



# SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Spellbrook. The teachers and children are working hard and I have seen this week a concerted effort focus during lessons and presentation in books. I feel that content is very important, particularly with writing, but know that when the work looks as if care has gone into the presentation, the whole impact is greater. I have also seen that developing good habits such as careful letter formation early on in school make achieving well that much easier later on.

The teachers and I have been working on our contingency plans and if we do need to close classes or the school, you will be supplied with a log-on for your child to Microsoft Teams so that we can arrange some video contact to supplement and enhance the online learning that we will plan for your child.

We will be arranging parent and teacher consultations for after half term and the plan will be to schedule telephone calls. More information will be forth coming.

This week Father Simon came in to help celebrate harvest with us. He led collective worship sessions for different bubbles and also met the Reception children who shared the school prayer that they have just learned, with him. He, like us was very impressed with the generous donations to the food bank.

We have continued from last week to have our celebration assembly and presentation of certificates remotely with each class participating via video and from their own rooms. Thank you to the Head Boy and Girl, the prefects and the other pupil leaders, as well as the Diamond class staff for leading this.

Thank you to all of the parents who have come in for reviews. If any parent has a concern that their child may have a Special Educational Need, please contact our SENCO, Mrs Foster.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

## **Year 2 Scooter Training**



### **PTA Annual General Meeting**

The PTA AGM will be taking place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 8.00-9.30 pm** virtually via Zoom. Please see the link and details below:

**Meeting ID: 978 0159 9251**

**Password: 585775**

<https://nasdaq.zoom.us/j/97801599251?pwd=SW5BRzNSaWlSRG1RSmMrU3Q1NjhQQT09>

### **Harvest Festival Donations**

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who donated food items and toiletries as part of the Harvest Festival to Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

### **Deadline to submit Secondary School Applications**

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline to submit applications online is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. Parents can make an application online or on paper but Admissions would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team by contacting the Process Admissions Officer (contact details below).

Lorna McKay - [Lorna.McKay@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lorna.McKay@hertfordshire.gov.uk). Tel: 01992 556822 Ext: 56822

Any applications received after Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be considered as '**LATE**' applications and are considered after all of the on-time applications.

### **School Dinners**

Please see the menu for next week below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Burger in a Bun	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Beef	Chicken Pie	Pizza
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

### **Attendance for this week**

Whole School Attendance – 98.5%      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**

Melissa – Diamond  
Natasha – Diamond  
Georgia - Sapphire



### **Stars of the Week**

**Reception:** Martha  
**Year 1:** Tristan  
**Year 2:** Stanley H  
**Year 3:** Isabelle  
**Year 4:** Teddy L  
**Year 5:** Natasha  
**Year 6:** Rocco G



## **The 'Great Expectation' for next week is Manners.**

### **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**

14.10.20	PTA AGM (8 – 9.30pm) via Zoom
23.10.20	Inset
26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Half Term
31.10.20	Deadline to submit secondary school applications (Year 6)
02.11.20	Pupils return to school
13.11.20	Nasal Flu Vaccine (Rec – Y6)
18.12.20	Last Day of Term
21.12.20 – 01.01.21	Christmas Break
04.01.21	Inset
05.01.21	Inset
06.01.21	Pupils return to school
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	Half Term
22.02.21	Pupils return to school
19.03.21	Red Nose Day
26.03.21	Last Day of Term
29.03.21 – 09.04.21	Easter Break
12.04.21	Pupils return to school
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	Half Term
07.06.21	Occasional Day
08.06.21	Pupils return to school
22.07.21	Last Day of Term
23.07.21 – 31.08.21	Summer Break