



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents,

Life goes on at Spellbrook. One of the best parts of my role is going around the school and having a look at what's going on in the classes. It enables me to develop an accurate picture of our provision and how the curriculum is developing. These are some highlights from this week's curriculum:

Ruby Class had a remote road safety session with Sarah Elliot, HCC Road safety Officer. She shared a story about travelling safely in a car. She talked to the children about the importance of wearing a seat belt properly and walking on the pavement.

Sapphire Class have been role playing "Florence Nightingale"



Emerald Class have been studying this very thought provoking book, "A Storm Called Katrina" by Myron Uhlberg in their whole class reading. It has brought up some rich discussion about living through a very difficult life experience. Emerald class have also been learning the glockenspiel in music and have all had the opportunity to play this particular instrument. They are covering early elements of Grade 1 music theory.

Diamond Class had a video discussion with a Professor of Marine Biology from Plymouth University. He explained all about evolution, inheritance and adaptation; their current science topic. The children were really engaged and asked excellent questions and made very thoughtful responses.



In our staff meeting, the teachers and I have been looking at the work across the school for science. We have seen that science is being covered well and the children are showing their knowledge and understanding in a range of ways.

As mentioned last week, we have just started to use Class Dojo. At the moment, we have only used this within the classroom but the app has the facility to do much more. We are now considering how best to use this app which can provide you with information about your own child's dojo points/merits and also as a tool for communication about their learning.

If we set up the individual student and family accounts, your child will be able to share what they're learning through photos, videos, and journal entries on their own digital portfolio. This can only be seen by your child, you, and their class teacher, and their class teacher will approve all posts. Your child will also be able to view their feedback from class and customize their Class Dojo monster. You will also be able to see 'class stories' from time to time where the teacher will post a little information about what the children have been doing in a particular lesson.

We welcome your thoughts/comments about the possibility outlined above. Please email the office for the attention of Mrs McDonald by 25th November. The links below provide more information:

<https://static.classdojo.com/img/2020/Resources/ClassDojo%20Back%20to%20School%20Night%20DojoDeck%202020.pdf>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzzb5cmNoc0&feature=emb_logo

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 23rd November 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

Christmas Dinner



We would like to invite the children who would normally have a packed lunch to join the rest of the school for this year's Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**. The meal costs £2.60 (£2.50 for nursery children) payable via School Gateway. School meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for those in receipt of free school meals. Order forms have been emailed to parents.

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 23rd November 2020**.

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

Attendance for this week

Whole School Attendance – 93.1% 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

Arthur (Ruby)
 Sabiha (Ruby)
 Kyle (Diamond)



Stars of the Week

Reception: Johnny
Year 1: Poppy
Year 2: Alice
Year 3: Sienna R
Year 4: Celia
Year 5: Paige
Year 6: Alfie



Head Girl/ Head Boy Award

Ava H

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been persevering. These are quotes from a few of the younger children:

"I persevered when I was learning to ride my bike. Even though I crashed a few times, I still persevered."

"I persevered when I was writing a story and my hand began to ache, but I kept writing anyway."

"I persevered when my mum left me to finish my dinner, and I ate it all up."

The 'Great Expectation' for next week is Problem Solving.

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

04.12.20	Christmas Decorations Morning
16.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.20	Bags 2 School
16.12.20	Christmas Dinner
17.12.20	Christingle Service
18.12.20	Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.30 pm.
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