



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER 24th September 2021

VALUE: Thankfulness

'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5:20

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." — William Arthur Ward



Working hard in Reception



Partner work in Maths - Sapphire Class

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Over the summer break we spent time reviewing the previous year and now that the term has settled in I wanted to share some of that with you. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the Chair of the Governors, on behalf of the Governing body, with her comments.

We evaluated the intended actions and identified what we had completed and what needed further attention. The lost time due to restrictions and lock-downs has quite unsurprisingly meant that some plans will need further implementation time. I am very pleased with the way that the school community managed the constant changes and the mutual support and teamwork that was continuously evident was superb. I am reassured that despite the situation, we were able to make a lot of progress with our key intentions.

The quality of teaching has continued to be a focus, with a great deal of emphasis on the core subjects. Your children will be able to tell you about Read, Write, Inc. (if in EYFS or KS1), the Write Stuff, Whole Class Reading (WCR) and Power Maths. These approaches are working very well for most of the children and we have systems in place for those who need extra support. This year we are building on this by adding a specific spelling approach for KS2 that links closely with the Write Stuff approach and builds on the phonics of RWI. We are also putting extra time into handwriting so that the children write fluently with presentation that shows high expectations. For Maths, we have extra teaching support from Mrs Walton and in EYFS and KS1 are trialling a highly recommended approach to increasing number fluency, called Understanding Number.

We have developed our whole school curriculum maps so that all of the subjects have the time and focus built in for the children to develop knowledge and skills. We have made links between subjects as this helps children to build a strong understanding and retain the information. We have thought about the vocabulary that children need and this year we will be spending more time, ensuring the children extend their knowledge of subject specific words and are able to explain their thinking clearly. As you can imagine there are a lot of words to learn for each subject area. We are now able to get back to a full enrichment timetables with special focus weeks, visits

and visitors and thank you for your support with the financial side of some of these. Please remember that if that becomes a problem, do come and speak to me.

As we have such a small team, each teacher has a number of roles leading curriculum areas and they have all done an excellent job with the mapping and identifying the outcomes and vocabulary. They have also focused on the impact of the teaching by looking at books, watching lessons and talking to the children. The Governors were able to be part of this and now that the covid-19 restrictions have eased, they will be able to do that more easily. A School Improvement Advisor from HFL (Herts for Learning) comes in regularly to add her expertise to this monitoring and provide reports and information to add to the evaluations and to validate the quality of our development work.

Our systems for working with children who have SEND developed very well last year and Mrs Smith and I will be working together so that they continue to be of a high standard. If you do have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher or either one of us.

There are significant changes to the Early Years Framework that we follow in Reception and the Nursery and we will be working on that throughout the year. The aim is to improve the integration of the EYFS with the Key Stage 1 and therefore build more effectively on those foundations. We are also hoping to have more Nursery children as the year progresses, so if you know of any parents looking for nursery place, please point them in our direction.

I would like to thank the parents that do so much to support their children's learning and one of the ways to make the greatest impact is by reading. If you are not reading with your children for a few minutes most nights, please do so. The difference it makes is so significant. Also we are finding that some children need to spend more time on writing skills, particularly careful formation of letters. We are asking some parents to help with this as little and often work.

Thank you for your continued support. Now that the restrictions are less impactful, I am happy to see parents with any issues and concerns, so if you need to, please do get in touch.

Have a great weekend and stay safe,

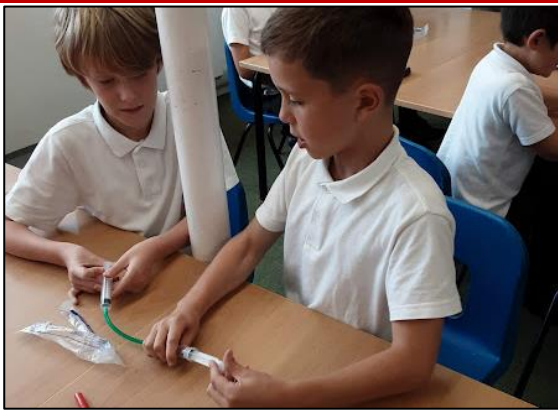
Jeremy Fisher

Exploring Pneumatics in Science



Enrichment activity to develop an understanding of events in our story – Making and floating rafts.





MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon, our Vicar and governor, writes:

This Sunday at Great St Mary's we're going to be celebrating the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. No, this isn't the Church's annual adoration of Marks and Spencer and their staff. It's an opportunity to honour St Michael, the greatest of all the archangels, and all those other celestial beings scattered through the pages of the Bible who do God's bidding.

St Michael has been venerated since the earliest times of the Christian Church. Indeed, the feast is sometimes known as 'Michaelmas', which comes from the shortening of the two words 'Michael's Mass', in the same way that 'Christ's Mass' was shortened to 'Christmas'.

As well as being the patron saint of police officers and the military, St Michael keeps a careful watch on, amongst others, Vatican City, Germany, France, Dumfries in Scotland, and the sick.

One of the most famous images of St Michael hangs on the wall outside Coventry Cathedral. 'St Michael's Victory over the Devil' was created in 1958 by the great sculptor Sir Jacob Epstein. It's a fitting symbol of the triumph of good over evil following the destruction of the city and old cathedral by the Nazi Luftwaffe in World War II, and the rising from the ruins of Sir Basil Spence's new cathedral.

And that message of good defeating evil is at the heart of our Bible readings this Sunday. With the help of the angels, Christians are called to continue bringing kindness into this world - though, admittedly, we too often fail at that task. Even so, every drop of kindness each of us can bring into the world helps to create an ocean of goodness and peace for benefit of all.

Yours in Christ

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✦ Connor for brilliant concentration in Fizzy Fingers.

Sapphire

- ✦ Grace for her amazing homework.
- ✦ Dylan for building in confidence.

Emerald

- ✦ Stanley T for superb effort during his swimming lesson this week.



Emerald

- ✦ Oscar for great team work on our school trip.

Diamond

- ✦ Eshal for great effort in all her work.
- ✦ Charlie C for being an amazing role model and friend to the younger children.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Year 4
Finley M



Year 6
Arlo B

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 - 91.4%

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

- ✦ **Harvest Festival Service** is on **Friday 1st October** from **2.15 to 3.00 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. Parents and carers are invited to attend. The children will be travelling by coach to the church. Parents will need to pick up from the church at 3.00 pm. We welcome donations of food items listed in the letter sent out, to be brought in on the day.

- ✦ **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.

- ✦ **Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Day** is on **Thursday 7th October**. The cost of this delicious two course meal remains the same as the school's normal price of £2.65. No additional costs are incurred. There is also no need to pre-order your child's meal. Please ensure your School Gateway account has enough funds to cover the cost of the meal. There is no charge for Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception to Year 2) or benefit related Free Meal entitlements.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
01/10/21	Harvest Festival Service at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth
05/10/21	Year 1 to 3 Trip to Southend
07/10/21	Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Day
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

THE STONE AGE



This Monday, Emerald Class went to an incredible school trip about the stone age and how they worked and lived.

The children loved Gerald the pheasant, who lived at the Celtic Harmony Camp. They were making amazing stick dens/. They learned how to make fire. They were trading stuff, gathering mushrooms for food but they didn't eat them because they might have been poisonous. They were hunters as well as gatherers

We asked them about it and they told us

"It was fun, amazing, incredible"

"We loved the gift shop" – like always.

"The deadly spear throwing was fun."



By Frank and Natasha
(Spellbrook Journalists)



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](https://www.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



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 - @hpschoolclubs - sinc@hiphoppop.net - 07977 980106

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

Do you have the skills to make your very own movie costume from scratch which is worthy of the big screen?

If you're aged between 7-12 and would like the chance to be a part of our show, then get a parent or guardian to email the address below and we'll send you more details on how to get involved.

casting@thechancercollective.com

TechSafe

An interactive workshop for parents & carers of East Herts
(children aged 5-11 with or without diagnosis)

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






CITV
BE ON TV!

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
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FROM YOU!**

Do you love animation? If so, here's a chance to have your very own home made animations featured on Mini Movies for CITV!

It's fun and simple to do. So if you're aged between 7-12 and would like the chance to be a part of our show, then get a parent or guardian to email the address below and we'll send you more details on how to get involved.

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**THE VOICE KIDS 2022
APPLY NOW!**

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

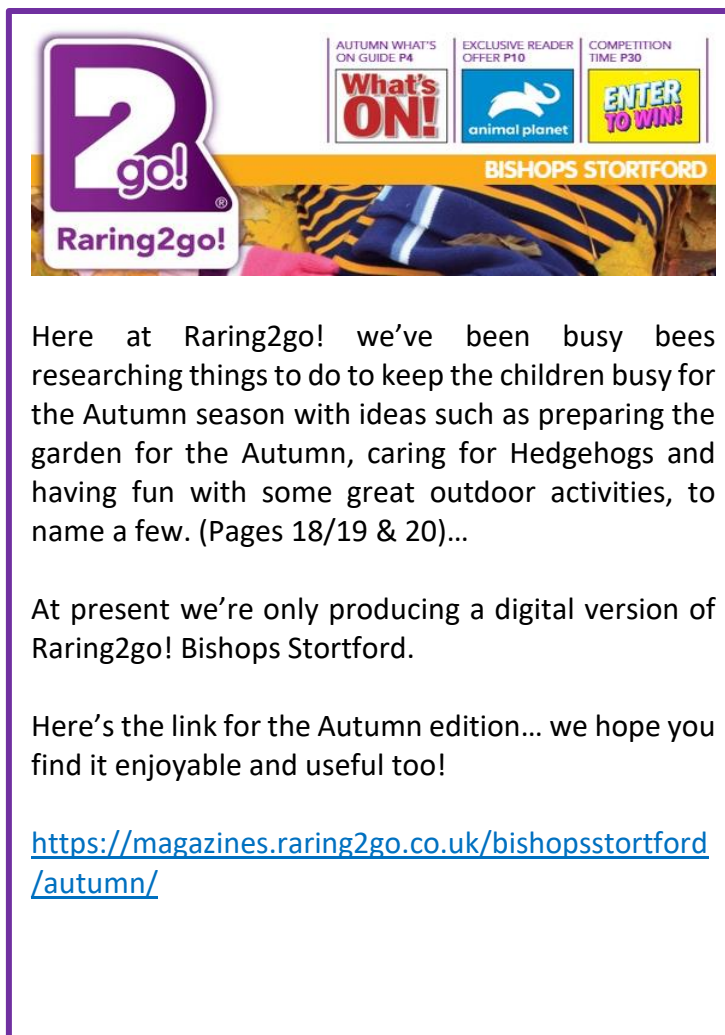
For more information about how to enter go to
itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids
or **stv.tv/voicekids**

Applications close on
Friday 29th October 2021

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).
Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.

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What's ON!

EXCLUSIVE READER OFFER P10
animal planet

COMPETITION TIME P30
ENTER TO WIN!

BISHOPS STORTFORD

Here at Raring2go! we've been busy bees researching things to do to keep the children busy for the Autumn season with ideas such as preparing the garden for the Autumn, caring for Hedgehogs and having fun with some great outdoor activities, to name a few. (Pages 18/19 & 20)...

At present we're only producing a digital version of Raring2go! Bishops Stortford.

Here's the link for the Autumn edition... we hope you find it enjoyable and useful too!

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bishopsstortford/autumn/>



CITV
BE ON TV!

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

Do you have a brilliant idea for a new movie? Is it a musical, a horror, a space adventure?

Here's your chance to pitch it on our new show **Mini Movies**.

If you're aged between 7-12 and would like the chance to be a part of our show, then get a parent or guardian to email the address below and we'll send you more details on how to get involved.

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Teasel Productions and Hertfordshire Libraries Present



A family theatre mystery
for children
aged 7 to 11

BOOK SLEUTHS in a BIND A Very PUZZLING CASE

Touring Herts Libraries
**Saturday 23rd October -
Sunday 31st October**



Book Sleuths in a Bind – Interactive family theatre for KS2 this October half term

We are excited to announce a brand-new live theatre event aimed at children in KS2 and their families, taking place in 17 of our libraries during the October half term holiday.

Hertfordshire Libraries are working with Hertfordshire-based Teasel Productions to develop *Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case*, an interactive family theatre mystery for children aged 7 to 11.

Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case, Live Theatre at Bishop's Stortford Library



A brand-new, interactive theatre show for families is coming to Bishop's Stortford Library this October half term.

A most curious disappearance has occurred at the library. Fortunately, Hertfordshire's finest Book Sleuths – Ally and Sam – are ready to take on the case! However, they need some extra help...

By working with our Sleuths to crack codes, unravel riddles and pore over puzzles, can you help them solve this Very Puzzling Case?

Designed for families of all kinds with children aged 7 to 11, this show is being created exclusively for Hertfordshire Libraries by local professional theatre company Teasel Productions, funded by Arts Council England.

Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case will be at Bishop's Stortford Library on **Sunday 31st October 2021 at 3pm.**