



NEWSLETTER – 3rd December 2021

VALUE: Trust

“No one who gossips can be trusted with a secret, but you can put confidence in someone who is trustworthy.” *Proverbs 11:13*



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ofsted Report

I was really pleased to receive the Ofsted report yesterday. It confirms that our journey towards providing the best education for the children is heading in the right direction and that we have now past the milestones of the criteria for good. This is a result of the teamwork and hard work put in by everyone. This is particularly pleasing in the light of the difficult times that the pandemic has brought about and the negative impact this could have had on our improvement plans.

The recognition that: “It is a pleasure to be at this school. Pupils feel respected and cared for well. Pupils, staff, governors and parents all mention the ‘family feel’ where everyone looks out for each other,” was very pleasing.

Reading is an important focus during the inspection and this was also recognised.

“Leaders have made reading a top priority. Staff have been trained to teach early reading well. Teachers spot pupils who are not keeping up. Teaching assistants are skilled at teaching the school’s reading programme.”

We know that we have more to do for a very small number of children and alongside other strategies we are ordering some new books that will be pitched at their level but will also be great books to read.



Spellbrook News Letter

Decoration Morning

Today the whole school made decorations for their class and it was really fun.



Sapphire and Ruby class made elf yourself, stained glass windows and pipe cleaner baubles. They also made angels and Santa faces.



Emerald class made pine cone Christmas trees and paper chains also paper baubles.



Diamond Class had a super morning doing Christmas crafts. They made Christmas tree chains, paper wreathes, paper snowflakes and paper baubles.



“It was fun and festive”, said Teddy.

By Frank and Natasha

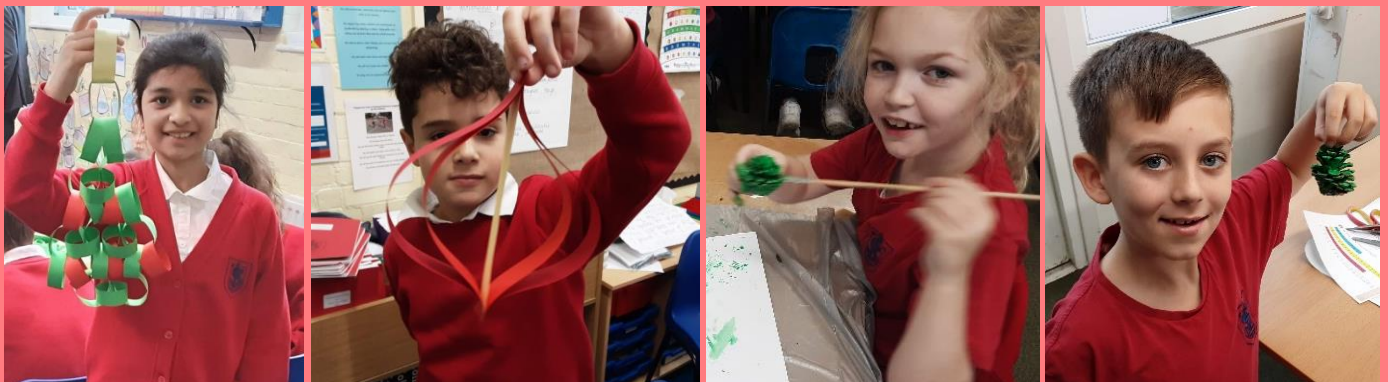
I was very pleased to see the many positives in the report and also to recognise that for the areas of improvement we already have plans in place. We are looking forward to the next steps in our journey together with the confidence inspired by this success and again I want to express my gratitude for your support.

Today the children have made Christmas decorations. They have made a whole range of different ones and the teachers have come up with great ideas. I have seen a high level of focus and concentration and this has resulted in some lovely items. Frank and Natasha have provided more information.

E-Safety Update: Childnet have produced a series of six short videos based on the SMART rules which parents can use to discuss a range of online safety issues with their children. You can view all of the videos [HERE](#). Goldilocks is quite an old book but this version is a twist on the original fairy tale with a social media slant to help educate children about the potential consequences of being unkind, getting carried away with selfies and oversharing images. You can download a PDF version of the book and an activity sheet [HERE](#).

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

We're going to be digging up the churchyard tomorrow morning. Okay - only a small bit of it. And the bit we're digging up is going to be in the shape of a rainbow. We're going to be preparing the soil for a new Rainbow Garden in the churchyard which we hope will be maintained by members of the wider community, including an after-school gardening club which we're hoping to get up and

running in the new year.



In all new ideas and projects there has to be a time of reflection and preparation - a time to share ideas - and eventually, when the time is right, to bring the idea to fruition. That's not only been the case with our rainbow garden but is the case with our current church season. Last Sunday we entered a period of



reflection and preparation called 'Advent', as we look forward to Christmas and our time to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus - humanity's salvation. It gives us a chance to prepare our hearts and minds to receive him into our lives and to recommit to following in his footsteps.

And as part of those preparations for Christmas, we've got our Christingle service this Sunday at 3pm - a fun, all-age event with oranges, candles and so much more - with funds raised going to *The Children's Society*. If you're able to be there, we look forward to welcoming you.

As I finish this note, news comes through to me that Spellbrook has been judged 'Good' in all areas following the recent Ofsted. On behalf of Revd Debbie and myself, may I say how thrilled we are about the news. On our visits to lead collective worship, Revd Debbie and I frequently see the way the whole Spellbrook family - pupils, teachers, staff, and governors - work together to give the pupils every opportunity to be the best that they can be, all within such a happy environment. The result is therefore of no surprise to us.

Well done to you all - you deserve it.

God bless,

Fr Simon

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Annabelle for great effort in working independently.

Sapphire

- ✚ Georgia for being kind and helpful.
- ✚ Lyra for making an effort in improving her presentation.



Emerald

- ✚ Sienna T for fantastic effort when making our decorations and for helping others tidy up.
- ✚ Harry for his fabulous reading.

Diamond

- ✚ Daniel for excellent work in whole class reading.
- ✚ Teddy T for excellent work on fractions this week.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



No Birthdays This Week

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – **94.1%**

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.

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

✚ **Rapunzel Panto @ South Mill Arts** is on **Thursday 9th December**. Children will be travelling by coach, with parents picking up from South Mill Arts Centre at around 3.30 pm. The cost is **£14.90**. Payments are to be made on School Gateway by **Monday 6th December** please.

✚ **Nativity Performance** – parents/carers of children in Ruby & Sapphire are invited to attend on **either Monday 13th December at 2.30 pm, Tuesday 14th December at 4.45 pm or Wednesday 15th December at 2.30 pm**. For more information, please refer to the letter sent out.

✚ **PTA Christmas Gift Shop** opens on **Monday 13th December**. Gifts are wrapped ready to go under the tree at **£3** each while stocks last. Children can bring in money in a named envelope/purse.

✚ **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.


✚ **PTA Christmas Carols** is on **Thursday 19th December** from **3.30 to 5.00 pm**. Please see the posters below for more information.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Red) ❖ Tortilla Stack with Pasta (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
09/12/21	Panto @ South Mill Arts Centre
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cheese & Leek Slice (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Sticky Vegetarian Sausages (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
	

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

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Spellbrook PTA Christmas Carol Evening

A fundraising evening with performances from Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald & Diamond classes. Followed by 12 Days of Christmas sing-a-long!



Thursday 16th December
3.30pm – 5pm

Entry Tickets £3 Includes;

Children – Santa's Grotto, Hot Chocolate, Reindeer Hoopla, Popcorn, Splat the Christmas Pudding & Bubble Disco in the MUGA

Adults – Tea/Coffee & Mince Pie
Raffle Tickets £2
Great Spellbrook Bake Off Cake Stall
Christmas Crafts with Miss Prow £1-£2

Our School Council will be helping on the evening & a donation will be made on behalf of the PTA to their chosen charities.




PTA CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

OPENS MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER UNTIL STOCKS LAST

ALL GIFTS PRICED AT £3 WRAPPED READY FOR UNDER THE TREE

Can Children Please Bring Money In A Named Envelope Or Purse.

Test your baking skills and take part in the PTA's Great Spellbrook Bake Off!



Cakes will be sold at the Christmas Carol Evening

Great Spellbrook Bake Off

Bring your homemade Christmas themed cakes or biscuits into school on Thursday 16th December, they will be judged on taste & presentation. A prize will be awarded to each year group.

(Please no shop-bought cakes. There is zero obligation to bake so if you don't want to participate then please support the event by buying something that evening)

Please can entries be submitted with a note if they contain EGG, DAIRY or NUTS.

Spellbrook PTA Christmas Raffle

Cycle positive voucher
Pircio voucher
The Green Room gift from Mrs Vaculin
Toys from Mrs Ramiz
Neck, back & shoulder massage from Elegance
Simon Dennis The Butcher voucher
Tudor Gallery gift & £10 voucher
Rud Hair voucher
Time 4 Tea voucher
Homemade Christmas Cake from Mrs Raja
Hollisticare voucher
& more

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2021
9.30AM-4.30PM
OVER 100 STALLS

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHRISTMAS FAYRE

+ NORTH STREET + MARKET SQUARE + POTTER STREET + SOUTH STREET +

BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
TEL: 01279 715000

ITVET ITVET proudly sponsor the Bishop's Stortford Christmas Fayre

Great St Mary's Sawbridgeworth

Christingle Service

Sunday 5th December 3pm

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



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



Harlow Foodbank would like to thank

SPELLBROOK PRIMARY

For your gift of **82** Kg of food
to help your neighbours in Harlow.

This is enough to make **194** meals
for families who need our help!*

Harlow Foodbank redistributes gifts of food and other essential items donated by
neighbours across Harlow, passing them on to others in our community who have
a short term crisis.

You have been part of that neighbourly support. We are Harlow UNITED!

www.mrct.org.uk/foodbank

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Harlow Foodbank is a project of the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust - Charity Number 1065006
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* The Feeding Britain APFG Report 2016 estimated that on average 2.38 meals come from a kg of food.
Harlow Foodbank is an associate of the Trussell Trust

