



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents,

During this week of national anxiety and concern about the latest lockdown, the school has been an oasis of calm and business as usual.

The teachers and children are all getting on with the tasks of teaching and learning and I hope that you will all have booked telephone appointments for next week with the class teachers so that you can be fully in the picture regarding your child/ children's achievements and progress.

I have been delighted to see some excellent writing from Diamond class this week, with a lot of the class writing at a very high standard in terms of the vocabulary used, and their ability to create description.

I have also seen Emerald class demonstrating their memory of a key text and their ability to recall it using symbols as prompts. What was particularly pleasing, was seeing how much they enjoyed showing what they could do and how clearly they all felt pride in their work.

The teachers and I have spent time during our Inset Day and this week's staff meeting looking at our curriculum design and making changes and additions so that our teaching has progression and continuity throughout the school from EYFS to Year 6 and meets the needs of all of our learners in all of the subjects. We are very mindful that we want all of the children to develop a very strong understanding of the core skills of Maths and English, but also that the curriculum is motivating and broad so that different talents and abilities are fostered.

We have also been thinking ahead and planning events so that Christmas is celebrated and enjoyed in school. We will let you know more, nearer the time.

Latest information from the government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Temperature checking

From next week we will only be checking children's temperature if we have a concern or if they say they are feeling hot or if a parent requests that we do so. Please could you make sure that if your child does have signs of a fever that they are not sent into school. If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms, we request that you let us know immediately, keep your child off and book a test in order to be clear about whether they have Covid-19 or another illness.

New look to our website

We have a new look website. We are in the process of updating content, so you may come across pages that say they are being updated. If you do experience any problems accessing it, or are unable to find any information, please let us know.

We hope you all have a safe weekend, be careful with the fireworks and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 9th November 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

Parent Consultations

Due to the restrictions this year, we will be having our parent consultations by phone with each consultation lasting approximately 10 minutes. Consultations will take place next week. Appointment times have been sent home in children's book bags today. The deadline to return late appointment letters is Monday 9th November at 9.00 am.

Day	Time Slot	Class	Teacher
Monday 9th	3.00 - 5.00 pm	Emerald	Mrs McDonald
Tuesday 10th	9.00 - 12.00 pm	Diamond	Mrs Cook
Tuesday 10th	1.00 - 3.00 pm	Ruby	Mrs Le Duc
Tuesday 10th	3.00 - 5.00 pm	Sapphire	Mrs Smith
Wednesday 11th	1.00 - 4.00 pm	Sapphire	Mrs Smith
Wednesday 11th	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Diamond	Mrs Cook
Thursday 12th	1.00 - 4.00 pm	Emerald	Mrs McDonald
Thursday 12th	3.00 - 5.00 pm	Ruby	Miss Green

Super Star Sports Football Club

Super Star Sports are offering to run a football club twice a week, on a Tuesday and Thursday, for the next 6 weeks. This would help to provide afterschool care for the parents who need it and offer the children a fun and healthy activity which they will no longer be able to engage in outside of school due to the lockdown. Please see the details below:

Group 1 Bubble (Year 1 to 4)

Every Tuesday from 3.30-4.30 pm for 6 weeks, starting on 10th November 2020.

Group 2 Bubble (Year 5 & 6)

Every Tuesday from 3.30-4.30 pm for 6 weeks, starting on 12th November 2020.

Cost: £27 for 6 weeks.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be in school on **Friday 13th November** to administer the nasal flu spray. All late forms should be handed in by Thursday 12th November.

Well Bean Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has been cancelled due to the current lockdown restrictions. We are looking forward to the club resuming next year after the February half term.

Visitors in the building

If you have an appointment in school, could you kindly wear a mask when you enter the building and for the duration of your visit. At this time, we are trying to limit the number of people accessing the building. If you need to contact the office, please telephone or email - office@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 9th November 2020**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Burger in a Bun	Chicken Fillet & Rice	Roast Beef	Chicken Pie	Pizza
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

Attendance for this week

The attendance for the last half term was 97%, above our target of 96%. We would like to say a huge well done to the children for attending school regularly and thank you to parents for your support. The attendance this week is:

Whole School Attendance – 96.8% 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

Jasper (Diamond)
Ava (Diamond)
Sienna (Emerald)
Eshal (Emerald)
Amelie (Ruby)



Stars of the Week

Reception: Lisa
Year 1: Georgia
Year 2: Jacob
Year 3: Harry
Year 4: Ava
Year 5: Joe
Year 6: Leah



Head Boy/Girl Award: Hudson

The Collective Worship theme for this week was perseverance: running the race.

The 'Great Expectation' for next week is Thoughtfulness.

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

09.11.20 – 12.11.20	Parent Consultations
13.11.20	Nasal Flu Vaccine (Rec – Y6)
16.12.20	Bags 2 School
16.12.20	Christmas Dinner
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	Inset
23.02.21	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
08.07.21	Secondary Transfer Day
22.07.21	Last Day of Term
23.07.21 – 31.08.21	Summer Break