



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### VALUE: Thankfulness

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

Ruby class created their own story entitled “We’re Going on a School Walk” based on the Michael Rosen’s “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”.

We’re going on a school walk we’re going to see what we can see.

What a glorious day we’re not scared.

A garden, a cold and chilly garden.

Can hear birds and cars.

A big, windy, stony playground

A field, an emerald green field.

Swishy swashy grass, wet grass, wavy, waving in the wind.

Woods, logs, sticks, leaves, twigs,

Inside the wood is dark, gloomy, damp.

Snap, crunch. A clearing in the woods - a round, light, bright clearing.



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The end of a busy half term arrives. The children have had a productive half term and a great deal of excellent learning has been going on. We have continued to prioritise the core subjects but also ensure that all of the other subjects are taught effectively. We have continued with the writing approach that we introduced last year, the ‘Write Stuff’ and are happy that it enables teachers to use rich texts, model effective writing, including grammatical structure and increase the vocabulary that children are able to access. We are continuing to focus on presentation and handwriting and know that this is still very much a ‘work in progress’ for some. I have seen some excellent writing and some of our stronger writers are regularly ‘deepening the moment’. This refers to thinking deeper into the language and structure that they are using so that their writing has a greater impact on the reader.

We have a new approach to spelling as we have found that this is still an area of difficulty for many children and will be assessing its impact later on this term. Our phonics continues to be a main focus for the younger children and I am very pleased with the start that the Reception children have made in learning their sounds and starting to correctly form letters. Please do help them with this and I know the teachers are happy to provide guidance and materials to support.

We are continuing with the Power Maths and fluency. We have seen that some children’s times’ tables have really improved and this is due to regular practise including the use of Times Tables Rock Stars. I cannot emphasise too strongly the positive impact on all of their problem solving that knowing these number facts brings. If you have not done so, please check out our news and galleries on the website as we share photographs of some of the enrichment activities

Teachers will be inviting you to discussions about your child’s learning. This will take place on the second week back and will be live parent consultations. This will provide the opportunity for you to see your child’s/ children’s work as well as talking to the teacher/s.

We have established the different groups to enable children to develop leadership skills and have opportunities to take responsibility and learn from that.

Have a good half term and stay safe.

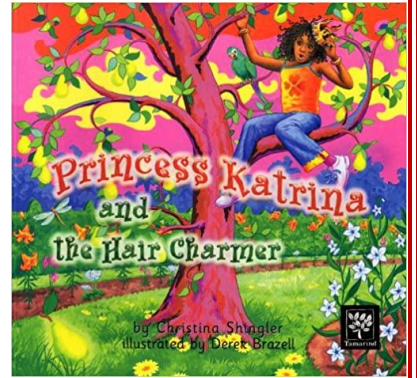
Jeremy Fisher

## Black History Month

All classes have been thinking about influential people as part of our Black History Month reading topics and PSHE.

Diamond Class have been learning about the author Christina Shingler and how she wanted to address the balance of white and black authors so that children could read books with characters like themselves in.

Emerald Class have learned about a number of people including Wilma Rudolph. They told me that she had lots of things going wrong with her when she was little and she was told that she would never walk again. She was determined to beat that and become a runner and gained 4 Olympic gold medals. They also knew about Mohammed Ali and how he had faced up to challenges and became a world champion and in later life had helped people with Parkinson's disease.



Emerald Class's music unit has been based on hip hop and rap music and they have listened to some music from black artists such as De La Soul, Will Smith and The Sugarhill Gang. They also learnt a rap/song in a hip hop style. They learned about Marcus Rashford and found out facts about his life and how he has become a powerful role model and how his own poverty when growing up has resulted in him being a caring person who wants to make a positive difference.

Ruby Class learnt about Dr Rev Martin Luther King and how he wanted to make the world a better, fairer place. They talked about and drew their dreams of a happy world.

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



*Fr Simon writes:*

The vicarage here in Sawbridgeworth is the 23rd address I've had in my life. Give or take the odd month, that's one property every two years!!

But through all those moves, what's often remained constant for me has been the opportunity to be in God's house - the church or cathedral I happened to be attending at the time. Indeed, I find that *church* is where my heart is as much as

*home* being where my heart is.

When we first arrived here in Sawbridgeworth a year or so ago, Great St Mary's was simply a beautiful building with a lot of friendly but unfamiliar faces. Now we feel part of a wonderful church family who meet in a very special, peaceful space in which the prayerful presence of God may quickly be experienced. And over this past year, we've come to recognise Great St Mary's as not simply God's 'house' but God's 'home' in Sawbridgeworth.



This Sunday we'll be celebrating the Feast of Dedication at Great St Mary's. It's our opportunity to give thanks to God for our church building set at the heart of Sawbridgeworth; to give thanks for all that Great St Mary's means to us and for the countless number who have worshipped in it over its eight centuries; to give thanks for the opportunity it affords us to place God at the centre of our town's life; and an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to ensuring that, through our prayers and actions, Great St Mary's is not only a memorial to the faith of previous generations but a vibrant, fitting, outward-looking home in which all may encounter the Living God for generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Simon*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Arlo for fantastic language when going on a school walk.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Johnny for great effort in his learning.
- ✚ Flora for excellent participation in lessons.



### Emerald

- ✚ Dominic for being really supportive to his peers.
- ✚ Lorcan for working really hard on his presentation.

### Diamond

- ✚ James for great, improved focus in lessons.
- ✚ Charlie for brilliant reasoning in Maths.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sapphire  
Tristan



Emerald  
Lexie

## 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 - 94%**

**Whole School Target Set – 96%**



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

- ✚ **PTA Annual General Meeting** is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** from **7.30 to 8.30 pm** in school. All welcome.
- ✚ **School Photos** are now available to view and purchase from [www.pret-a-portrait.net](http://www.pret-a-portrait.net). You will need the Sitting ID which can be found on the card your child brought home to access your photos. If you've lost your card, please contact the office. **For an early bird discount, please place your orders by 5<sup>th</sup> November.**
- ✚ **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** – from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, poppies will be available to purchase from school. Please support this worthy cause with a donation of **£1** or more.
- ✚ **Sawbridgeworth Trust** are inviting families who are in financial need to apply for their Annual Christmas Bonus. Please contact them on **01279 723 212** for an application form.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lamb Slice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Macaroni Cheese (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>❖ Chicken Deli Wrap with Rice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
01/11/21	PTA AGM
16/11/21 – 22/11/21	Year 5 Mini Police
02/12/21	Panto @ Southmill Arts Centre
13/12/21 – 17/12/21	PTA Christmas Shop
15/12/21	Emerald Class Swimming – Last Lesson
16/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day
16/12/21	Christmas Lunch
16/12/21	PTA Christmas Carols
17/12/21	Christmas Service @ Great St Mary's
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](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://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.

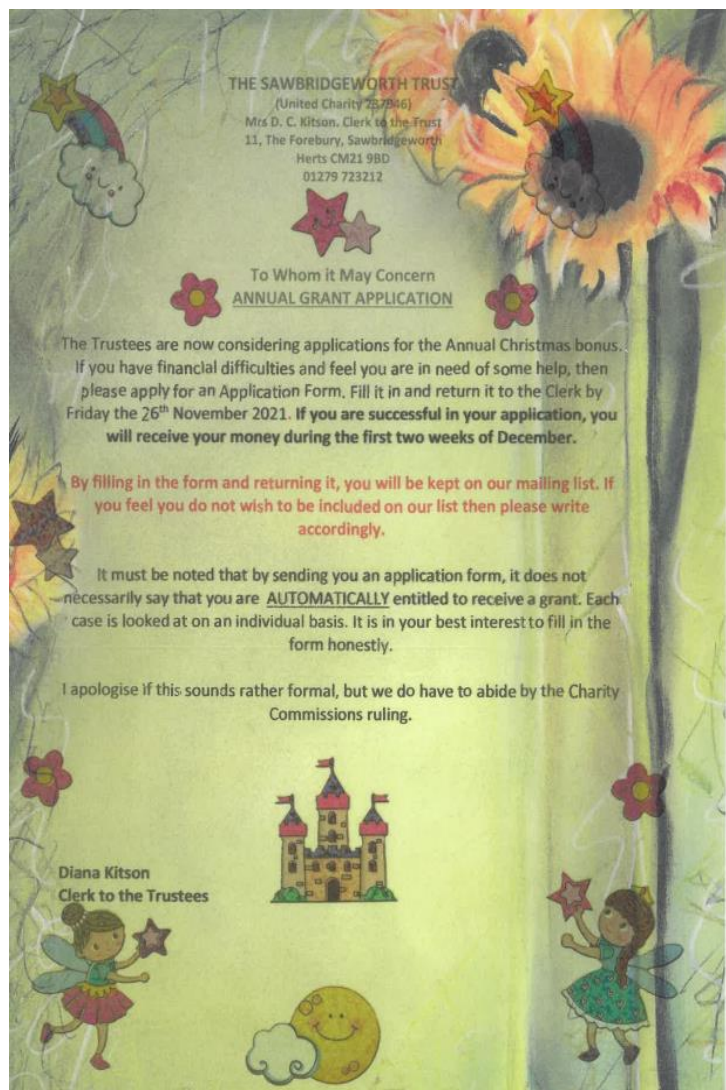


## Please switch off engine when parked



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**Christ Church Cathedral School**  
Boys' Prep School, Mixed Nursery

**Be a Chorister for a Day**  
**Saturday 6th November, 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm**  
**Tour of our School and Boarding House**  
**Meet our Current Choristers**  
**Tea in The Great Hall, Christ Church**  
**Take Part in Evensong at Christ Church**  
**Parking Available**

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SBPX



Young people can make this Halloween one to remember by entering our online quiz where they can win a magical prize for the whole family.

We have teamed up again this year with Warner Bros to give youngsters the chance to win a fantastic family ticket to The Making of Harry Potter in Leavesden.

Over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period, Hertfordshire Constabulary is inviting young people between the ages of 5 and 16 across the county to take part in the online quiz, which aims to help them enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night safely.

The quiz is part of a campaign run during the Halloween and Bonfire Night period, with local councils and the Fire and Rescue Service, to deter anti-social behaviour and make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

To enter the competition visit [www.herts.police.uk/halloween](http://www.herts.police.uk/halloween) and answer the questions before midnight on Monday 8 November.

If children (and parents) are planning to go trick or treating we ask that you consider the following advice to help you stay safe and not cause distress to others:

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.
- Don't knock on the doors of strangers.
- Only visit houses where there are signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations and pumpkins outside.
- Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime. Threatening and abusive behaviour can amount to an offence too.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark.
- Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.
- If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets who may be affected by the noise.



# Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

## Come and Grow After-School with Well Bean Gardening

Wednesday November 3 - November 24 from 3.20pm to 4.30pm



- Open to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
- £20 for the four-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 £20 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 Wednesday November 3

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 NOVEMBER 3 WITH PAYMENT OF £20

Email: [wendy@wellbeangardening.com](mailto:wendy@wellbeangardening.com)  
Mobile: 07817 528652

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