Year 2:** Hudson  
**Year 3:** Jim  
**Year 4:** James  
**Year 5:** Teddy  
**Year 6:** Ava



**The 'Great Expectation' for next week is Maths.**

### **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**

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
09.10.20	Year 2 Scooter Training
14.10.20	PTA AGM (8 – 9.30pm)
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

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Jeremy Fisher