



## NEWSLETTER 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer break. I was able to enjoy camping in Cornwall with my family and the weather was mixed but generally okay. We did get into the sea a couple of times and it was, as you expect pretty bracing. Having recharged the batteries, I am now looking ahead to what I am sure will be another eventful and successful school year.

We are all really pleased to be back and trust that this year will be a smoother one that enables all of the activities to go ahead. We will be planning trips and visits and bringing people into the school to enhance our curriculum. No longer requiring the bubbles will make the running of the school day much more straightforward. To be able to be together as a whole school, whether on the field and playground, in the dining hall or in whole school assemblies is great and it's a real pleasure to have that whole school feeling. As I joined the school during the first lockdown, I have felt the lack of that at times and feel it is so much part of our ethos and identity.

I am very aware that the Coronavirus is still out there and that it could still have a challenging impact on us personally as well as on the life of the school and will be balancing this awareness with the intention to ensure that all of the children's experiences are fun and purposeful and that the opportunities we provide engage and inspire them all. If at any time you feel that the school does not have the right balance, please speak to me and I will consider your views and opinions.

I am pleased that we will be able to have parents more involved in school and able to be part of activities again. Next week I will send out some information about a position on our Governing Body for a parent governor and if you feel this may be for you, please contact myself or another of the governors for a chat (details are on the website).

We have welcomed two new staff to the team, Lucy Keeble who is teaching in Emerald class on Friday's and Tea Prow who is a new teaching assistant mainly working in KS2. We will be holding 'meet the teacher' sessions after school on the following days and the teachers would love to see you and share some useful information about the year ahead. These will be from 3:30. We are intending to hold these meetings in the classrooms and would like to keep numbers down by asking for just one parent per child (masks preferred please) and we will provide supervision on the field for any children.

- **Diamond: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Sapphire: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Emerald: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Value this term is thankfulness and we will be focusing on the many positives that we can be grateful and thankful for, including a focus on harvest later on during this half term.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Fisher

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



*Fr Simon writes:*

I hope you've all managed to find a bit of rest and relaxation during the summer holidays and, as a school community, are raring to get stuck into the new school year.

virus. Time will tell.

Despite the current gently rising levels of Covid in the wider community, with statistics showing the correlation between those who've had two vaccine jabs and lower levels of severe illness from Covid or worse, it feels like we may finally be able to control the

At Great St Mary's, the new academic year seems an appropriate time to be making further tentative steps towards unrestricted living - particularly as this Sunday is our patronal festival when we celebrate the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She's the 'patron saint' of our church here in Sawbridgeworth.

So, from this Sunday, we're going to be relaxing the need to wear facemasks during worship - though we'll continue to encourage social distancing

And after Sunday's main 9.30am service, during which the children's Sunday Club will be running again, we'll see the return of after-service drinks in Church House. Being our patronal festival, we're going to be gathering at 12.30pm for a bring-your-own picnic lunch, before we end the church day with a festal choral evensong with the choir at 3.30pm.



The weather looks promising, so I do hope you'll come along to some or all of the celebrations.

God bless  
*Fr Simon*

### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Year 1

- ✚ Harry P for settling into Sapphire class brilliantly.

#### Year 2

- ✚ Louis for starting Year 2 with a positive and hard-working attitude.

#### Year 3

- ✚ Lorcan for helping his friend when he was struggling.

#### Year 4

- ✚ Isabelle for engaging with her learning and contributing.

#### Year 5

- ✚ Bobby for excellent participation in lessons.

#### Year 6

- ✚ Kimora-Lee for superb presentation and enthusiasm in her work.

### PE DAYS

**Ruby Class** – Tuesday & Thursday

**Sapphire Class** – Tuesday & Thursday

**Emerald Class** – Wednesday & Friday

**Diamond Class** – Monday & Wednesday

**Children should come to school dressed in the PE kit. As the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child wears warm clothing i.e. navy blue PE joggers/zip-up hooded jacket and a weather-proof coat.**



## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs with Rice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Veggie Mince Fajitas (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Beany Bolognese (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pasta Carbonara (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
13/09/21	Bag 2 School
13/09/21	Diamond - Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
14/09/21	Sapphire – Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
15/09/21	Emerald – Meet the Teacher @ 3.30
20/09/21	Emerald trip to Celtic Harmony
08/10/21	Year 6 – School Nurse visit
11/10/21	Individual/Sibling Photos
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
21/12/21	Last Day of Term
05/01/22	Inset 3
06/01/22	First Day Back
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
21/07/22	Last Day of Term
22/07/22	Occasional Day

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**SPELLBROOK  
PTA**



**Monday 13th September**

CLOTHING    SHOES  
BAGS    JEWELLERY  
SOFT TOYS    CURTAINS  
TOWELS    BED SHEETS

**Please switch off  
engine when parked**



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