



NEWSLETTER – 19th November 2021

VALUE: Trust

Give all your worries to me because I care for you (1 Peter 5.7)

“A team is not a group of people that work together. A team is a group of people that trust each other.” **Simon Sinek**

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has been Parent Consultations. Thank you to all of the parents for coming in to see your children's work and to talk to the teachers. We do value these opportunities to share how well the children are doing and discuss anything that helps us to work effectively in partnership with you. I hope you have a clear understanding of the progress your children are making and have discussed anything you can focus on to help them.

My plea, as ever is to read with and to your child most nights and if they are an older and more fluent reader to get them to read a short passage to you and recall what has been happening.

This week, Diamond Class have been enjoying novel and practical experiences. I tasked our two Year 6 journalists with writing reports for this newsletter and have included those below. The Year 5's have had their initial Mini Police sessions and they have thought about some very important issues relating to safety and making good choices. The Year 6's enjoyed their first competitive sporting event of the term. Having had training in recent PE sessions, they took their skills out onto the pitch to enjoy Tag Rugby with other schools. As you can see from Frank's report, they did really well. They 'tried' really hard, were all supportive of one another and demonstrated fair and sporting behaviours throughout. Thank you to the parents who not only took their own children but also volunteered to take others. It is a delight to see these events happening again and to hear from the children, how much they enjoyed and gained from taking part.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher

TAG RUGBY



The year sixes on Thursday took part in a tag rugby competition against other schools. The teachers and incredible parents helped drive us there. When we arrived we had lunch and we were the second school who played on the pitch.

The players in the first match were Frank, Arlo, Paige, Marcia, Charlie, Archie and Natasha. After that the rest of the year group had their turns. Everyone had a turn. Unfortunately, I

had a mishap and a high speed rugby ball and my nozzle connected brutally. So I got sent off and Joe went on to switch into my place.



Some of the highlights were when we won the match against High Wych, all of the tags that Charlie took, Jasper getting tackled by a gigantic beast from one of the other schools and Joe's huge number

of tries. The only disappointment was when we got demolished by a school because they had a lot of super flash, high speed players. The teachers were impressed with how well we played and how we all did our best. In total we lost 2 but won 3 and amazingly we scored a lot of tries. It was super joyful and we would definitely want to play again.



Written by Frank (Journalist Extraordinaire)

Year 5 Mini Police.



This week, the year fives have been having a visit from the police to give them fun lessons on how to travel safely and stay safe. They learned new words while playing mini games about how to keep safe on bikes and zebra crossings. Also they were doing personal safety and learning about hackers. I was told by the year fives that they have all been having so much fun and don't want to finish their experience of being mini police. I asked some police a couple of questions and managed to get a few answers back.

Police 1- "Yes I have done something like this before."

Police 2- "We are going to be using metal detectors to scan and see if anyone has any metal on them."





Report by Natasha

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Great St Mary's Oasis of Calm - Saturday 27th November - 3pm-6pm



Fr Simon writes:

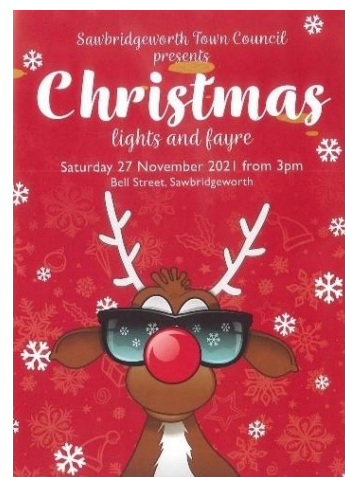
For most of us, Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year - obviously particularly for Christians as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And so, to celebrate in style, as you'll see from the 'Advent and Christmas at Great St Mary's' flyer which accompanies this newsletter, we've got a whole array of different events and services planned for the next

month or so, hopefully with something for everyone. So I do hope we get to see you all at some stage before the end of December.



Things begin with the switching on of Sawbridgeworth's Christmas lights on Saturday 27th, during which the church is going to be a candlelit oasis of calm - a tonic to the high spirits at the other end of Bell Street.



And to add to that candlelight, everybody's being encouraged to make and decorate a Christmas lantern, perhaps made from an empty squash bottle. A battery-powered tea light may be collected from the council offices or from selected retailers in the town, and you're then encouraged

to bring your Christmas lanterns to Great St Mary's during the afternoon on Saturday 27th, and to leave them in the pews for all to enjoy.



So do take the opportunity to take a break for a few minutes from all the festivities in Bell Street, and come and enjoy a magical atmosphere as we begin our journey to Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✦ Wren for enthusiasm for learning and taking on challenges.

Sapphire

- ✦ Louis for super maths work on money.
- ✦ Donnie for good participation on the carpet.



Emerald

- ✦ Joshua D for supporting his peers.
- ✦ Stanley T for working really hard on his writing.

Diamond

- ✦ Marlon for improved focus and concentration in class.
- ✦ Ranjeet for excellent participation at the Rugby Tournament.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sapphire
Arthur



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 – 95.6%

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

- ✦ **Nasal Flu Vaccine** – the school nurse will be in school on **Tuesday 23rd November** to administer the nasal flu vaccine to children who were unable to have theirs done previously.
- ✦ **Gardening Club** – a reminder that **Wednesday 24th November** will be the last session. Gardening Club will be back in the Spring Term.
- ✦ **Christmas Lunch** is on **Thursday 16th December**. We would like to invite children who do not normally have a school dinner, to take part. For more information, please see the separate email sent out.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
16/11/21 – 22/11/21	Year 5 Mini Police
03/12/21	Christmas Decorating Morning
09/12/21	Panto @ South Mill Arts Centre

Tuesday	❖ Lamb Slice (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Veggie 'Meat-Free Balls' (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	❖ Chicken Deli Wrap with Rice (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



13/12/21 – 17/12/21	PTA Christmas Shop
14/12/21	Nativity Performance 1 @ 4.45 pm
15/12/21	Nativity Performance 2 @ 2.30 pm
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

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Advent and Christmas at Great St Mary's Church

SAT 27TH NOV 3-6PM

Sawbridgeworth Christmas Lights & Fayre
Pop into the church to experience a candlelit oasis of calm

SUN 28TH NOV 5PM

Advent Carol Service

THURSDAYS IN ADVENT 12.30-2PM

Soup, cheese and bread in Church House
Raising money for The Children's Society

SUN 5TH DEC 3PM

Christingle Service

A fun all-age service with oranges, candles and so much more

SAT 11TH DEC 10AM-12PM

Carol-singing with the church choir in the Bell Street Car Park

SAT 11TH DEC 10AM-2PM

Father Christmas visits Great St Mary's
Pop into Church House for refreshments
and to put your order in with Santa

SUN 19TH DEC 5PM

Christmas Carol Service

The traditional carol service
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

FRI 24TH DEC 3PM

Crib Service

A shorter fun all-age service, particularly suitable for children

FRI 24TH DEC 11.30PM

Midnight Mass

The first Eucharist of Christmas with traditional carols

SAT 25TH DEC 9.30AM

Christmas Morning All-Age Eucharist
Come dressed as your favourite
Bethlehem character for a scratch nativity!



Website: www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk



BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL YEAR 2,3,4,5 & 6

FREE TRAINING FOR 6 WEEKS WITH NO OBLIGATION

FULLY QUALIFIED F.A COACHES

SESSIONS RUN FOR 6 WEEKS

10-11am

5th, 12th & 19th DEC 2021

and

9th, 16th and 23rd Jan 2022

VENUE: BIRCHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

ASTRO (3G) PITCH

PARSONAGE LANE,

BISHOP'S STORTFORD

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL nana.brown@bscfc.co.uk INCLUDING YOUR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL AND CURRENT YEAR

BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

PLAYERS OF ALL STANDARDS WELCOME

#LetGirlsPlay





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 7TH
DECEMBER 2021
7PM -9PM
£5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD**

BOOKING INFORMATION

EMAIL 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

Get your unique HAPpy Booking Code from your child's school to access any of the camps.



Book online from 6th December

www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking

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We can't quite believe where the year has gone, but here's our Winter edition of Raring2go!.... the last one of the year. Thank you so much for sharing the link for our magazines with the parents of your pupils.

We're running a Book Bundle Competition specifically for Schools in this edition and we think this is the best bundle we've ever had. There are some great quality, educational and fun books for children across your age range to read. Wouldn't it be great if your school won it? You just need to click on the advert on page 25 on the link below!

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

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and we thank you once again for everything you do to support Raring2go!

Win a bundle of books for your school

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For your chance to win please visit raring2go.co.uk/competitions


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Christmas Lunch
on
Thursday 16th December 2021

The Menu

**Sliced Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage
Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy (Red)**

Or

**Quorn Fillet
Sage and Onion Stuffing with Gravy (Green)**

With

**Roast Potatoes and a choice of Seasonal
Vegetables**



Christmas Dessert



Ice Cream

Christmas Shortbread

