



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER - 1st October 2021

VALUE: Thankfulness

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

"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude, it's gratitude that brings us happiness."



Joining in with Harold the Giraffe and Nancy



Visually-impaired football and sit-down volleyball

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

There has been a lot going on this week. We now have another parent on our Governing Body, Mrs Elspeth Booth and a new staff governor, Mrs Sarah Cook. I am grateful to them both for stepping forward and supporting the work of the school in this way.



We had PSHE live lessons on the screens in the classrooms and a number of parents joined at lunchtime for a presentation about the Coram Life programme, SCARF that we follow.

During the week that we shall be celebrating Harvest at Great St Mary's Church, it was most timely to see the gardening club harvesting some of the vegetables they had grown amongst the flowers at the front of the school. They enjoyed picking the sweetcorn and emptying the potato bags then cooking and eating them with lots of butter. They kindly shared and I must say that the sweetcorn was most delicious.



On Thursday, the children had a fantastic time learning some adapted and inclusive games. These are all games that are played at the Paralympics and can be played by anyone, including those with disabilities. The coaches who came have different disabilities. The sports included sit-down volleyball, Boccia and visually-impaired football.

The children got really into the games. Many said that trying to kick or save a ball (even one with a bell in) whilst wearing a blindfold was a completely new and strange experience. The coach was impressed with the number of children who scored. One group managed the all-time school record of over 350 consecutive passes of the volleyball and were very proud.

The children were also fascinated with Mark's prosthetic leg and enjoyed asking questions including whether that made him a cyborg. He answered happily and with humour and showed his party trick of twisting the leg all the way round. It is part of our vision to help the children to accept that disabilities don't prevent people from achieving.

Today were very much looking forward to the Harvest Service and hope that many of you will be with us. What a busy week!

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher

Sit-down volleyball



Boccia



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

On Sunday, we shall be coming together at Great St Mary's for our harvest thanksgiving service, to thank God for all that he continues to do for us, to express our gratitude for all the blessings we've received, and to continue committing ourselves to the service of others.

That will be after we've had our Spellbrook Harvest Worship in church this afternoon, when I'm looking forward to welcoming the pupils and teachers to the church once again after such a long time away due to the pandemic.



At both services, we'll be offering our thanks in more than word, song and prayer. We'll be doing it practically too, by bringing along some produce which will be delivered to Harlow Foodbank. Harlow Foodbank not only supports the people of Harlow and Sawbridgeworth but also supports the foodbank in Bishop's

Stortford. With the furlough scheme ending and Universal Credit payments dropping by £20 a week, the foodbank, along with other voluntary support agencies, is finding demand as high as ever.

So, as the nights get darker and the days colder, and with the resulting higher costs of lighting and heating, I hope, if you are able, you will feel it appropriate to give you support to such good causes.

God bless

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Luna for good learning behaviours.

Sapphire

- ✚ Amelie for creative writing.
- ✚ Henry for effort in Maths fluency.



Emerald

- ✚ Elise for trying hard with handwriting.
- ✚ Honey for thoughtful choices about action.

Diamond

- ✚ Frank for showing great teamwork in class.
- ✚ Paige for excellent resilience in Maths.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Year 4
Isabelle H
Harry S



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 - 93.3%

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

- ✚ **Pick up arrangements** from **Monday 4th October** are as follows:

Ruby – please park up and wait for your child at the benches in front of the school.

Sapphire & Emerald – please park in the car park and walk round to the field. Please stay on the field/ paving near the sheds so that teachers can complete their routines and bring children out to you safely. Please do not come up to the classroom windows.

Diamond – please stay with your car and the children will be sent over to you.

If you have more than one child, please pick up your youngest first and keep them with you. Pick up times remain the same.

- ✚ **Year 1 to 3 Trip to Sealife Adventure** – the trip will take place on **Tuesday 5th October**. Children will be leaving school at 9.15 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	❖ Mild Chicken Curry with Rice (Red) ❖ Vegetarian Meatballs with Rice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	❖ Beef Lasagne (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	❖ Pork Sausages (Red) ❖ Sweet Potato Slice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
12/10/21	Year 2 Scooter Training
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
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
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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Half Term Holiday Courses at Hillmead Primary 25 – 29 October 2021

Activities including
Indoor and outdoor games! Crafts!
Inflatables! A variety of Sports!
Chill and Care!



✓ Ofsted Registered ✓ Childcare Vouchers accepted

8.00 – 5.00 – £22.50
includes breakfast and light tea
8.00 – 1.00 – £17.50
10.00 – 3.00 – £17.50
12.00 – 5.00 – £17.50
PLEASE PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH!

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.

To make a booking please go to:
risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk

Energy and Debt Advice Support for Families

With the energy cost crisis looming, there is support available in the local area for “Fuel poor households” as this could be a worrying time for some families. Please see below for a couple of useful links:

<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/housing/hertfordshire-warmer-homes-scheme>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/>

For support needed around debt, so again below a couple of links to help with this issue;

<https://www.stepchange.org/>

<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en?source=mas#>



GJWSports
Promoting a healthy & active lifestyle



09:00am - 15:00pm

£20 per day

Year 1 – Year 7

**Sports & Activities
will include:**

Dodgeball, Handball, Football, Categories, Cricket, Capture the flag, Tag rugby, Design Time, Quicksticks, Outdoor gym, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball, Tennis, Extreme-Golf, Speedstacking, Kurling, Boccia, Athletics, Kids yoga, Dance, Tri-golf, Rounders, Netball, Badminton, Chicken or Hero, Sardines.

SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP OCTOBER 25TH – OCTOBER 29TH

FOOTBALL CAMP OCTOBER 27TH – OCTOBER 28TH

TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE VISIT:

<https://gjw-sports.class4kids.co.uk>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION EMAIL:

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Four Days Sports Camp

Monday 25th - DanceZone Workshop

Tuesday 26th - MultiSports Camp

Wednesday 27th - MultiSports Camp

Thursday 28th - MultiSports Camp

Walkern Primary School

9:30 – 3:00

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