



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

What an incredible week. I came in on Monday to lead training for the staff as part of the Inset Day to be delighted to see Christmas presents and cards on the table in the office. Due to my family isolating, this was the first time I had stepped in the building since the 11th December. It was strange but no less pleasing to receive these after Christmas and I know that many families will have gifts that did not get delivered within the usual period. Thank you for your generosity.

Having three teenagers in the house one can never have too many chocolate and biscuits and the other gifts, such as a very nice tie (and some socks – always socks) demonstrated such thoughtfulness and kindness.

As you will have realised, the week has resulted in many instances of responding to changing requirements and plans. The teachers responded swiftly to re-planning this week towards home learning and starting the preparations. Thank you for responding so swiftly and collecting resources. We are hoping that the books to work in will help the children to be organised and when we do return, these will be very useful for the teachers to see.



Key workers

We have had many more requests for key worker places than last time, and I hope those concerned understand why we have had to ask questions and request proof. It is our aim to keep the number of families travelling to and fro to a minimum and also to manage the key worker groups in school in a way that keeps them safe and enables them to have meaningful learning opportunities. I am also keen to enable the teachers to have the time to fully support and monitor the home learning.



Home Learning

I know that this can be very challenging for parents and we will do whatever we can to support. We have sent out information about a workshop for parents on **Monday 18th January via Zoom**.

Please also have a look at this free course for parents on “Directing Home Learning” that has a range of modules to support and guide parents. I have had a brief look and it does look very helpful and instructive.

<https://www.guideeducation.co.uk/parentsupport>

We have set up the ClassDojo app as this is a very simple way to communicate. Teachers will be sending class messages as well as individual ones and you and your child can message as well as share the work they are doing in their own portfolio. We also have the class emails as another way to communicate and messages to admin will be passed on.

Our curriculum plans will be on the website for each week and also are being posted on ClassDojo and whilst we are making full use of the online provision such as the Oak National Academy, we are also mindful that last

time we were in lockdown, many children missed the contact with their classmates and the teachers. That is why we are adding some live contact this time. For most children this will be a couple of times each week and the teachers should be sending information about the specific times. We know that next week, we are likely to experience a few issues and ask that everyone is patient and supportive as we establish this.

You have made an excellent start and the positive manner with which parents have returned to the home leaning is impressive and will benefit the children greatly. The teachers have been really pleased with the hard work already put in by the children and it has been great to see some lovely pieces of work. I hope your child is checking their Dojo points.

I am very grateful for the way that everyone has responded rapidly to the changes this week and hope that we will quickly establish routines that work for all of the children, whether in school or at home. We are here to help so please contact the staff or myself if you have any need of assistance and we will do our best to help.

Jeremy Fisher

Dinner Menu for Keyworkers Children

We will be providing free hot dinners to all children attending. Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 11th January 2021.**

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

PE Days

PE lessons will be taking place from next week in school for children who are attending. Could children come to school in their PE uniforms on the following days please.

Diamond Class – Thursday

Emerald Class – Thursday

Sapphire Class – Friday

Ruby Class – Friday



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SURVIVING HOME SCHOOLING



An online workshop for parents & carers of children in KS2 (age 7-11)
Delivered by one of Hertfordshire's Top Parent Coaches and ex-school teacher



Topics include:

- Tried and tested tips on motivation strategies that work
- Tips on dealing with resistance
- The power of positive language
- Strategies and practical tips on routines
- Take the stress out of home schooling
And much more!



Time: 7.00pm– 9.00pm

Date: Monday 18th January 2021

Price : £5.00 per household

Join us on this virtual workshop via zoom video conferencing. Access Information using a PC or Smartphone will be provided if this is new to you.

BOOKING INFORMATION!!!

To request a booking form please contact Jo at Aspects by emailing **admin@aspects.org.uk** Including the name of your child's school.

Spaces are limited and can only be allocated to parents of children who attend one of our subscribing schools.

