



NEWSLETTER 17th September 2021

VALUE: Thankfulness

"Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God." *Philippians 1.3*

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." ~ Henri Frederic Amiel



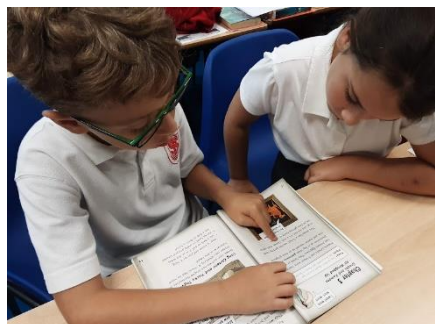
Counting activity on the Clever Touch Screen



Buddy Reading

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week, the Reception children have started their full days. They are settling into their class exceedingly well and as part of supporting their social integration into the school, they met their Diamond Class buddies today. The older buddies all thoroughly enjoyed being responsible and helpful and playing in the Reception outdoor area. We have reserve buddies in mind for when the allure of football with classmates becomes too much and the novelty wears off (as it may for some). It is great to see the family feel re-establishing after the isolation of last year.



Another example of this is the buddy reading. Children are thoughtfully paired up to provide an opportunity for older children to

provide a role model of fluent reading to younger ones and provide specific help. This will be a weekly event and I am sure will have a positive impact on the progress made in reading by the younger ones. Just a quick nag that we really need you to read with your child most nights as this has a huge impact on this vital skill (and please sign the book).

Diamond class have led the way in voting for a range of positions of responsibility. We have a number of different teams and roles as we want to encourage them all in their own development of leadership and communication skills and to build on different strengths and abilities.

Well done to Marcia and Marlon who were chosen as Prefects and Mya and Arlo for being selected as the Senior Prefects. Well done also to Charlie Sh, Josh, Archie and Teddy who are the new sports captains. The senior prefects have already been busy writing certificates that they, and the other prefects will be presenting in this afternoon's celebration assembly. More information about some of the other teams including a full list of who is taking all of the different roles will be shared with you next week.

I am aware that they are all eagerly awaiting their badges, which are on order. The new position of Spellbrook Journalists has been filled by Frank and Natasha and their first report is included below.

Just a reminder that the closing date for nominations for parent governor is Friday 24th September.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Stone age necklaces



DEMOCRACY AT SPELLBROOK



We have been voting this week for remarkable roles of responsibility. We have been busy, working on our amazing speeches, which we read to our classes. We have appointed prefects, senior prefects, sports captains, School Council, Eco Team and our incredible journalists.

REPORT BY SPELLBROOK JOURNALISTS: FRANK & NATASHA

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Revd Debbie writes:

Last weekend, I went to the Scarecrow Festival at High Wych. As well as more traditional scarecrows, there were some amazing straw creations of Peter Rabbit, The Owl and the Pussy Cat, Popeye, and Postman Pat to name but a few. It reminded me of Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz* and Worzel Gummidge, with their straw brains.



Their lack of brains - or lack of wisdom - is something I know I lack at times in my own life. In those moments, I wish I could screw on my thinking head, just as Worzel Gummidge does at times when he needs an added boost of intelligence. Or perhaps I should just turn to the Bible's book of Wisdom.

The book of Wisdom gets the reader to desire a life of virtue over wickedness. It served to call God's chosen people from falling away from their faith in God in exchange for the faulty wisdom of the world. The text also serves as a warning to us today: it's easy to place ourselves in the position of the righteous and feel as though the rest of the world is unwise, ungodly and seeking our ruin.



So, before we think too badly of the world - or too highly of ourselves - perhaps we should stop and remember Scarecrow and Worzel. Both remind us not only that we do sometimes speak without engaging our brains but that we need to choose to use our brains for good purposes.

God bless,
Revd Debbie

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

- ✦ Lucas for always helping, especially as a friend.

Year 1

- ✦ Lisa for always listening beautifully on the carpet.

Year 2

- ✦ Harry F for being more focused when working independently.

Year 3

- ✦ Jacob for fantastic ideas on his thinking side during English.



Year 4

- ✦ Maizee-Leigh for overcoming her fear of going swimming.

Year 5

- ✦ Olivia for becoming more confident in her learning.

Year 6

- ✦ George for his helpfulness in class all week.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Year 4
Joshua



Year 5
Charlie Sa
Marlon

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 their 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.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance - 92.3%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Attendance Ladder



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.

NOTICES

- ✦ **Emerald Trip to Celtic Harmony** is on **Monday 20th September**. The children will be leaving school at **9.10 am** and returning by **3.40 pm**.

- ✦ **Afterschool Sports Clubs** – the school now runs afterschool clubs on a **Tuesday (Reception to Year 2)** and **Wednesday (Year 3 to 6)** from **3.30-4.30 pm**. The cost of the clubs is **£2** per day. Bookings can be made on School Gateway.

- ✦ **Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent** – if you have not yet returned the form, please complete and return to school by **Monday 20th September**. ***This needs to be completed even if you are opting out.***

- ✦ **Year 1 to 3 Trip to Sealife Adventure** – the trip has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 5th October**. Children will be leaving school at **9.00 am** and returning by **3.15 pm**. All children should be in full uniform.

- ✦ **PTA Bags to School** – a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who donated items. The PTA raised **£75!**

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Sausages (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Fillet with Rice (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Roll with Diced Potatoes (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salmon Fish Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
20/09/21	Emerald trip to Celtic Harmony
05/10/21	Year 1 to 3 Trip to Southend
08/10/21	Year 6 – School Nurse Visit
11/10/21	Individual/Sibling Photos
20/10/21	Nasal Flu Vaccine – Rec to Year 6
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson
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
20/07/22	Last Day of Term
21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Please park SAFELY

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please switch off engine when parked



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SPELLBROOK PTA 2020/21 IN REVIEW

HOW DID WE FUNDRAISE?



£168

XMAS GIFT
SHOP

£229 FATHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

£206 MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

£153

BAGS TO
SCHOOL



£73

NON UNIFORM DAY



£203

EASTER EGG HUNT

£58 SO FAR

BOUNCY DAY

HOT CHOCOLATE IN
THE WOODS

£32

SCHOOL UNIFORM

LIBRARY BOOKS

TABLETS

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



SPENT

£4,211



THANK YOU!!!!



Hockerill
Anglo-European College



OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 7 2022 ENTRY

0845hrs Saturday 25 September
for Year 6 students only

Join us at one of 4 timeslots from 0845hrs for the
Principal's presentation and
a tour of the College.

There will be a chance to meet current students
and find out more about life at Hockerill.

You must register to attend
Go to www.hockerill.com
and select a timeslot to attend the presentation

If you have any questions please contact
admissions@hockerill.com

CREATING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER FAMILIES...

Join our FREE, family-focused healthy lifestyles
groups this September.

Our team of family wellbeing experts and nutritionists
make learning about healthy living fun and engaging.

Choose from after-school sessions running across Hertfordshire, or online
courses which you can do from home.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>WELWYN GARDEN CITY Ridgegway Academy 17:00 - 19:00 Age 5 - 15</p>	<p>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD The Hemel Hempstead School 17:00 - 19:00 Age 5 - 15</p>		<p>STEVENAGE Barnwell Middle School 17:30 - 19:30 Age 5 - 15</p>
<p>BOREHAMWOOD Allum Hall 17:00 - 19:00 Age 5 - 15</p>	<p>SOUTH OXHEY Oxhey Wood Primary School 17:30 - 19:30 Age 5 - 15</p>		
<p>ONLINE 16:45 - 18:00 Age 5 - 8</p>	<p>ONLINE 18:00 - 19:15 Age 9 - 12</p>	<p>ONLINE 17:45 - 19:00 Age 9 - 12</p>	

Courses begin week of 20th September 2021

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE!](#)



beezeebodies.com

01707 248648



https://beezeebodies.com/programs/families-live/?utm_source=parent-mail&utm_medium=email&utm_content=june&utm_campaign=herts



The Hertfordshire & Essex High School
and Science College

'...an outstanding school with an outstanding Sixth Form.' Ofsted

Thursday 23 September 2021

17:30 - 20:30

Presentations by Executive Headteacher, Cathy Tooze
at 17:30, 18:15, 19:00 and 19:45

Musical and Sporting Aptitude Tests:
Saturday 9 October 2021

Warwick Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5NJ; tel 01279 654127
e: admin@hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk



OPEN MORNING Saturday 25th September 2021 8.30am-12pm

Presentations & Tours will run throughout the morning

Please register for this event via our website www.hockerill.com

Language & Music Aptitude Tests: Saturday 2nd October

(The deadline for registering for the Aptitude Test is 9am on Monday 27th September. Details can be found on our website)

Principal: **Mr David Woods**

Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5HX Tel 01279 658451

www.hockerill.com email: admissions@hockerill.com **Day and Boarding Places**



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy



Thursday 16th September 2021
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Headteacher talks: 6.00pm, 6.40pm, 7.20pm
and 8.00pm

Musical Aptitude Test: Saturday 9th October

Headteacher: Malcolm White

Cambridge Road, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9BY

tel: 01279 836633 email: education@leventhorpe.net

web: www.leventhorpe.net

Ofsted 2012: 'Leventhorpe is an outstanding School with an outstanding Sixth Form'



BISHOP'S STORTFORD
EDUCATIONAL TRUST

**The Bishop's Stortford and
Sawbridgeworth
Consortium**

Year 6 students and their parents are invited to
transition events for the September 2022 intake.

For schools hosting onsite: we request that
parents of students in other year groups do not
attend due to our desire to mitigate against Covid
risks; capacity limits may be put in place.

Plans are subject to change and virtual alterna-
tives will be used depending on Covid issues.

See school websites for up to date plans
and schedules.



St Mary's Catholic School

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

4.30-8.30pm

To attend our Open Evening, please visit our website

www.stmarys.net

'Pupils enjoy coming to school and are very proud to be part of the community'

"There is a relentless pursuit of excellence"



Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 2NQ

Email: info@stmarys.net Tel: 01279 654901



**THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD
HIGH SCHOOL**



'An Outstanding School' - Ofsted, March 2017

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Doors open 5:30pm - 8:45pm

Headteacher presentations:

5:45pm, 6:35pm, 7:25pm and 8:15pm

London Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3LU

Headteacher: Mr Dale Reeve BSc (Hons)

email: office@bshs.org, Telephone: 01279 868686

Music Aptitude Test - Saturday 9th October, 2021

Sporting Aptitude Test - Tuesday 12th October, 2021

Please be aware that parking on the school site is limited.



Bishop's Stortford College

Co-educational Day and Boarding 4 - 18 years

Open Morning for all stages of entry

Saturday 25th September 2021

To attend an Open Morning or arrange a private tour please visit

www.bishopsstortfordcollege.org

Bursaries available from Lower Shell (Year 3)

Head: Kathy Crewe-Read

School House, Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2PQ

Tel: 01279 838 575



Birchwood High School

Thursday 30th September 2021

4:30pm-8:30pm

Principal's talks 5pm / 5:45pm / 6:30pm / 7:15pm

Seats limited to 150 per talk to facilitate social distancing

Principal Dr. Chris Ingate

Parsonage Lane, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5BD

Tel: 01279 655936

Website: www.birchwoodonline.co.uk



'A Good School with Outstanding Features'
(June 2019). A Great School in the making.



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Come and Grow After-School with Well Bean Gardening

Wednesday September 22 - October 20 from 3.20pm to 4.30pm



- Open to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
- £25 for the five-week half-term
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
Working in the school garden
Planting and growing flowers and food
Working towards RHS Campaign for School Gardening Awards

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office in an envelope clearly marked FAO: Well Bean Gardening with £25 cash; a cheque made payable to Wendy Gordon or via BACS: Mrs W L Gordon /27441520/07-04-36 (Please use your name as reference) by Monday September 20.

It's important that you return the slip below for safeguarding and emergency contact

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of:

*Your child's safety is a priority but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

At 4.30pm my child will be picked up by:

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (please check it out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used please tick the box:
(Please note that children are never named)

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RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 20 WITH PAYMENT OF £25

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
www.wellbeangardening.com

SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL STREET DANCE CLUB

WITH AWARD WINNING DANCE COMPANY: HIP HOP POP
MONDAYS 3.30pm - 4.15pm for YEARS 1 to 6



"The coolest club ever!!!"

Participant age 9

"Our daughter has completely fallen in love with hip hop. She looks forward to her lesson every week. Great class and fantastic teacher"

Parent of participant

CLUB DATES & INFO:

Every week 20th Sep to 6th Dec
(excluding 25th Oct half term)

CLUB PRICE:

£44.00 which equates to £4.00 per class, £15 non-refundable deposit). Fees can be paid in full or in two instalments of £15 and £29.00. If paying in instalments, full fees must be paid by 5th Nov. 10% off for families booking for more than 1 child discount code: SIBLINGDISCOUNT if booking online

NOTE: Places are 1st come, 1st served, spaces are limited, forms must be completed 3 days prior to club start date, you will be contacted to confirm if you have a place.

BOOK ONLINE

WWW.HIPHOPPOP.NET/SCHOOLS
OR USE THE QR CODE



SCAN ME

OR USE THIS REPLY SLIP: Spellbrook Street Dance Club for Years 1-6 Sep to Dec 2021

Please return this slip with payment (via cash / cheque made payable to Hip Hop Pop Schools Clubs Ltd) to the School Office by 3 days before the club start date, in an envelope marked with your child's name and Hip Hop Pop.

Student Name	Male/Female/Prefer Not To Say	
D.O.B		
Address		
Parent/Guardian Name		
Emergency Contact Number		
Alternative Number		
Email Address		
Medical Conditions?		
Signed by parent / guardian to confirm you have read Terms of Club at www.hiphoppop.net/terms	PLEASE SIGN:	PLEASE DATE:
Your consent is needed... We would love to send you news and info about other Hip Hop Pop activities that may benefit you or your child. Please tick YES to receive this. You can opt out at anytime by emailing us.	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>	
How much are you paying today?	£15 Deposit: <input type="checkbox"/> (£13.50 if sibling discount applied)	Full Amount: <input type="checkbox"/>

www.hiphoppop.net/schools - @hphpschoolclubs - sinc@hiphoppop.net - 07977 980106



Bishop's Stortford Music Centre



Our Groups...

FRIDAY

- 16.30-17.00 Junior Brass Group
For all brass players who know five notes and more
- 17.30-18.30 Training Band
Grade 1+

SATURDAY

- 09.00-09.45 Junior Music Group*
- 09.15-09.45 Junior Strings Grade 1-3/4
- 09.45-10.45 Senior Wind Band Grade 4/5+
- 10.00-10.45 Senior Strings Grade 4/5+
- 10.45-11.00 Break and Tuck Shop
- 11.00-11.45 Orchestra
- 11.00-11.30 Flute Choir Grade 1+

* for children up to 7

For further details on all of our one to one tuition please contact us!

Email: bstortfordmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

01992 555532

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FRIDAY EVENING &
SATURDAY MORNING
**MUSIC
SCHOOL**
For Young Musicians Aged 4 to 18

At Birchwood High School
Parsonage Lane
Bishop's Stortford
Hertfordshire CM23 5BD

- Do you play an instrument?
- Are you aged between 4 and 18?
- Would you like to join a music group?
- Would you like to have fun making music with people your own age?

TechSafe

An interactive workshop for parents & carers of East Herts (children aged 5-11)

Keeping SEND Families Safe Online

Date: Friday 5th November 2021

Time: 10am - 12pm

Price: FREE (funded by East Herts Council)

Children & young people with SEND are twice as likely to be cyberbullied than their peers

In this interactive workshop, delivered via Zoom, we will:

- look at the risks associated with going online for children and young people with SEND
 - discuss the benefits of going online for children and young people with SEND
 - tips on how to talk to your child about online safety
 - tips on how to develop your child's digital resilience
 - identify solutions and strategies
 - look at a variety of SEND specific online safety resources
- signpost where to get more help



To book this FREE interactive session funded by East Herts Council, please email: admin@aspects.org.uk

or call 01279 758134



UK Council for
Internet Safety

