

SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents,

This week has been a normal and busy week. We have had two new children join Ruby class, so welcome to them and their families.

Unfortunately, we have been short-staffed in the office. Ms Onyeka is well, but working from home as the school that one her children attends, has had to send children home to isolate. Please continue to send emails, as Ms Onyeka will respond to them. She is fulfilling her home-schooling duties so may not be able to respond immediately. If it is urgent, please phone the school.

This week, the teachers have received training on the use of the new Clever Touch boards that we now have. The boards enable teachers to work in very flexible ways, using websites and videos and other resources that they have planned for their lessons, enabling them to more easily integrate technology into their teaching.

The Governors met for their termly full Governing Body meeting this week. Heather Foster and Graham Swanton have been welcomed as new staff and parent representatives. As part of the role, the Governors monitor how the school is progressing in meeting the priorities and actions of the School Plan. The School Plan has the following priorities:

To ensure a high quality of education for all pupils in the school;

To ensure that behaviour and attitudes are at a consistently high standard throughout the school;

To ensure that provision for personal development demonstrates that the school consistently promotes the extensive personal development of all pupils;

To ensure that through effective leadership and management, the education that the school provides has a positive impact on all its pupils.

I am pleased with the progress that is being made in all of these areas and that we are finding solutions to the difficulties presented by Covid-19. Like most of you, we are just getting on with it. It has been hard to do all of the things that promote personal development, as we have not been able to be part of competitions, go out on trips and have a range of visitors into the school.



As mentioned last week, the teachers are finding ways to make sure the curriculum is stimulating and provokes thought. This week, as part of their topic "Climate and Weather", Emerald class have been learning all about the world's hottest, wettest places and finding out about monsoons and what it is like to live in these places. They have been lucky enough to speak with Mr Nicholson (Mrs McDonald's dad) who is an English Teacher in Vietnam. He showed Emerald Class a small remote village who have unfortunately been affected by a recent monsoon.



He explained to the class about where the villagers live, how the monsoon has devastated the village and how as part of the aid relief team, he was able to support the village with food and clothing donations.



This reinforces our focus on perseverance and provides a very up-to-date example of our values. Emerald Class have compiled a list of questions to send back to him and are awaiting his response next week!

We are also finding that Covid-19 has a significant impact on our wider communication with parents. Ordinarily, we would be inviting you all in to events and opportunities to see more of the activities in school. That is not something we can currently do, but we have been working on our school website and also planning ways to increase the opportunities for you to find out more about your child's experiences and learning at school. Please have a look at the new website (same website address). We would welcome feedback and any thoughts or questions about the content via emails to the office.

Also, as mentioned last week, we are now planning the use of the Class Dojo app as a tool for communication with parents. Please see the attached information and return the consent forms as soon as possible. Once we have the returned forms, we can send the log-in codes to parents.

Admissions for Reception in September 2021

If you know of any parents wanting Reception places for next September, please draw to their attention, the information and video on the ADMISSIONS page which is in the ABOUT US section on the school's website. Please see the link below:

<https://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions+%2D+Early+Years+%26amp%3B+In%2DYear&pid=84>

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 30th November 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 30th November 2020**.

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

Attendance for this week

Whole School Attendance – 95.9% 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

Harry (Ruby)



Stars of the Week

Reception: Amelie
Year 1: Grace
Year 2: Ewan
Year 3: Joshua
Year 4: Marlon
Year 5: Archie
Year 6: Melissa



Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been ‘perseverance – encouraging others’.

The ‘Great Expectation’ for next week is Quality.

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