



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



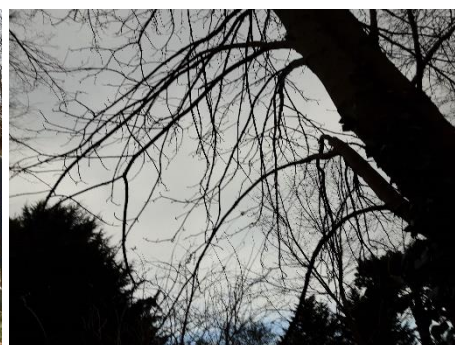
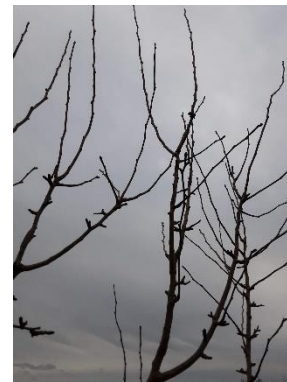
LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### VALUE: Perseverance

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4.13

"Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th." Julie Andrews



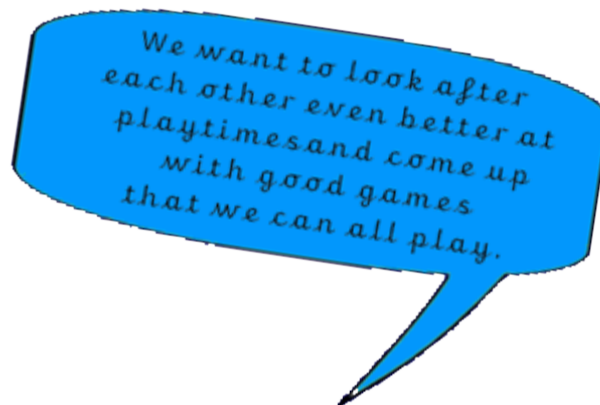
**Ruby Class taking photographs and some of the super photographs they took**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

During this first complete week back, we have been thinking about our new value of perseverance. Father Simon told us all about the Wise Men, or Magi, the great journey they undertook to go and see Jesus and the perseverance they must have shown. In their classes the children have been reflecting on the idea of a fresh start and thinking about what they can do together to improve. They have identified areas for improvement and their next task will be to come up with strategies to help them persevere and to find ways to politely and constructively help each other to stick to what they have agreed; all important life lessons, I feel.

We want to be even more helpful,  
listen to each other more and  
always do our best at everything  
in school.

We want to maintain a positive attitude to  
our learning, even when it might be tough.  
We want to show our respect by always  
remembering to say please and thank you.  
We want to keep supporting and being such  
good role models for our reading buddies.



The children in Ruby class ended last week by starting to look at plants in our local environment. They talked about what plants are and they investigated the winter plants in our school grounds. They took photographs of different plants and they will compare these later in the year with spring plants. Some of the photographs are very impressive and they have done a great job making sure they are sharp and in focus.

This week, Sapphire class had a lot of fun, labelling each other as they learned about the parts of the body.

East Herts environmental health made a surprise visit to our school kitchen this week. I am thrilled that they achieved a rating of 5/5 for the Food Safety & Hygiene rating. The gentleman couldn't sing their praises enough, one of the cleanest kitchens he had seen. Well done to the Kitchen staff.

Despite the restrictions with visitors coming into school, we are always keen to help, so if you have any issues or ideas, please do get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Sapphire Class Science – Our Bodies



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

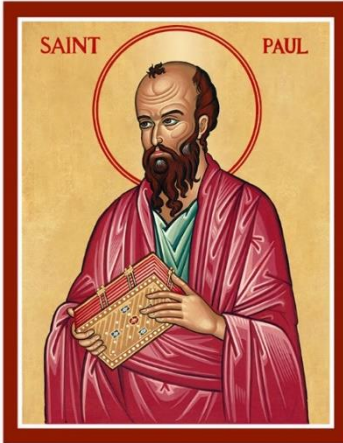
*Fr Simon writes:*

Now that Christmas - and even Epiphany - is behind us, it's time to turn our faces towards the coming year.

That's, of course, what the name of this month actually suggests. January is named after the Roman god Janus who is depicted as having two faces. So as we look back on another difficult year dominated by the pandemic, how should we look forward to 2022 with fresh hope?



The apostle Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13-14).



Paul saw himself as an athlete running for Christ and purposely not looking back. By asking for God's grace, he refused to allow his past difficulties and sins (and, if you know Paul's story, his sins were big!) to define who he was. The same can be true of ourselves if we acknowledge our failures and turn to God for new life.

Secondly, Paul - like an athlete focussed on winning the race and gaining the prize - only focussed on the things ahead of him. Jesus calls us to be single-minded too. But not single-mindedly focussed on ourselves. Jesus calls us to be single-minded in our love both for God and for those around us - though, needless to say, all this takes a good dollop of what we've begun to explore in our Collective Worships this term: 'Perseverance'.



As we stand at the beginning of this new year with all its possibilities, let's ask ourselves, 'What can I do this year that will honour God and bring joy to those around me?'

God bless,

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire  
Millie



Emerald  
Billie

Diamond  
Finley R  
Archie

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- Kaiya for great efforts and enthusiasm for learning in all areas.

### Sapphire

- Shakti for amazing learning behaviours in class.
- Grace for excellent contributions in lessons.

### Emerald

- Billie for coming up with a fantastic simile.
- Poppy-Sue for perseverance.

### Diamond

- Teddy L for superb poetry writing.
- Mya for excellent focus in all her learning.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 91.6%**

**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

- Bag 2 School** is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. Please don't forget to bring in donations of unwanted clothing, bags, shoes etc. Donations should be dropped off by 9.00 am.

- Arbor** – we would like to thank parents for bearing with us while we set up our new payment and booking system. **We are no longer accepting payments or bookings on School Gateway.** Letters will be sent out with a link to set up your Arbor account on Monday.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/01/22	Bag to School
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

❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)



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## Half Term Holiday Courses at Hillmead Primary 14-18 February 2022

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](http://risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk)



ASPECTS  
A VISION & A DIFFERENCE

## Pressing The Pause Button! Mind Full, or Mindful?



A zoom workshop for parents & carers focusing on the daily challenges of parenting.

### Topics covered include:

- Anxiety around parenting skills...boosting your confidence!
- Parenting peer pressure, striving to be the "perfect parent"
- Learn simple mindful activities that will help you and child deal with anxiety
- A selection of 1 minutes tips and exercises to enable you to feel less stressed, no matter how busy you are!



Date: Thursday 10th February 2022  
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm  
Price: £5.00 per household

Booking requests: please contact Jo at Aspects.  
email: [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk) or call 01279 758134





# TechSafe

Registered Charity 1192525 www.techsafe.org.uk

## Sharing Nude Images:

### How to deal with Incidents

A Zoom workshop for parents & carers of young people aged 11-18 yrs.

Date : Wednesday 19th January 2022

Time : 7pm—9pm

Price : £5.00 per person

Venue: Online via Zoom



**1 in 6 children over the age of 15 have sent a nude image of themselves to someone**

In this interactive workshop we will explore and discuss issues related to sexting so you become confident to deal with incidents:

- Current laws
- Risky behaviours or situations
- Motivations for sending nude selfies
- Preventative conversations with young people
- Responding positively and constructively to an incident
- Strategies, online safety resources and where to go for help



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SCAN ME



UK Council for Internet Safety



# 1 MONTH FREE JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS



WEDNESDAYS 4.30pm, FRIDAYS 4PM  
SATURDAYS 9AM, 10AM, 1PM,  
SUNDAYS 9.30AM, 10.30AM

NEW GOLFERS WELCOME, SPACES LIMITED  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED, ONE CLASS PER WEEK FOR  
JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2022. AGE 5-16

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