



## NEWSLETTER – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### VALUE: Trust

“Where was your faith? Why didn’t you trust me?” Mark 4

“The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.” Ernest Hemingway



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week I mentioned how some weeks have little in them that is memorable and novel. When I received notification on Monday morning that our Ofsted inspection would commence on Tuesday, I knew this week would be a complete contrast. As many of you will know, the outcome of the inspection is not fixed until the formal report is received and any verbal feedback that Governors and leaders receive is confidential until that time. The report is expected to take a couple of weeks or even longer to go through the checking and quality assurance processes and after that time we will receive it.

I would like to share some of my own observations of this week with you and these are not confidential. I have observed your children demonstrating their ability and confidence in sharing their learning experiences with adults who are not familiar to them. They have shown the impact of the school’s work on behaviour and values and how much they enjoy and gain from their learning experiences. I am very proud and so should we all be. I have also observed a team of adults that work tirelessly (even when exhausted) to do their best for the children, with leaders who have shown how ably they have stepped up into those roles and taken responsibility.

Yesterday, as Father Simon mentions, we had our reflection time for Remembrance. I really enjoy the whole school coming together and these opportunities to consider such important events in our history and culture have such poignancy when shared with children. Unfortunately, I was not able to be here as I had other commitments. Technology being what it is, I have still been able to see the lovely photographs and glean a lot from them. I also asked staff and specifically tasked our journalists, Natasha and Frank to find out some more information for me, which they did very well. I now know that the children in all classes made poppies. Annabelle and Wren particularly enjoyed doing so, including cutting out handprints and gluing them together. Sapphire enjoyed writing on their poppies with thoughts about what they would say to the soldiers. The whole school had a time of Collective Worship in the hall led by Father Simon with some children reading poems and they all sang Shalom.





Connor said that he enjoyed the singing and all of Ruby Class agreed. They had a minute of silence. Henry said that it was peaceful. They then went outside to hang their poppies and place their wreaths in the meadow area and Jessica and Kaden particularly enjoyed that part. I am pleased that this went so well and the children showed such respect. That we have a strong team that can lead all sorts of events, even if I have to be elsewhere for the day, provides me with confidence and pride.

We have been planning our Christmas events. This year, the Nativity will be performed by Ruby and Sapphire classes and they have started to learn the songs. We are not able to have a nativity at Leventhorpe but are hoping that our plans to have enough performances for those parents to all come in to enjoy that in school will be able to go ahead and there will be no pandemic related restrictions at that time. (The children in KS2 will be putting on a performance in the Summer Term and we will let you know about that next year.) We are hoping to have the decorations-making day, but it will be half of the morning for Ruby and Sapphire classes and the other half for Emerald and Diamond, so that we can use the hall and other spaces, thus reducing the number of children and adults in any one area. We will provide refreshments for adults who have children in both key stages and want to stay the whole morning. We are also hoping to have our Christmas Service at the Church and to have parents with us. Please see the dates for your diary and please get in touch with the office if you have any queries.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Fisher





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:



Yesterday lunchtime - November 11<sup>th</sup> - Armistice Day - I had the privilege of leading the school's Remembrance ceremony. We paused to remember the sacrifice of so many, acknowledged the fragility of life, the capacity of humanity to continually lock horns, and also our desire to build a better, more peaceful world.

Too often though, the type of 'peace' we desire is the one which comes about following an uneasy truce between warring factions. Or it's an easy 'peace' built on complacency. Or it's a 'peace' which leaves the poor and vulnerable bereft. Or it's an evil peace which defends unjust laws and nurses prejudice.

Before going outside into the school grounds to hang poppies made by each pupil, and to lay a wreath, the children sang a song - 'Shalom' - which gets to the heart of a different kind of peace and justice.



The Hebrew word 'shalom' - which, within Jewish communities, frequently replaces the word 'goodbye' as a parting blessing on the other person - is often translated as 'peace' but actually refers more to an inner sense of completeness or wholeness. 'Shalom' is the real peace that enriches all human life; which shows justice, mercy, truth and love.

That's the kind of peace I want to see in this world. But even as I pray for it, I'm reminded of that song which is now often heard around Christmas which begins 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me', and I have to sadly acknowledge that, if I'm being honest, the absence of conflict is probably unrealistic. We all have our failings; we all get annoyed, irritated, and frustrated.



Even so, in this season of remembrance, as well as taking time to be silent and remember the tragedy of past wars and conflicts, and all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, let's also pray not just for an absence of war and conflict but for 'shalom'.

May each of you know 'shalom' in your lives.

Fr Simon

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Issy for working hard at the Maths challenges in class.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Millie for performing confidently in a role play in English.
- ✚ Martha for always being honest and helpful.



### Emerald

- ✚ Michal for trying hard in English and using interesting language.
- ✚ Zainab for persevering with swimming.

### Diamond

- ✚ Josh for great resilience in Maths.
- ✚ Celia for always working to the best of her abilities.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ruby  
Luna

Emerald  
Elise



## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School**  
**Attendance - 95.2%**

**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.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Red)</li> <li>❖ Tortilla Stack (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Leek Slice (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Fillet (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Sticky Vegetarian Sausages (Green)</li> </ul>

## 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.*

## NOTICES

**Parents Evening** – this term we are inviting parents back into school for face to face meetings. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have returned their booking slips. **If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please contact the office.** Parents Evening will be on the following dates:

**Diamond** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 3.00 – 5.30 pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 – 6.30 pm

**Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 – 6.30 pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 – 5.30 pm

**Pret-a-Portrait's Early Bird Discount Deadline** to purchase school photos has been extended to **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
16/11/21 – 22/11/21	Year 5 Mini Police
02/12/21	Panto @ Southmill Arts Centre
03/12/21	Christmas Decorating Morning
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

	❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



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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## Save the date!

**Thursday  
16th December**

**Spellbrook PTA  
Christmas Carol  
Evening**

**3.30pm onwards**

More info to follow....



HRH THE QUEEN'S

# Platinum Jubilee

The Town Council is calling for residents of Bishop's Stortford to supply a record of their memories' of the Queen's 70 year reign to be included in a time capsule.

The entries can be written text or stories, drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings or small items etc.

Submit your memories' at the  
Tourist Information Centre or via  
Email: [tic@bishopsstortford.org](mailto:tic@bishopsstortford.org)  
until 4pm on 31 January 2022

[www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/jubilee-time-capsule](http://www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/jubilee-time-capsule)

Bishop's Stortford  
Town Council  
01279 715000

THE QUEEN'S  
PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 Time Capsule and Tree planting

To honour HRH the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, the Town Council will be burying a time capsule and planting a tree in Monastery Park.

The Town Council is calling for residents of Bishop's Stortford to supply a record of their memories' of the Queen's 70 year reign to be included in the capsule. The entries can be written text or stories, drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings or small physical items etc. The Council will also include items representing Bishop's Stortford in 2022 such as a map, newspaper etc.

All entries can be dropped off to the Tourist Information Centre either in person, via post or electronically via [tic@bishopsstortford.org](mailto:tic@bishopsstortford.org) until 4pm on 31 January 2022. Physical entries must be submitted with a donation form available from Town Council's website or at the Tourist Information Centre. For preservation all entries must be in polyethylene bags (a sandwich bag). Please not do include any entries with batteries, staples, paper clips, rubber bands, cling type films such as protective wrappers or any food products as this destroys preservation.

The time capsule will be buried and the tree will be planted on 5 February 2022 in Monastery Park, where there will be a ceremony with the Mayor. This date has been chosen because HRH the Queen succeeded to the Throne on the 6 February 1952, on the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya and became the first Sovereign in 200 years to accede while abroad. Members of the public are also invited to attend the ceremony and further details will be released soon.

The Tourist Information Centre is located at 2 Market Square Bishop's Stortford CM23 3UU and is open Monday to Saturday 9:30am-4pm, closed for lunch from 12:25pm - 1pm and is closed on Sundays and public holidays. There is limited space in the capsule so entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Maximum size of any item is 30cm (L) x20cm (W) x 10cm (D) cm and have a maximum weight of 250g.

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Rating as of November 2021

Ofsted  
Good Provider

Ofsted  
Outstanding Provider





## SUPPORTING YOUR ANXIOUS TEEN

A "Zoom" workshop for Parents & Carers of young people aged 11-16

Anxiety is one of the most common causes of distress in young people

- Understand what anxiety is and how it's linked to good emotional health
- Look at and understand the different types of anxiety and how to recognise it
- How anxiety and stress are linked
- What happens when anxiety overwhelms someone
- Share some solution focused tools to support young people handle anxiety



This unique and inspiring masterclass develops confidence in understanding anxiety and discusses how to support teens in reducing and managing stress levels and recognise their early warning signs whilst developing safe ways to deal with anxiety.

### EVENT DATE AND TIME:

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2021  
7PM -9PM  
£5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD**

### BOOKING INFORMATION

EMAIL [ADMIN@ASPECTS.ORG.UK](mailto:ADMIN@ASPECTS.ORG.UK) TO REQUEST A BOOKING FORM, OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.



Alternatively call 01279 758134.

## Here's your invitation to book fun filled school holidays!



**22nd December to 4th January**

Happy Camps are free and lots of fun!

At camps you can try new sports, eat tasty food, craft, create and meet new friends.

**Camps are free to children**

- ✓ aged 5 to 16,
- ✓ attending school in Hertfordshire, and
- ✓ in receipt of benefits related free school meals

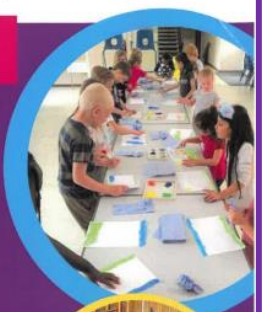
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